

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on February 17, 2009 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Richard Bright, Vice Chairman; Robert Barker, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; William Cracas, Supervisor; Stephen Ross, Interim Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – Dr. Bright reported that the Board will meet in Executive Session immediately following this meeting regarding land acquisition.

IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

- A. Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2009 – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Meeting. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Mr. Cracas asked the attending public to refrain from derogatory personal comments concerning others attending the meeting.
- B. Tom Tucker inquired about the status of the soccer field at Pine Creek Park. A discussion ensued regarding alternative youth programs in the event the project is not completed on time. Mr. Ross assured Mr. Tucker that he is managing the project and projecting meeting the deadline.
- C. Wayne Freese requested that the Profit and Loss Statement be posted on the web site.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Facility Use Approval – Mark Banfield requested permission to use the Township Meeting Room to host Zone 25 Democratic Committee meetings. The Township Manager has concluded that the present facility use policy does not exclude political uses. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve Zone 25 Democratic Committee to use the facility and waive the fee and to further expand the use of the facility to all political organizations recognized by the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III asked Mr. Ross to view

the need to amend Resolution 2008-12-30. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

- B. PCP bridge repair – Mr. Ross stated that Yerkes Associates has provided a study to repair the planking of the bridge to install speed humps at an estimated cost of \$12,320. to slow vehicles and reduce the amount of noise. The Township Engineer and Manager are currently looking into alternative methods to reduce the noise and the matter will be reviewed at a later meeting.

VII. 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 abstained from checks 1925 and 1926.
- B. Hearing Land Acquisition- White Property – Jack Stefferud and Curt Grogan from the Open Space Advisory Committee were present to answer questions regarding the purchase of a Conservation easement on the Charles and Alyssa White property. Mr. Donatelli opened the White Property Acquisition hearing by entering the following exhibits; February 3, 2009 Proof of Publication, and Resolution 2009-01-10 authorization to advertise. Mr. Hallman III stated that the Board has not been given a copy of the Conservation Easement document, and requested no formal action be taken until the document has been reviewed by the Board. Mr. Cracas made a motion to continue the hearing at the March 2, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- C. Pa. Turnpike Widening Project – Mr. Ross reported that a six mile stretch of the turnpike is to be widened from the Valley Forge Interchange to Route 29. Mr. Barker stated that the noise generated from the expansion should be evaluated before construction begins. Mr. Donatelli provided a Draft Noise Ordinance that has been in discussion for more than a year. Mr. Cracas made a recommendation that the West Pikeland Township Planning Commission review the Draft Noise Ordinance and submit their recommendations regarding turnpike sound barriers.
- D. Balmoral Court – The public roadway for Balmoral Court was dedicated by the Township in 2002. All of the conditions that were imposed by the Board of Supervisors at that time have been satisfied by the original applicant. The Solicitor is recommending that the remaining Escrow of \$16,630. be released. Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize the release of the amount of \$16,630 being held in Escrow

for Balmoral Court. 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.
- B. Building/Zoning Officer Report –Dr. Bright read the January 2009 report.
- C. Financial Review Committee –Wayne Freese gave a summary of their January minutes.
- D. Fire and Ambulance –Dr. Bright read the West End Ambulance, Lionville and Kimberton Fire Company Reports for January 2009.
- E. HARB – No report.
- F. Historic Commission – No report.
- G. Land Trust –Quarterly reports only.
- H. Open Space Advisory Committee – No report.
- I. Police Department – Chief Shane Clark read the January 2009 report. Chief Clark also announced that Ken Smith has resigned as patrolman.
- J. Planning Commission –Mr. Hallman III noted that the 2009 Planning Commission report has been submitted.
- K. Park and Recreation – Linda Glaum summarized the January 2009 report. Mrs. Glaum noted that the Park and Recreation Board recommend locating the proposed Weather Tower to the left of the Palmer House, on the Windolph Knoll property. Sandy Heilman requested that the Board consider alternative sites. Mr. Barker requested the Township Manager meet with Karl Mehn of Chester County Emergency Services to consider alternative locations.
- L. Manager's Report – Mr. Ross gave a summary of the January 2009 Manager's Report.
- M. Strategic Planning Committee – No report.
- N. Treasurer's Report –Mr. Ross summarized the Treasurer's report.
- O. Windolph Knoll Master Plan Committee – No report.
- P. Motion to Receive Reports –Mr. Cracas made a motion to receive the reports as read. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting, Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
- B. Act 537 Presentation – Proposed date March 24, 2009 at 7: 00 p.m. Mr. Cracas suggested that the first presentation be Windolph Knoll, and

a following presentation to include the Twin Hills area and overview of the Act 537 Plan scheduled for a later date.

X. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Bill Smith – inquired about the status of the Combine at Clover Mill Field. Mr. Donatelli noted that a judgment has been rendered for removal of the combine, and payment.
- B. Jim Rowan asked when the Decision of the ACMEC Hearing will be rendered by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Donatelli stated that a sixty day extension has been granted, and the Decision may be read at the late March or early April 2009 meetings.
- C. Carol Kustafik requested that the Act 537 Brochure be posted on the web page, and that the mission statements of the Committees be reinstated.
- D. Mr. Barker announced that Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. is being declared “Earth Hour”. Mr. Barker encouraged residents to take part of this event by shutting off their non-essential lighting for an hour to demonstrate their commitment to supporting action on climate change.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Cracas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews, Township Secretary