

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on October 18, 2010 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard Bright, Jr., Vice Chairman; Tom Tucker, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; Stephen J. Ross, Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary. Ernie Holling, Supervisor was present by speaker phone.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Shemonsky reported that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting for personnel, real estate and legal reasons.

IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: Mr. Hallman III made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD:

- A. Joan Cohen** thanked the Board for the recent completed Road Paving in the Fairfields Development.
- B. John Matthews** requested that the Historic Commission research the background of the Revolution War patriots who died in Historic Yellow Springs.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Update Road Repairs** - Mr. Ross stated that the Township used two separate contractors to perform the needed road work. B & J Excavating completed all the road work on October 15, 2010 concluding with the paving of the Fairfield Development and Diamond Excavating are scheduled to complete all their work by October 22, 2010.
- B. Update Roof Repairs** – Mr. Ross reported that the replacement of the Palmer House and Cultural Center roofs will begin within the next two weeks. Contracts have been executed and confirmation of the color samples has been confirmed between HARB and the Contractor for the Cultural Center roof.
- C. Anselma Crossing Land Dev. Plan Revisions**–At the September 20, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting, Maurice Kring requested approval of the plan revisions to the Anselma Crossing Land Development Plan that consisted of changes to the site design specifically Condition #10 of the approved Conditional Use Decision. Mr. Shemonsky informed Mr. Kring that comments have been received by the Planning Commission and Mr. Donatelli has submitted his recommendation that any modification to the Conditional Use should be done through a quick re-opening of the Conditional Use Hearing which would not warrant an additional fee, but

reimbursement of the advertising and court reporter costs. Mr. Shemonsky requested that Mrs. Matthews advertise the re-opening of the Conditional Use Hearing for November 15, 2010 immediately following the regular session of the Board.

- D. **Park and Recreation Board Appointment** – Mr. Hallman III made a motion to appoint Ronda Hamilton as an Alternate member on the Park and Recreation Board with a term expiring December 31, 2010. Mr. Holling seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Bills for Approval** – Mr. Holling made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from checks 2897 and 2900. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. **Resolution 2010-10-26** – GVA – Mr. Holling noted that the Resolution supports funding for the Green Valley Association Advocacy Director and expresses reservations about the recent decision by Green Valley's Association to discontinue the funding of the Watershed Advocacy Position. Mr. Holling further stated that such an Advocacy Position is valuable to protect the Township's natural watershed resources. Mr. Tucker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-10-26. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. The Board discussed and confirmed that such an endorsement by the Township would not result in any financial responsibility. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- C. **2011 Budget** – Mr. Ross reported that he has drafted the 2011 Budget and will need to meet with the Board to discuss several items that require additional input. Mr. Holling suggested that the Board schedule a public budget work session in conjunction with the Financial Review Committee on November 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
- D. **Resolution 2010-10-27 and 2010-10-28** – Mr. Ross reported that the Chester County Tax Collection Committee has decided on using the firm, Keystone Tax Collection Group. Mr. Donatelli has prepared the following Resolutions based upon the recommended format.
1. **Resolution 2010-10-27** – Mr. Holling made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-10-27 authorizing to accelerate Act 32 tax collection. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
 2. **Resolution 2010-10-28** – Mr. Hallman III made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-10-28 authorizing Chester County Tax Collection Committee to appoint and implement a master contract with a Tax Collection to collect Earned Income tax on a county-wide basis with the Chester County Tax Collection District. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- E. **Ordinance 2010-04 – Earned Income Collection** – Mr. Ross advised the Board that Ordinance 2010-04 levying a Tax on Earned Income; requiring tax returns; requiring employers to withhold and remit tax; and related provisions has been reviewed by Mr. Donatelli whom recommends advertisement and approval. Mr. Holling made a motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2010-04 for adoption at the

November 15, 2010 meeting. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- F. **No Hunting on Township Properties**– Mr. Ross noted that Mr. Hallman III requested this item be placed on the agenda. Mr. Hallman III stated that as the Township acquires more open space, planning is needed for enforcement of not hunting to assure the safety of people using the properties for recreational purposes. Mr. Holling noted that Ordinance 2010-01 restricts the discharge of firearms and prohibits injury to wild animals and suggested the Ordinance be enforced by the Police on patrol or by complaint by a resident or person. Chief Clark advised that the Ordinance has been enforced by observation of a police officer and complaints by residents. Additionally the police department does observe and investigates vehicles parked in locations of open space or parks during hunting season. William White asked if the properties have been properly posted. Chief Clark responded that the public works department is currently posting no hunting signs. John Kustafik stated that the Township is not addressing the overpopulation of deer in the area by prohibiting hunting. William White stated that the Township should consider controlled deer hunting. Chief Clark noted that the current Township Ordinance prohibits hunting and the Township is currently focusing on protecting those individuals using trails and parks for recreational purposes.
- G. **Maintenance to Township Building** – Mr. Hallman III suggested that the Board consider appointing a responsible person to attend to maintenance issues during Cultural Center Events and checking the building for needed maintenance and repairs on a regular basis. Mr. Ross stated that he has placed in the 2011 budget the retention of Event Coordinator and this is part of the job description prepared by a sub-committee of the Arts and Culture Committee. A discussion ensued regarding the fact that this position may go beyond the scope of an event coordinator. The Board agreed to submit this issue to the Arts and Culture Committee for their recommendation and comments.

VIII. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD – There were no persons wishing to be heard.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Arts and Culture Committee** –John Matthews gave a summary of the recent and upcoming events scheduled by the Arts and Culture Committee
- B. **Park and Recreation Fall Festival** – Mr. Shemonsky read a letter from Cathy Grady thanking all those individuals who volunteered and assisted in the recent Fall Festival held on October 16, 2010 at Pine Creek Park.
- C. **Chico Huff Jazz Concert**– Mr. Shemonsky noted that the concert will be held on October 24, 2010 in the Cultural Center on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.
- D. **Something Wicked This Way Comes** – Mr. Shemonsky noted that PAPA will be putting this production on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center Theatre.
- E. **Trick or Treat** – Mr. Shemonsky announced Trick or Treat will be held Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 6-8 p.m.
- F. **BOS Budget Work Session** – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Board of Supervisors will be meeting for a Budget Work Session on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

G. **BOS Regular Session** – Mr. Shemonsky noted the next Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Tucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Mr. Holling seconded the motion. After no discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary