

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on January 20, 2009 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, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – Mr. Shemonsky noted there were no Executive Sessions to report.

IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

- A. Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2009 – Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 Organization and Regular Session with the addition that Mr. Hallman III did not attend the Executive Session of January 5, 2009. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Tom Tucker – inquired about the status of the playing field at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Ross summarized the current schedule of construction. A discussion ensued regarding the timing of agency permits, the letter of intention to LYA, and the notice to bid.
- B. Eileen Juico asked that the Board consider appointing her to serve as a Township representative on a task force that was formed by Congressman Jim Gerlach regarding the proposed Williams Transco pipeline. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to appoint Mrs. Juico as a representative of the township to the resident pipeline task force. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Ross stated he would consult with the Township Solicitor before sending a letter of appointment to the position. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Hallman III who abstained due to needing more information.
- C. Linda Glaum - requested the Township investigate the road deterioration on Lionville Station Road.

- D. Wayne Freese - suggested the current Township newsletter contain a survey to see if residents would be interested in submitting their email address to receive a newsletter of township current news. The Board agreed that more information is needed as to how such an email list would be administered.
- E. Mr. Hallman III - read a thank you letter from Miss Betty's Day Camp for the 2008 rent abatement.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Authorization to file grant application to Chester County Convention and Visitors Bureau – Mr. Ross explained that the Chester County Convention and Visitors Bureau have available grant funds that could assist the Township with paying a portion of replacing the entire existing roof of the Cultural Center Building. The initial investigation price tag of \$75,000. would involve removal of the existing roof, and replacement with a standing seam double-locked steel roofing system. Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to file a grant application for funding assistance to the Chester County Convention and Visitor Bureau. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding the amount requested being adequate for the project. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Procurement Card Manuel – Resolution 2008-04-13 that authorizes issuance of an individual procurement cards for purchase of services and goods. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Purchasing Card Program Cardholder manual. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. Appointment to Arts and Culture Committee – Mr. Cracas made a motion to appoint Melinda Mercurio to serve on the Arts and Culture Committee for 2009. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bills for Approval – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from check 1835. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Yellow Springs Farm into Agricultural Security District – Resolution 2009-01-12. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-01-12 making the recommendation that the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township include landowner Alfred and Catherine Renzi to add Tax parcel 34-5-22.1 and Tax Parcel 34-5-25.2 to its Agricultural Security Area. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. Authorization to enter into MOU with Chester County Mr. Ross stated that he has been communicating with Chester County Emergency

Management Department regarding the placement of a 10' Instrument Tower weather station at Pine Creek Park. The University of Delaware will man the instruments and be responsible for the tower once it is erected. The residents of the Township will eventually have access to local weather information via a link in the Township Web site. The County has furnished the Township with a general liability insurance certificate \$1,000.000 for excess liability of \$9,000.000. Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Township specifying the understanding for placing the tower on Township Property. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. Mr. Ross will consult with Emergency Services to have a fence around the tower. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- D. Resolution 2009-01-13 FNCCC authorization Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township to participate in the Federation of Northern Chester County Communities Park, Open Space and Recreation Plan Grant and to commit the funding of \$2,000.00 and appoint Lisa Lacroix to the study committee. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- E. Resolution 2009-01-10 – Open Space/White Property – Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize the advertisement of a hearing for land acquisition of open space for \$119,700. in property owned by Charles and Alyssa White, identified as tax parcel 34-1-87.1. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Arts and Culture Committee – No report read.
- B. Building/Zoning Officer Report – Mr. Shemonsky read the December 2008 report.
- C. Financial Review Committee – Mr. Freese read the Committee's monthly report. Mr. Cracas stated he would like the Committee to determine how the Township can better communicate accurate information based on realistic numbers.
- D. Fire and Ambulance – Mr. Shemonsky read the Kimberton and Lionville Fire Company, and Uwchlan and West End Ambulance reports for December 2008.
- E. Historic Architectural Review Board – No report. Mr. Hallman III requested the Township Manager for an update on the shed building at the entrance of the Cultural Center, and Mr. Shemonsky requested an update on the fire-damaged house owned by Historic Yellow Springs.
- F. Historic Commission – No report.
- G. Land Trust – Mr. Rowan summarized the Land Trust's 4th quarter report for 2008.
- H. Open Space Advisory Committee – No report.

- I. Police Department – Police Chief Shane Clark gave the December 2008 police report.
- J. Planning Commission – Mr. Miller summarized the Planning Commission’s meeting of January 13, 2009.
- K. Park and Recreation – Report submitted.
- L. Manager’s Report – Mr. Ross summarized his report for January 20, 2009.
- M. Strategic Planning Committee – No report.
- N. Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Shemonsky read the Treasurer’s Report.
- O. Windolph Knoll Master Plan Committee – No Report.
- P. Motion to Receive Reports – Mr. Hallman III made a motion to receive the reports as read. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting, Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
- B. Honorary Supervisor for the Day – Ms. Volatile, Co-Chair of the Montgomery School Annual Benefit Auction Committee requested the Board authorize an “Honorary Supervisor for the Day” be a part of their auction. The Board agreed that auctioning a government position for funds is not ethical. Mr. Cracas suggested that such a request could be honored by having students participate in a government day program. Therefore, the request was denied.

X. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Wayne Freese – inquired about the status of the Environmental Advisory Committee. Mr. Shemonsky stated we currently have three volunteers and the Ordinance requires five to seven members. Mr. Shemonsky suggested that the Ordinance be reviewed at the February 2, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- B. Rob Kocher – gave an update on the recent Auditor’s meeting and stated their report will be completed soon.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Shemonsky motioned to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews, Township Secretary

