

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MARCH 15, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on March 15, 2010 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Tom Tucker, Supervisor; Ernie Holling, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Guy Donatelli, Solicitor, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by resident William White
- III. **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** Mr. Shemonsky reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session for legal and real estate reasons prior to this meeting.
- IV. **MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:** Mr. Holling made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2010. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- V. **PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**
 - A. Wayne Freese – requested the Financial Review Committee be placed on the Board of Supervisors’ agenda each month.
 - B. Lila Smith – wished to announce the Historic Commission will be sponsoring a “Historic Day” on May 22, 2010 at the Township Building. Lila requested that residents who wish to share their historic pictures or information contact the Township Office.
- VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Park Rules Ordinance – Mr. Shemonsky introduced Ordinance 2010-001 amending in its entirety the West Pikeland Township Park Ordinance of 1999. The Ordinance was duly advertised and Proof of Publication is on record. Mr. Holling made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-001. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III questioned Section 3.h., i.1. and 2. A discussion ensued regarding the wording of these sections. As a result the following changes were made; Section 3.h. the word “Large” was inserted to define the type of animal not permitted within the track and any enclosed field; Section i.1. the word “unauthorized” was added to type of person in the first sentence, and the word “parking” was deleted to define interior lights in the last sentence. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Hallman III asked who would enforce this Ordinance and Chief Clark stated that the Police Department would, with

common sense. Mr. Holling requested that Chief Clark submit his comments regarding the enforcement of this Ordinance at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

- B. DiGiacomo Zoning Hearing Decision – Mr. Shemonsky read the February 24, 2010 Zoning Hearing Board Decision and Order of the Gina DiGiacomo Zoning Hearing noting the applicant was granted a special exception to permit a tutoring facility at 849 Newcomen Road, Chester Springs.
- C. Resolution 2010-03-15 – Mr. Holling made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-03-15 for the purpose of establishing a computer, electronics communication systems and internet usage policy. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- D. Act 537
 - 1. Authorize Engineer to Proceed – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Township has received a letter from the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection dated March 2, 2010 approving the Plan of Study. The next step is to engage the Sewage Engineer and then forward the plan to begin preparation of the Act 537 Plan and then be forwarded to the Chester County and Township Planning Commissions for their review. A public meeting will then be held to discuss the elements of the plan and address comments from residents. The Township will then make a plan submission to DEP who has 180 days to review and issue their approval. Upon the DEP approval the Township will apply for necessary permits and advertise bids for construction of the treatment facility. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of expansion of the Twin Hills facility. Mr. Kustafik suggested the Township purchase the properties with the most severe septic problems. Mr. Holling stated that the Township currently has 80 residential homes within the scope of the plan. Mr. Holling made a motion to approve David Linahan, P. E. to proceed with completion of the Act 537 Plan not to exceed \$6,000.00. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
 - 2. Evans Mill Proposal – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Township has received a proposal from Evans Mill Environmental dated March 5, 2010 to complete soil testing at Pickering Meadows site. DEP is requiring the soil tests be conducted in consideration of converting the site from spray to drip irrigation. Mr. Holling made a motion to authorize Evans Mill Environmental to provide Soil Testing at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00. Tom Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- E. Road Improvement Committee – Mr. Shemonsky stated that the Township Road Improvement Committee has been formed and consists of Charlie Humphreys, Harold Hallman III, Chris Petry, Harry Miller, Shane Clark, Betty Madden and Tom Tucker as members. The Board was in agreement that Township Engineer Ted Gacomis should attend as Consultant.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bills for Approval – Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Holling seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from Checks 2587 and 2593. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
 - 1. M & H Transmission – Mr. Holling made a motion to approve the invoice submitted by M & H Transmission in the amount of \$3,544.00. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
 - 2. Davis Snow Contracted Service – Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve the invoice submitted by Joseph W. Davis for contracted snow removal services in the amount of \$5135.00. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Pine Creek Park – Mr. Holling made a motion to authorize Kenney Construction to install a pipe within the culvert at the new field allowing pedestrians and small equipment to cross onto the new playing field at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye. Suzanne Kaplan and Eileen Juico stated that the field continues to be wet in the area near the green shed. Mr. Donatelli stated that organic fertilizer will be applied to establish significant vegetative cover to help control stormwater. Mr. Humphreys stated that he feels the field does not have proper water drainage. John Matthews suggested a rain guard system as a good alternative to manage stormwater.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Building/Zoning Officer – Mr. Shemonsky read the Building/Zoning Officer's report for February 2010.
- B. Arts and Culture – John Matthews summarized the minutes of their March 8, 2010 meeting. Mr. Matthews wished to thank the sponsors of the recent Chamber Music Concert of March 7, 2010 and noted that another concert will be held on April 11, 2010.
- C. Financial Review Committee – Wayne Freese summarized the minutes of their March 9, 2010 meeting. Mr. Freese stated the Committee is recommending a restrictive reserve be established for the additional funds that are created from the 2010 Township millage increase.
- D. Park and Recreation – Joe Carriero gave a summary of the Park and Recreation meeting
- E. Planning Commission – Mr. Miller gave a summary of the Planning Commission meeting.
- F. Police – Chief Clark read the February 2010 Police Report.
- G. Fire and Ambulance – Mr. Shemonsky read the Kimberton and Lionville Fire Companies, and West End Ambulance Company reports. The Township Secretary will contact Uwchlan Ambulance regarding the submission of their reports.
- H. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Shemonsky read the Treasurer's report.

IX. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Frank Mercurio stated that all the items approved during the meeting totaled \$24,000.00 and asked if the items were included in the 2010 budget. Mr. Shemonsky responded that the items were budgeted.
- B. Joe Carriero asked what needs to be completed to the new soccer field at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Shemonsky stated that the field will be fertilized and seeded. Mr. Donatelli added that a punch list will be formulated and concerns will be addressed.
- C. Mr. Hallman III asked Mr. Carriero where the split rail fencing will be located at the site of the Pickering Creek Bridge to Bridge Trail parking area. Mr. Hallman III stated that the fence is not permitted in the deed restricted area.
- D. William White expressed his concern that additional costs will incur at the new soccer field at Pine Creek Park since the contractor was shut down for a year. Mr. White suggested the resident who initiated the lawsuit should be responsible for any additional construction costs.
- E. John Matthews stated that he will meet with HARB this month and discuss the shed issue.
- F. Residents from the Fairfield Development asked the status of the present Act 537 Plan. Mr. Shemonsky noted that the approval process will include a series of public meetings to allow resident input on the proposed plan. A plan is now being implemented, and when completed a public meeting will be scheduled.

X. ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. Eileen Juico announced that West Vincent and West Pikeland Townships in partnership with Green Valleys Association will be holding meeting called "Pipelines and People" on Thursday, March 25, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at West Pikeland Township. Reservations are required.
- B. Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Township Office will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2010.
- C. Mr. Shemonsky noted the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:30 pm.
- D. The next Chamber Music Concert will be held on April 11, 2010.

XI ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Holling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary

