

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on October 19, 2009 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard Bright, Vice Chairman; William Cracas, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; Ernest Holling, Supervisor; Stephen J. Ross, Township Manager; Shane T. Clark, Chief of Police; Guy Donatelli, Township Solicitor; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.**
- II. NOMINATION OF SUPERVISOR VACANCY** – Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Board accepted Robert Barker’s resignation effective September 21, 2009 and solicited for qualified candidates to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cracas made a motion to nominate Ernie Holling as Supervisor. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Cracas noted that Mr. Holling has resigned from the Township Offices of the Vacancy Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee, and as officer and director of Citizens for West Pikeland’s Future, Inc. Bob Smith asked the Board what type of time commitment is required as a Supervisor. Mr. Shemonsky noted that it does involve a commitment of time. Mr. Hallman III stated it depends on what you want to put into it. Mr. Cracas noted it depends on how important particular topics are and your particular skills. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye. Judge David Bortner administered Oath of Office. The Board welcomed Mr. Holling.
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Shemonsky reported that the Board met in Executive Session on September 21, for legal reasons, October 1, 2009 for personnel and legal reasons, and on October 12, 2009 for personnel reasons.
- IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 Meeting. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III requested that VII.H. Bid Award for Crack Seal Material is more specific regarding the amount of the awarded bid. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Holling who was not present nor a member of the Board.
- V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**
 - A. Bob Smith asked what are the three top priorities from a financial standpoint to allocate monies in the 2010 budget. Mr., Shemonsky stated welfare and safety of the residents along with maintaining the infrastructure. Dr. Bright stated a priority is the most essential repairs to the townships roads. Mr. Shemonsky stated that the revenues are diminishing and the expenditures are increasing which makes formulating the budget a difficult task.

- B. Eileen Juico inquired about standing water in the retention basin at the new field at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Cracas stated that the basin is working according to the approved stormwater management plan. Mr. Ross noted that the water will flow better when the grass is established next spring.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There were no unfinished business items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bills for Approval – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from Check 2339. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Lehnkering Zoning Hearing Decision – Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Zoning Hearing Board has approved the Lehnkering application for Special Exception to convert the living quarters above the garage for the purpose of a home occupation relative to his architectural profession at his residence at 1032 Bodine Road.
- C. Purchase of Speed Timing Devices – Chief Clark explained that Dr. and Mrs. Jordon donated \$5,000.00 to the Police Department in 2009. Chief Clark requested that the donated funds be used to purchase speed timing devices called V-spec. Mr. Holling made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,000.00 to purchase four v-spec Speed Timing Devices. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- D. Chester Springs Library – John Allor presented the Board with the Library’s 2009 update and 2010 budget contribution request of \$21,600.00. Mr. Cracas made a motion to nominate Chris Goryki to the Library Board of Trustees for a three year term. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- E. Traffic Sign on Byers Road and Route 113 – Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the erection of two (2) “School Bus Stop” signs, north and south of 641 Byers Road and one “Hidden Driveway” sign in the eastbound lane of Route 113 at 912 Kimberton Road. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- F. Email Blast System – Mr. Ross stated that he has contacted Constant Contact who is a service group that manages Email Blast System. Such a system would provide the Township with a communication tool for emergencies, newsletters and general information to the residents. Mr. Holling suggested using Constant Contact as a communication tool, and obtain information from readynotifypa.org to use for emergency notifications. Mr. Cracas made a motion to have the Township Manager and Mr. Holling obtain more information and explore the services of Constant Contact and readynotifypa. as Email Blast Systems to be used as communication and emergency notification tools to Township residents. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- G. Fuel Oil Contract and Purchase of new oil tank – Mr. Ross stated that the staff has obtained multiple quotes for the purchase of fuel oil for the Township Building and Police Department. Mr. Hallman III suggested a fixed price. At the suggestion of Mr. Donatelli, Mr. Ross will contact a resource person from Downingtown School District to obtain additional fuel oil pricing. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to contact a Downingtown School District resource person for additional information and secure a per gallon price not to exceed 2.299. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to purchase a replacement fuel tank for the Township Building and Police Department not exceeding \$7,800.00. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III requested the Board re-address the replacement of the fuel tank if contamination is found. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- H. Painting the Township Building – Mr. Ross stated he has received quotes for painting the Township Building. Mr. Cracas made a motion to award a contract to Charles Cockerham at the quote of \$9,800.00 and investigate the separation of time and materials in pricing. The contract is pending HARB approval. Bob Shemonsky seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III requested the windows be glazed by the paint contractor. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- I. Trail/Scavenger Hunt – Lisa Lacroix of Park and Recreation Trail Committee stated she is organizing a Trail Walk and Scavenger Hunt on October 25, 2009, 1-3 p.m. to celebrate the recent opening of a the Bridge to Bridge trail that runs from Pikeland Road to Clover Mill Road.
- J. HYS – Civil War Road Show- Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve Historic Yellow Springs application to Civil War Pennsylvania 150 to host the Civil War Road Show Display endorsing the location of the display in the Cultural Center parking lot. Mr. Holling seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- K. Historic Yellow Springs Vaughn House – Mrs. Matthews reported that the Township has not received a response from Historic Yellow Springs regarding the current status of repairs needed to the abandoned Vaughn House. A discussion ensued regarding the need to have the property secured by fencing to assure public safety. Maurie Kring offered to allow Historic Yellow Springs to use fencing from his recent demolition. The Township Public Works employee will transport the fence for Historic Yellow Springs.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Building and Zoning – Mr. Shemonsky read the September 2009 Building Zoning Report.
- B. Environmental Advisory Council – Mr. Shemonsky acknowledged minutes received from the Environmental Advisory Council.

- C. Fire and Ambulance – Mr. Shemonsky read the West End Fire Company #3, Kimberton Fire Company, and Lionville Fire Company reports for September 2009.
- D. Police Department – Chief Clark read the September 2009 Police Report. Mr. Cracas requested that Chief Clark submit a report on objective information on how summons are given, and what percentage are paid.
- E. Planning Commission – Harry Miller gave a summary report of the recent October 12, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting.
- F. Manager's Report – Mr. Ross summarized the Manager's Report.
- G. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Shemonsky read the Treasurer's Report.
- H. Motion to Receive Reports – Mr. Cracas made a motion to receive the reports as read. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Pine Creek Fall Festival – rescheduled to Saturday, October 24, 2009, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. due to weather conditions.
- B. Trail Walk and Scavenger Hunt – October 25, 2009, 1-3 p.m. at the intersection of Pikeland Road and Route 113.
- C. Halloween Trick or Treat Night – Saturday, October 31, 2009, 6-8 p.m.
- D. Chamber Music Concert – Sunday, November 1, 2009, 3-5 p.m.
- E. Chester County Craft Guild Show – November 21-22, 2009
- F. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

X. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. John Kustafik – thanked the public works employees for the corrective measures completed to the drainage issues at his property. Mr. Kustafik requested the Board consider making repairs to his retaining walls which were damaged by the previous drainage issue. Mr. Kustafik also stated that he has discovered six or seven tree stands used for deer hunting on Township property on the north side of Upper Pine Creek Road. A discussion ensued regarding the Open Space and Park Ordinance regulating no hunting on Township properties. Mr. Donatelli advised the Board to remove the tree stands and post the property with “No Hunting” signs by a Township official or employee only.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Bright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary

