

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on October 29, 2009 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; William Cracas, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; Stephen J. Ross, Township Manager; Joan Cox, Treasurer and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary. Supervisor Ernest Holling participated in the meeting by speaker phone.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 P.M.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE HOLIDAY STROLL EVENT** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Township’s participation in the December 4, 2009 Holiday Stroll Event by providing a tree lighting and concert in the Cultural Center Theatre and courtyard. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- III. REVIEW BUDGET MEMO DATED OCTOBER 21, 2009** – Mr. Ross reviewed items 1-19 contained in his memorandum to the Board dated October 21, 2009. The following is a summary of items discussed:
- A. Mr. Ross explained the tentative budget will be presented at the November 16, 2009 Board of Supervisors Meeting and the Budget will be presented for approval at the December 19, 2009 Board of Supervisors Meeting.
  - B. The decrease of the Earned Income Tax was discussed. Mr. Shemonsky asked what measures can be taken to assure the Township has enough funds to cover expenses in the first quarter of 2010. Mr. Cracas suggested the Township consider a tax anticipation loan.
  - C. Mr. Hallman III suggested increasing rental fees of township properties for 2010. Mrs. Ashton suggested an increase of \$25.00.
  - D. Mr. Shemonsky requested clarification on police overtime amounts and how accounts are set up.
  - E. Mr. Shemonsky suggested that building maintenance landscaping plants be increased to \$2,000.00.
  - F. Mr. Hallman III requested that the Chief Shane Clark submit further information pertaining to 410.1300 and 410.1310 relating to officers salaries and overtime.
  - G. Mr. Cracas suggested that an administrative hydrant fee should be charged for fire hydrants.
  - H. Mr. Cracas suggested the code enforcement and fire hydrant fees should have a 20% increase over the cost of providing those

services. Mr. Shemonsky requested Mr. Ross make such a recommendation at the next budget meeting.

- I. Mr. Shemonsky suggested that the township allocate the full amount requested by Chester Springs Library. Mr. Shemonsky also requested Mr. Ross to meet with Uwchlan officials regarding their lack of contributions to the library.
- J. A discussion ensued regarding the Open Space Law has changed and funds may be used for maintenance to open space properties. Mr. Holling requested a copy of the legislation.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Cracas motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,  
Township Secretary