

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR SESSION  
August 17, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on July 20, 2009 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard Bright, Vice Chairman; Robert Barker, Supervisor; William Cracas, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; Stephen J. Ross, Township Manager; Wayne O'Connell, Sergeant of Police, and Joan C. Matthews, Township Secretary.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P. M.
  
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** - Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Laurie and David Harvey Conditional Use Hearing has been rescheduling from today's date to a tentative date of October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Meeting Room.
  
- III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on July 20, 28, 2009 and August 3, 2009 for legal reasons, and on July 30, 2009 for personnel reasons.
  
- IV. **MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 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. Barker announced that he has submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2009 effective September 21, 2009 due to time commitments with his profession. Mr. Shemonsky, on behalf of the Board thanked Mr. Barker for his service and dedication to the Township.
  - B. Jose Carriero asked about the status of the Appeal filed against the Township regarding the DEP Permit that was issued for the construction of the new soccer field at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Township is currently in discussions with the persons who initiated the appeal and the matter is still pending.
  - C. Fred Adams of Yellow Springs Road stated he wrote a letter in 2006 regarding water runoff from Fieldstone Farm and Fox Meadows Subdivisions which he claims is creating his pond to be infiltrated with soil and causing it to be muddy. Mr. Ross stated he would have to study past correspondence and then meet Mr. Adams.

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Davis/Conti Subdivision Extension – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Davis Conti Subdivision Extension to November 30, 2009. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Upper Pine Creek Road – Mr. Ross stated that he has determined what corrective measures are needed to control storm water and flow onto the Kustifik property at 751 Upper Pine Creek Road. Mr. Ross stated that a 52” pipe and M Box be installed on the opposite side of Upper Pine Creek Road from their residence. Mr. Kustifik requested to see plans before construction. Mr. Ross stated there are no plans but will supply him with shop drawings. The work will be started by September 1, 2009.
- C. Grass Cutting – Mr. Ross stated he has obtained a quote from Coventry Property Services to cut the grass at the front field of Pine Creek Park at \$40. per acre or a total of \$200. Mr. Ross explained that with the departure of Mr. Siandra there is a need to supplement the grass cutting efforts by Public Works. Mr. Hallman III suggested contracting grass cutting help for the Township Building since all the Township equipment is located at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize the proposal of Coventry Property Services at \$40. per acre for a total of \$200. and to have the acreage defined in the agreement. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III suggested that Pickering Grove Park and Pine Creek Park front field be alternated. Mr. Ross stated that he would consult with Mr. Lambert. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Hallman III who voted Nay.
- D. Pickering Estates Sewer Service Area – The Township, through its consultant, David Linnahan, is proposing an alternative for treatment of sewage affluent. Details of the present proposed system and the preliminary costs will be discussed during a public presentation held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bills for Approval – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman abstained from Checks 2240 and 2253. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Police Officer Position – Mr. Shemonsky provided oath of office to Matthew Gordon who was hired as a part time police officer.
- C. Road Department Personnel
  - 1. John Sciandra - Mr. Barker made a motion to dismiss John Sciandra from the Road Department effective July 23, 2009. Mr. Cracas seconded the

motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

2. Joseph Harvey – Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to hire Joseph Harvey as a part time Road Department Employee at a salary of \$15.00 per hour. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- D. Computer Recycling Program – The Environmental Advisory Council has requested that the Township consider participating in a computer recycling program. Dr. Bright made a motion to approve the Township’s participation in a computer recycling program to be held on October 17, 2009 at East Vincent Township building at a cost of \$275.00 conditioned upon the Township is not already participating in a similar program with Chester County. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- E. Health Insurance Change – Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the amendment to the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement describing a new Health Insurance Plan by changing from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust at a cost savings of \$4,000 per year. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- F. Downes/Rowan Land Development Plan – Resolution 2009-08-20 – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-08-20 approving the Land Development Plan of Erin Downes and Jay Rowan to develop a .95 acre tract identified as tax parcel 34-4-69 for use as a veterinary clinic. Approval shall be subject to the three conditions contained in Resolution 2009-08-20. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- G. Bike Race at HYS – The Township was notified by HYS of a bike race to be held on August 23, 2009 and wished the Township to know this is not a HYS sponsored event. The Board wished it noted that the Township has not received an application for facility use or request for road closure for such an event on August 23, 2009.
- H. Police Regional Study – Mr. Shemonsky stated that the Township has engaged in a Regional Police Study with East Vincent and East Pikeland Townships. After reviewing the study, the Board has concluded that the costs to West Pikeland Township would be disproportionate, and the current police services are very satisfactory with the residents. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to discontinue the Township’s participation in the Regional Police Study. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

## VIII. REPORTS

- A. Building/Zoning Officer – Mr. Shemonsky read the July 2009 Building/Zoning Officer Report.
- B. Fire and Ambulance – Mr. Shemonsky read the July Fire Company reports for Kimberton, Lionville and West End Ambulance.
- C. Historic Commission – Lila Smith reported that the Commission is still gathering historic information from residents. Mrs. Smith also noted that a reception will be held at the September 21, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting to thank the Richmond family for their generous donation of the landscape portraits in the meeting room.
- D. Police Department – Sergeant Wayne O’Connell read the July 2009 Police report.
- E. Park and Recreation – Joe Carriero highlighted the Park and Recreations’ August 6, 2009 meeting minutes. A discussion ensued regarding the Park and Recreation’s recommended tasks that need completed at the Township parks. Mr. Ross stated that he will review the list with Mr. Lambert. Mr. Hallman III suggested that alternative fencing for the gate at Pickering Grove Park be considered.
- F. Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Shemonsky read the Treasurer’s report. Mr. Cracas made a motion to instruct the Financial Review Committee to use the Berkheimer Associates anticipated tax amount for the remainder of 2009. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- G. Manager’s Report – Mr. Ross summarized his monthly report for July 2009. Mr. Ross announced that Elli McCahon and Linda Glaum attended a Pipeline Safety Awareness program presented by Paradigm Liaison Services. Mr. Ross announced that he received a response from PennDot regarding the Township’s request for a speed study of Conestoga Road and request to investigate the need of a traffic signal at the intersection of Conestoga Road and Route 401. PennDot responded that a speed reduction is not justified on Conestoga Road between West Vincent/West Pikeland Township line and Kimberton Road, and that additional applications are needed to be filed regarding the traffic signal. The Board was in agreement not to file the traffic signal application at this time.
- I. Motion to Receive Reports – Mr. Cracas made a motion to receive the reports as read. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Public Presentation of Sewage Information will be held on September 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre.
- B. The Board of Supervisors will meet for their Regular Session on September 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
- C. Anselma Crossing Zoning Hearing Decision will be held on September 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- D. Lehnkering Zoning Hearing will be held on September 2, 2009 immediately following the Anselma Crossing Zoning Hearing Decision.

**X. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

- A. Mr. Hallman III requested that the Board of Supervisors take action for demolition of the shed at the entrance to the Township Building if the Historic Architectural Review Board does not make a recommendation. Mr. Cracas made a motion to direct the Historic Architectural Review Board to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors by the September 21, 2009 meeting. If no recommendation is received, the Board will make a final decision of the status of the shed. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Barker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,  
Township Secretary