

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR SESSION
September 21, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on September 21, 2009 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard Bright, Supervisor; William Cracas, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; Stephen J. Ross, Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities and Joan C. Matthews, Township Secretary.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P. M.
- II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session after the Regular Session of August 17, 2009 for personnel reasons.
- III. **MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- IV. **PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**
 - A. John Matthews of the Arts and Culture Committee requested the use of the Township Cultural Center Theatre for a Chamber Music Series. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Art and Cultural Committee to hold a Chamber Music Series the first Sunday of October, November and December 2009, 3-5 p.m. in the Cultural Center Theatre. Admission will be a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person with the first \$100.00 collected to the Township, and the second \$100.00 collected to the artists, with the remaining balance split between the Township and the artists. Harold Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Dinniman Letter/Dominion Pipeline – Mr. Ross announced that the Board received a letter from Senator Dinniman advising that the proposed construction of the Keystone Pipeline Project through northern Chester County including West Pikeland Township is not going to occur. Eileen Juico stated that West Vincent, West Pikeland and East Nantmeal Townships, along with the West Pikeland Township Land Trust have been awarded a Technology Assistance Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. The grant will be used to educate

and provide information to the community regarding pipeline safety and expansion proposals.

- B. Resignation of Township Supervisor. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to accept the resignation of Robert Barker as a member of the Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township effective September 21, 2009. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Township will be accepting letters of interest from perspective resident candidates. The term of office will upon appointment to December 31, 2011.
- C. Anselma Crossing Hearing Decision and Land Development Extension – Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to approve the Anselma Crossing Land Development Extension to January 10, 2010. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Cracas who abstained. Mr. Shemonsky then noted the Zoning Hearing Board Decision and Order dated September 2, 2009.

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 2388 and 2291. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Ordinance 2009-02 – Mr. Ross presented the Proof of Publication of Ordinance 2009-02 and verified that the Solicitor reviewed the Ordinance and the staff confirmed that everything contained in the Ordinance is sufficient for Board approval. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-02 authorizing the participation of West Pikeland Township in the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the Ordinance. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Ross stated that the Ordinance officially legalizes the change of providers for the employee health care program from Keystone Health Insurance to Aetna Health Insurance. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. HYS Event Road Closure – Mr. Shemonsky stated that Historic Yellow Springs will be having a Halloween event on Saturday, October 24, 2009 and are requesting Art School Road be closed during the event. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the request by HYS to close a portion of Art School Road on October 24, 2009 from 2 to 5 p.m during their Halloween Event. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- D. Park and Recreation Resignation/Appointment – Mr. Shemonsky announced that Donna Archambault has resigned from her position on the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Hallman III requested that the

position be advertised on the website before the Board of Supervisors appoints a person to the Park and Recreation Board.

- E. 2010 MMO Police Pension – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the 2010 Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$45,591.99 and authorize the appropriate Township Official to execute and file the MMO. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- F. Resolution 2009-09-21-Emergency Operations Plan – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-09-21 that approves the Emergency Operations Plan for West Pikeland Township and the appropriate officials execute the document. Dr Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- G. Hopkins Lot Line Change-Resolution 2009-09-22 – Attorney Daniel Mannix and Engineer Theodore J. Gacomis were present. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-09-22 approving the final subdivision plan entitled Estate of Josephine N. Hopkins, for a lot line change plan that concerns two lots whose current common lot line is along West Vincent Township and West Pikeland Township, Tax parcels 25-8-16 being 13.580 acres and Tax Parcel 34-1-1.1 being 23.107 acres. The entire two parcels will be deed restricted from further subdivision and a conservation easement held by the Natural Lands Trust. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- H. Bid Award for Crack Seal Material – Mr. Ross stated that Specifications were developed and the bid was properly advertised. The following Bids were received:

E. J. Breneman	\$ 90,930.00 or Alternate \$ 68,430.00
AMS	\$ 92,233.00 or Alternate \$ 70,833.00
Axtells, Inc.	\$103,750.00 or Alternate \$ 88,750.00

Mr. Cracas made a motion to award the contract bid to E. J. Breneman at a quoted amount of \$89,900.00 with the contractor furnishing the seal coat material and applying it to the designated locations with the patching of the roads and traffic control being provided by the contractor. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- I. Glenmore Youth Association Request – Mr. Ross stated that the Township received a request from Jim Gegeckos of Glenmoore Youth Association to use the fields in West Pikeland Township. The Board all agreed that this item should be deferred to the Park and Recreation Board for their recommendations.
- J. Installation of pipe at PCP Soccer Field – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the pipe installation at Pine Creek Park Soccer Field in order to access the field on the north side of the new field. The approval shall be conditioned upon receiving approval from the Chester County Conservation District on the installation of the new

pipe; a firm cost of construction is received from Kenney Contracting Company, recommendations received from Carroll Engineering to approve the extra costs, and the water quality being reviewed by the Environmental Health Board. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- K. Change in Meeting Dates – Mr. Ross asked that the Board consider meeting once a month due to the costs that include agenda preparation, attendance by staff, utility costs and heat. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Board of Supervisors to hold their regular Session once a month on the third Monday at 7:30 p.m. and that draft minutes be posted on the Township website one week after the meeting. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding the need for two meetings a month. Mr. Hallman III suggested the Board remain with the two meetings a month. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Hallman III who voted Nay.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Building/Zoning Officer – Mr. Shemonsky read the August 2009 Building/Zoning Officer Report. Mr. Hallman III requested that the Building/Zoning Officer submit a status report of the fire damaged Vaughn House owned by Historic Yellow Springs.
- B. Fire and Ambulance – Mr. Ross read the August Fire Company reports for Kimberton, Lionville and Uwchlan Ambulance.
- C. Manager's Report – Mr. Ross summarized the Manager's Report of August 18 to September 21, 2009.
- D. Police Department – Chief Clark read the August 2009 Police report.
- E. Planning Commission – Harry Miller gave a summary of the Planning Commission's meeting of September 14, 2009.
- F. Park and Recreation Board – Cathy Grady, Chairperson gave a summary of their meeting minutes of September 3, 2009.
- G. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Shemonsky read the Treasurer's Report for August 2009.
- 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. Lehnkering Zoning Hearing Decision – Mr. Shemonsky announced the Zoning Hearing Board will render their Decision and Order regarding this application on October 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. The Board of Supervisors will meet for their Regular Session on October 19, 2009, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

X. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Board of Supervisors – Mr. Shemonsky noted that Mr. Ross issued an email and Memorandum dated July 6, 2009 to the Historic Architectural Review Board requesting their comments and recommendations regarding the removal of the shed adjacent to the Township Building and to date have not received a response. Mr. Cracas made a motion to dismantle the shed structure only, and store the materials for a period of two years. The foundation shall be stabilized and capped off. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the true historic nature of the building. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Eileen Juico stated that on September 14, 2009 she observed an organized group playing soccer on the new field at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Ross stated that he will have signs posted prohibiting persons from using the new field.
- C. Wayne Freese asked for a status of the current lawsuits filed against the Township. Mr. Shemonsky noted that the former Township Manager's suit has been dismissed, the ACMEC lawsuit is pending in Eastern District Court, and there has been no change in the lawsuit regarding Pine Creek Park Soccer Field.
- D. Cathy Grady wished to thank Donna Archambault for her service to the Township as a member of the Park and Recreation Board and requested a thank you letter be sent by the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Grady also wished to thank John Lambert and Joe Harvey for a wonderful job with this year's mowing season and maintenance at the park.
- E. Harold Hallman III requested a letter be sent to Robert Barker thanking him for his service to the Township as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

XI. RECOGNITION OF THE RICHMOND FAMILY – Lila Smith of the Historic Commission presented Mr. William Richmond, Jr. and family certificates of appreciation for their generous donation of five large canvas prints of local historic structures for permanent display in the Township Meeting Room. The Board also expressed their appreciation for the images that would bring such pleasure to the residents of the Township. The Board of Supervisors also thanked Lila Smith for her efforts in organizing this donation. A reception followed presented by the Historic Commission.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary

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