

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 17, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on November 17, 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; Steve Ross, Interim Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities; Joan Cox, Treasurer, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

2009 Budget Presentation Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PRESENTATION OF THE 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

- A. Mr. Ross presented the 2009 proposed revenues and expenditures of the State Liquid Fuels and General funds proposed 2009 budget.
- B. The appointed members of the Financial Review Committee were present.
- C. Mr. Barker suggested the Board consider decreasing the amount allocated in the budget for part-time police coverage to provide funds for road repairs. The Board agreed to meet in January 2009 to review the police budget. Mr. Hallman III suggested that all the township departments should be evaluated at that time.
- D. The Board and Financial Review Committee reviewed the proposed budget and made necessary adjustments.
- E. Mr. Cracas made a motion to set the proposed 2009 Budget as per the spreadsheets of November 14, 2008 and authorized the advertisement of the budget for final adoption on December 15, 2008. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- F. The 2009 Proposed Budget will be available for inspection at the Township Office and posted on the Township website after November 18, 2008.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Regular Session of November 17, 2008

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

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Mr. Shemonsky reported that the Board met in Executive Session immediately before this session for real estate matters.

III. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL – Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

IV. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. ***Suzanne Kaplan*** - announced that the West Pikeland Land Trust has a new web site that has a link to information regarding the proposed Dominion Pipeline.
- B. ***Richard Miller*** – requested the Board to acknowledge any waivers granted to his property at 1208 Kimberton Road. Mr. Cracas made a motion to acknowledge the waiver granted on August 18, 2008 of the requirement for a Subdivision Land Development Agreement as contained in Attorney Mary Ann Rossi’s letter of July 16, 2008. Furthermore a waiver is granted from the general landscaping and screening requirements contained in Section 630.4(b) and (c) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as per Township Engineer Michael Mayhew’s review letter of November 13, 2008. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. ***Award Bid for purchase of fuel oil*** – Mr. Barker made a motion to award the bid for the purchase of fuel oil for the 2008-2009 heating season for the Township Building from Haly Oil Co., Inc. with the quoted price of \$.29 above the daily rack rate, with a .04-cent discount using the township Procurement credit card.. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. ***Award Bid for Pine Creek Park Field*** – Mr. Ross announced that the Township received a letter from LYA stating they will postpone the suspension of West Pikeland Township residents in LYA programs until May 15, 2009. Mr. Ross further explained that the bid specification requires the Township award the bid no later than December 19, 2008. Mr. Cracas made a motion to defer the bid award for the Pine Creek Park additional field until the public meeting of December 15, 2008. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding the use of sod. Mr. Hallman III requested the Township Manager discuss the use of sod as an alternative for erosion control with Carroll Engineering. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. ***Police Department Purchase*** – Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the purchase of three M4 rifles at a total cost of \$2,700.00. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- D. ***Detour of Bodine Road over Turnpike*** – Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to have the Township Manager send a letter to the Turnpike Engineer requesting that PennDOT consider the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Conestoga Road and Seven Oaks Road with PennDOT assuming responsibility of the installation, maintenance, the

provision of power, and the installation of an additional power source for the proposed signal. The letter shall also contain the request for improvements to the sight distance at the intersection of Seven Oaks and Bodine Roads. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- E. **Appointment to the Strategic Planning Committee** – Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to appoint Joann Miller to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding Charles Knapp as being nominated as an additional member. The Township Secretary will review the code definitions regarding Mr. Knapp being on the Zoning Hearing Board and affirm Mr. Knapp's preference of serving the Township. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Bills for Approval** – Mr. Cracas 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 #1684.
- B. **Updates to the Cultural Center Use Policies** – Mr. Ross stated that the Arts and Culture Committee has submitted amendments to Resolution 2007-04-14 that would provide additional Rules and Regulations allowing the use of the Cultural Center. Mr. Ross suggested that the Board review the amendments, submit their recommendations to amend the 2007 resolution and have it placed on the December 1, 2008 meeting agenda.

VII. REPORTS

- A. **Arts and Culture** – John Matthews summarized the committees meeting.
- B. **Building/Zoning Officer** – Mr. Shemonsky read the October 2008 report.
- C. **Communications Committee** – No report.
- D. **Financial Review Committee** – Mr. Freese reported that the committee has been working with the Board of Supervisors on the 2009 Budget.
- E. **Fire and Ambulance** – Mr. Shemonsky read the October 2008 reports from Uwchlan Ambulance Corps, Kimberton Fire Company, and West End Ambulance.
- F. **Historic Architectural Review Board** – No report
- G. **Historic Commission** – No report.
- H. **Open Space Advisory Committee** – No report
- I. **Police Department** – Chief Shane Clark read the October 2008 report.
- J. **Planning Commission** – Mr. Miller reported the Planning Commission did not have an October 2008 meeting due to no items for the agenda.
- K. **Park and Recreation** – Mr. Carreiro summarized the Board's minutes. Mr. Carreiro announced that Nancy Bartley and Linda Glaum have volunteered to participate in the Comprehensive Task Force. Mr. Carreiro requested the township secretary to confirm the boundary signs have been ordered. A discussion ensued regarding Pine Creek Park

maps be provided at the park and the receptables being provided to prevent litter.

- L. **Strategic Planning Committee** – Report submitted.
- M. **Treasurer’s Report** – Mr. Shemonsky read the Treasurer’s Report.
- N. **Windolph Knoll Master Site Plan Committee** – No report. Mr. Freese suggested that Mr. Ross review the engineering invoices submitted for October 2008.
- O. **Land Trust** – Suzanne Kaplan stated that the Trust would be submitting quarterly reports.
- P. **Motion to receive reports** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the reports as read. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Shemonsky read the following announcements:

- A. **ACMEC CU Hearing** – November 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. **Next Board Meeting** – Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- C. **HYS Holiday Stroll**, December 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

IX. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. **Lisa Lacroix** stated she attended the workshop last Saturday provided by Representative Schroder regarding the proposed Dominion Pipeline and expressed that the Township should continue with involvement. Mr. Shemonsky noted the Supervisors and our Solicitor have attended meetings and will continue to be involved and inform residents.
- B. **Robert Smith and Harold Gibson** expressed their concern of coverage and budget decreases of the police department especially following serious criminal incidents in the township. Mr. Shemonsky noted that coverage decreases are not being considered at this time, and that the Board will have a work session in early 2009 to review police department schedules, activities, and costs.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary

