

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 2, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on February 2, 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, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

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

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting for personnel reasons.

III. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

- A. Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009 – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction that the fencing around the weather tower was discussed, but not approved by the Board. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

IV. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Mark Banfield – requested permission to use the Township Meeting Room to host Zone 25 Democratic Committee meetings. Zone 25 comprises of Uwchlan, Upper Uwchlan, West Pikeland and one precinct in Caln. Mr. Hallman III suggested the Board review the current Facility Use Resolution for compliance. Mr. Cracas expressed his support for the committee to use the facility and stated if the Resolution does not allow for such a use it should be amended. Mr. Shemonsky stated the Township Manager will review the current Resolution.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.. Ordinance 2008-02-Environmental Advisory Council- Mr. Cracas made a motion to appoint Betty Madden, Sean Treacy, Michael Minnich, Nancy Bartley and William Paul to the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Dr. Bright will be Board of Supervisors liaison to the council. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Mill at Anselma Request – Heather Reiffer was present. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve a Temporary Use and Occupancy permit for the daily operation until December 31, 2010. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding zoning

compliance issues reported by the Building/Zoning Officer. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve a Special Event Permit for the events at The Mill at Anselma Crossing as stated in Mrs. Reiffer’s letter of January 21, 2009. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

- B. Discussion regarding Road Safety – Mr. Barker asked Chief Clark to explain the snow plow activation procedure. Mr. Barker stated that he had received a few complaints. Chief Clark noted that there were small issues at the beginning of the system. However, at this date the problems have been resolved. Mr. Barker and Mr. Shemonsky agreed they would like to be informed of the need to replace snow plow equipment so an evaluation can be completed which would include the consideration of contracted services.

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 1866. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Appointment for Comprehensive Plan Committee – Mr. Cracas made a motion to appoint Judith Bilenas as a representative of the Historic Commission on the Comprehensive Task Force. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to appoint Melinda Mercurio as a representative of the Arts and Culture Committee to the Comprehensive Task Force. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- C. Resolution 2009-02-14 Authorize to Advertise Tavangar hearing – Mr. Barker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-02-14 authorizing the advertisement of a hearing for the Tavangar land acquisition to occur on March 2, 2009. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- A. Proposal to provide Engineering Services – The following bid proposals were received to complete an assessment of the Township roads:

McCormick Taylor	\$19,715.00
Yerkes Associates , Inc.	\$19,938.00
Gilmore & Associates	\$22,300.00

Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the bid submitted by McCormick Taylor in the amount of \$19,715.00 plus \$2,500.00 for resurfacing to perform a road evaluation study. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III stated he would like the bid process to be postponed until Previous Township Engineer E. B. Walsh & Associates confirms such a study was completed in 2005. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Hallman III who voted Nay.

Mrs. Kustafik of Upper Pine Creek Road asked if the road drainage problem she complained about three years ago will be addressed. The Township Manager will review the previous complaint.

- E. Approval to Increase size of WPTLT- Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the West Pikeland Township Land Trust to increase the size of their Board from eleven to thirteen members. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Tuesday, February 17, 2009
- B. Proposed meeting dates for Windolph Knoll/Twin Hills – Mr. Shemonsky noted that Mrs. Matthews will provide proposed dates to the Board and Township Manager.

IX. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Carole Kustafik- stated she would like to serve on a Committee that involves the proposed Act 537 updates. Mr. Shemonsky explained there is no committee formed at this time. Mrs. Kustafik also noted that the Committee pages contained in the Township web page did not include a description of the Committees' goals. Mr. Shemonsky asked Mrs. Matthews to have these statements reinstated to the web page.
- B. Lila Smith - announced that the Historic Commission is currently working on an archive of historic resources of the Township. A letter is being sent from the Commission to all homes listed on the Historic Resource List.
- C. Boy Scouts – Mr. Shemonsky welcomed three Boy Scouts attending the meeting who are currently working on their Government Merit Badge.
- D. Mr. Cracas – stated he recently attending the PAPA concert held here at the Cultural Center this past weekend and urged Township residents to attend future concerts and events at the Cultural Center.
- E. Sandy Heilman – inquired about the location of the Weather Tower in Pine Creek Park. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Barker suggested that Mr. Ross investigate other alternative locations for the tower. Mrs. Heilman also expressed her concern regarding the Pine Creek Park main entrance bridge that has needed repairs to ease the sound of crossing vehicles. Mr. Barker stated that the Township Engineer has inspected the bridge and declared it safe. Mr. Barker further stated that the costs involved in solving the sound issue is excessive and the current budget cannot support the expense. Mrs. Heilman also suggested the Board consider making visitors to Pine Creek Park carry out their trash and recyclables. Mr. Shemonsky stated he would have the Park and Recreation Committee review this request.
- F. Barbara Bergeron - stated her support of the Weather Station being located at Pine Creek Park.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Barker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. moved to adjourn 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary