

**WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
1645 ART SCHOOL ROAD
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on October 20, 2008 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard Bright, Vice Chairman; Robert Barker, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; William Cracas, Supervisor; Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G., Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Guy Donatelli, Solicitor; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Board met in Executive Session on October 13, 2008 for personnel reasons.

IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

- A. October 6, 2008 Meeting** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6 Regular Session. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Ernie Hollings** – requested that the Township post information regarding a state ballot referendum Bond issue for sewage and water treatment plants. Mrs. Diesinger stated that the Township Solicitor is currently reviewing the referendum.
- B. Jim Campbell** of Twin Hills stated that the residents of Twin Hills have recently been victims of home invasions between the hours of 3-7 am. Mr. Campbell asked that the Board discuss methods to address the gap in police coverage since the current schedule does not meet a 24-hour cycle. Harold Gibson, President of Twin Hills Homeowners Association stated that incidents of criminal mischief also occurred during the hours of 3-7 am in the open space areas and also requested the Board consider the need of police coverage during those hours.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Comprehensive Plan Task Force** –Mrs. Diesinger reported that Mrs. Matthews has contacted all the committees for a volunteer representative to serve on the Comprehensive Task Force. To date, three individuals have volunteered. The Board will make formal action when in receipt of eleven volunteers.
- B. Hearing-Resolution 2008-09-23** – Prioritization Mapping – Mr. Shemonsky presented Resolution 2008 -09-23. The Resolution was duly advertised and Proof of Publication was received. Mr. Cracas made a motion to ratify Resolution 2008-09-23 establishing procedures for reviewing open space property interests. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- C. **Vision Partnership Program Grant Award**. Mrs. Diesinger reported that she was unofficially informed that the Township has been awarded a \$50,000.00 grant from the Chester County Vision Partnership Program for costs involved in updating the Comprehensive Plan. She is awaiting confirmation from the County. Mrs. Diesinger thanked Mrs. Matthews for submitting the grant.
- D. **PADOT – Bodine Road Bride Project – Proposed Detour** - Mrs. Diesinger stated that she has not received any recommendations from the Board since the last meeting. A letter dated October 14, 2008 from Charlestown Public Works Superintendent Frederick C. Alston stated that strong consideration be given to the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Conestoga and Seven Oaks Road. Mr. Alston also suggested that Seven Oaks Road be striped, center and edge, between Bodine and Conestoga Roads. Mr. Hallman III stated that he concurred with Mr. Alston’s suggestions. Mrs. Diesinger requested that the Board submit their comments as soon as possible.
- E. **Regional Police Survey Letter of Intent** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the issuance of a Letter of Intent to the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services requesting technical assistance for the Regional Police Survey cooperation with E. Vincent Township. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried, with all voting Aye.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Bills for Approval** – Mr. Hallman III requested that all gift cards received by the Township be submitted to the Township Treasurer. Mr. Hallman III also requested that only the Voyager card be used for purchasing gas. Mr. Hallman III also requested that the Township Treasurer audit the credit card bills from January 2008 to present to assure the Township has not paid tax on gas. Mr. Caracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Hallman III abstained from check 1619. Mr. Hallman III requested that the public works foreman not submit any more overtime hours. Mrs. Diesinger stated that overtime would not be authorized as of this date.
- B. **Dominion Pipeline Company** – Mrs. Diesinger reported that she attended a meeting of surrounding community officials and residents. Also in attendance were Arlen Specter, Jim Gerlach, Andy Dinniman, John Rafferty, and others. The meeting was held concerning the Dominion Pipeline Company’s request for additional right of way of the existing pipeline. The website will be posted as additional information is obtained. Mrs. Diesinger stated that the Township Solicitor and Secretary would review the Zoning Ordinance for conformance in relation to the proposals by the pipeline.
- C. **Thermal Imager System** - Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize the acquisition of thermal imaging camera devices for \$38,720.00 as part of a federal grant awarded for an eleven police department cooperative. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried, with all voting Aye.

- D. Award of Soccer Field Contractor** – Mrs. Diesinger reported that sealed proposals for the construction of the playing field at Pine Creek Park were opened today. The following 13 bids were received:

Floyd G. Hersh, Inc.	\$123,698.00
Lechmanik, Inc.	\$124,900.00
B & J Excavating, Inc.	\$128,500.00
Ronald Smith	\$133,845.55
Ply-Mar Construction	\$138,660.00
Viviano Construction	\$143,070.40
James Kennedy	\$148,000.00
Land Tech Enterprises	\$149,420.00
LandTek Group	\$168,810.00
Melchiorre Construction	\$212,660.00
Jones Turf Mgt.	\$225,093.40
Macanga	\$235,345.21
Keho Construction	\$379,275.00

A discussion ensued regarding the variations of the bid amounts. Mr. Cracas requested the Board table approval until the Board reviews each contract. Mr. Hallman III suggested that the Board wait until the plan is approved by the County agencies and reviewed by the Township Solicitor. A discussion ensued regarding the period of approval. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to table the award of the contract until the Township Solicitor has reviewed the contract; approved plans are received from DEP and the Chester County Conservation District, and the Board's review of the details of the bids submitted and specifications. The Board will meet directly after DEP has submitted their review in a Special Meeting. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- E. PADOT Clover Mill Road Bridge Replacement Project** – Mrs. Diesinger reported she would attend a pre-construction meeting on October 21, 2008 regarding the replacement of Cover Mill Road Bridge.
- F. Heating Oil** – Mrs. Diesinger stated that heating oil quotes were obtained. Since prices have decreased, new quotes will be obtained.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Arts and Culture Committee** – Minutes of October 6, 2008 received.
- B. Building/Zoning Officer**- Mr. Shemonsky read the September 2008 report.
- C. Communication Committee** – No report.
- D. Financial Review Committee** – Mr. Freese gave a summary of the Financial Review Committee's meeting of October 13, 2008.
- E. Fire & Ambulance Services** – Mr. Shemonsky read the September 2008 fire reports from Lionville, Kimberton Fire Company, West End Fire/Ambulance Company, and Uwchlan Ambulance. Mr. Hallman III gave a summary of the municipal relationship quarterly meeting at Uwchlan Ambulance Corps.
- F. Historic Architectural Review Board** – No report.
- G. Historic Commission** – Minutes of the September 23, 2008 meeting has been received.
- H. Open Space Advisory Committee** – No report.
- I. Police Department** – Chief Shane Clark thanked Sergeant O'Connell for taking over during his absence. Chief Clark read the September 2008 Police report.

- J. Planning Commission**- Harry Miller reported there was not an October meeting.
- K. Park and Recreation Committee** – Joe Carriero gave a summary of the Park and Recreation’s recent meetings. Mr. Carriero reported that the Committee has found an area to designate as additional parking for the new field adjacent to the existing parking lot behind the barn that will accommodate 30-40 cars and is designated on the Pine Creek Master Plan. Mr. Barker requested that LYA be sent a letter from the Township asking clarification of the specifications of the overflow parking lot at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Barker wished to thank the Committee for providing a wonderful Fall Festival on October 18, 2008. Mrs. Diesinger wished to thank the Police Department, Township Office, and Public Works for their service at the Fall Festival. A discussion ensued regarding the stop sign that was erected at the Pine Creek Park entrance bridge. Mr. Hallman III suggested removing the sign since it is not authorized by the Board and not governed by a properly adopted Ordinance. Mr. Donatelli stated that he would review the authority of the existing stop sign. The stop sign will be removed until the review has been completed. Mrs. Diesinger will have the Township Engineer review the proposal of placing plywood on the entrance bridge to lessen the noise.
- L. Strategic Planning Committee** – No report.
- M. Treasurer’s Report** – Mr. Shemonsky read the Treasurer’s report as of September 2008. Mr. Hallman III asked Mrs. Diesinger to review the bid status of Upper Pine Creek project with Mr. Donatelli.
- N. Windolph Knoll Master Site Plan Committee** – No report.
- O. Land Trust** – No report.
- P. Motion to Receive Reports** – Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the reports. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. ACMEC CU Hearing** –The ACMEC Conditional Use Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 with Thursday October 23, 2008 reserved for additional testimony. The hearings will commence at 7:00 p.m. in the Cultural Center Theatre.
- B. Act 537 Plan Presentations** – October 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Next Board Meeting** - Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- D. Chester County Craft Guild Show** – November 15-16, 2008.

X. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Linda Glaum** – inquired of the status of purchasing an emergency generator. Mrs. Matthews stated that the Township is currently receiving proposals.
- B. Ted Roberts** – wished to discuss the donation list submitted by the Government Study Commission. The Board informed Mr. Roberts he should direct his questions to the Commission at their October 29, 2008 meeting.

XI. ADJORNMENT – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary

