

WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
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CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR SESSION
July 16, 2007

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on July 16, 2007 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Harold Hallman III, Chairman; Linda Glaum, Vice Chairman; William Cracas, Supervisor; Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G., Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities; Theodore Gacomis, P.E., Township Engineer; Guy Donatelli, Township Solicitor, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – Mr. Hallman III reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on June 27, 2007 for legal reasons.

III. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL –Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2007 Regular Session. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

IV. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Rob Kocher – Mr. Kocher wished to commend the West Pikeland Township Police Officers Association and Harry Miller for weeding and mulching the Meta Miller Memorial garden on June 26, 2007.
- B. Vik Arya – Mr. Arya representing the Cricket Club approached the Board and asked if the Board would reconsider their decision to deny the Cricket Club’s use of Hallman Field. Mrs. Diesinger stated that the Board of Supervisors could not honor their request at this time.

V. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Cracas read the Treasurer’s Report as of June 2007. Mrs. Glaum made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Bills for Approval – Mrs. Glaum made a motion to approve the bills submitted as of July 16, 2007. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from Checks 2292, 2293, 2313 and 2314. Mrs. Glaum stated she would not approve checks 2293 and 2314. The Bills were approved as stated.
- C. Police Report – Chief Clark read the June 2007 Police Report.
- D. Building/Zoning – Chairman Hallman III read the June 2007 Building/Zoning Report.

- E. Planning Commission – Mr. Miller gave a summary of the Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2007.
- F. Ambulance and Fire – Mr. Hallman III read the Ambulance and Fire Reports for West End Fire Company and Uwchlan. Barbara Yagel read the Lionville Fire and Ambulance Reports.
- G. Park and Recreation – Rob Kocher stated that the Park and Recreation Board met on July 10, 2007 and reviewed their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding changes to Ordinances 98-03 and 99-01. Mr. Hallman III stated that the Park and Recreation Review Committee’s recommendations will be reviewed by the Township Solicitor and Board of Supervisors before a draft Ordinance is created.
- A. Motion to Accept the Reports – Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the Reports as read. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cultural Center – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the Zoning Hearing Board has granted variance relief from the provisions of 1207.A of the 2005 West Pikeland Township Zoning Ordinance. The variance grants permission for the construction of a parking lot at 1645 Art School Road, Chester Springs. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to submit bid packages for the construction at 1645 Art School Road. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. John Matthews submitted a letter dated July 16, 2007 to the Board of Supervisors from himself, James Butchkoski and Bob Barker requesting that the parking plan be postponed until January 2008 when newly elected officials will be sworn in as members of the West Pikeland Township Board of Supervisors. Mr. Matthews stated that he preferred this approach rather than having to fight the plan by appeal. Mr. Butchkoski requested the plan be stopped due to bad press that would result due to the historic nature of the land. Mr. Cracas informed them that an archeological dig was already completed and that the Historic Architectural Review Board has never submitted any formal comments in writing regarding the Cultural Center Parking Lot. Mr. Barker stated that the Board of Supervisors should have done a better job of obtaining grants. Mr. Cracas stated that the Township has made numerous applications to State and County agencies, and were not awarded funds. Mrs. Glaum asked Mr. Matthews if he would be objecting to the parking lot plan if the plan designed by Nancy Bartley was approved. Mr. Matthews responded that he would not have rejected her plan because it was a compromise. After no further discussion. the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. Motion to Accept Old Business – Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the items of Old Business. Mrs. Glaum seconded the

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

VIII NEW BUSINESS

A. Cultural Center

1. Award HVAC Work - Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to obtain proposals for a central air conditioning system for the Township Office. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

B. Land Development

1. NALT Bryn Coed Farm Holdings – Mr. Cracas made a motion to grant a Subdivision Time Extension to October 5, 2007 to NALT Bryn Coed Farm Holdings. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. Mrs. Diesinger reported that the extension has been approved by the Planning Commission. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

C. General Government

1. Ordinance 2007-02 Open Space Referendum –Mrs. Diesinger presented Ordinance 2007-02 authorizing a referendum pursuant to Act 153 of 1996 on the question of the imposition of an additional Earned Income Tax at a specific rate to be imposed to raise revenue to purchase open space. Mr. Hallman III opened the public hearing of Ordinance 2007-02. Mrs. Diesinger entered Exhibit T-1, Proof of Publication from the Daily Local News. A lengthy discussion ensued by the attending public questioning the management of acquisitions of real estate. Mr. William White commented that he felt the additional percentage of tax is unfair to a majority of the residents. Mr. White stated that it should be important to have a long range plan for tax increases for services provided by the Township. Mr. Hallman III asked if there were any further discussion. There was none. Mr. Hallman III then closed the hearing for further discussion. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-02. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

2. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Section 1306 Signs – Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to proceed with completing a draft amendment of Section 1306, Temporary Sign Regulations of the West Pikeland Township Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. The

Board agreed to 8 temporary signs allowed in the Township and size of the signs no larger than (6) square feet. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

3. FEMA Letter of Map Revision – 425 Partridgeberry Lane – Mrs. Diesinger reported the resident of 425 Partridgeberry Lane is in the process of completing a letter of map revisions based on Fill request to FEMA to amend the National Flood Insurance Program Maps. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Community Acknowledgement Form A which confirms that the Township has received and reviewed the LOMR-F request. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
4. Parker Hill Escrow Release. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the release of development escrow fund to Ann Ashton, of the Parker Hill Subdivision in the amount of \$15,448.15. The amount includes \$2,000.00 for the completion of relocating mailboxes and the replacement of (8) dead pine trees in the vicinity of the detention basin. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
5. Purchase of Police Vehicle – Chief Clark requested the Board’s approval to purchase a 2007 Ford Expedition from Warnock Fleet in the amount of \$24,070.40. Chief Clark further requested that the Department liquidate (2) police vehicles. Mr. Cracas stated that he supported the Township purchasing a Hybrid vehicle. Mr. Hallman III stated that he wished a Crown Vic patrol car be purchased in place of a large SUV. Chief Clark stated that the current utility vehicle is in poor condition, and he was unable to find a Hybrid vehicle through the state purchasing plan. Mrs. Glaum made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2007 Ford Expedition from Warnock Fleet in the amount of \$24,070.40. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. A discussion ensued over the purchase. Mr. Cracas voted Nay. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with 2 Aye, and 1 Nay.
6. Purchase of Postal Meter – Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the lease of a postage meter from Hasler for \$59.95 per month. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

7. Award Intersection Line Painting – Mrs. Diesinger reported that three quotes have been received for left turn line painting at the intersection of Routes 113 and 401. Mr. Cracas made a motion to award the line painting work to A-1 Traffic Control Products for \$4,866.00. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
 8. Award Janitorial Services Contract – Mr. Cracas made a motion to retain Hugh McClenn Inc. for weekly janitorial services at the municipal building and police station. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
 9. Route 401 Detour – Chief Clark announced that PennDOT will shut down Route 401 for excavation of the new elementary school driveway in OJR School District from 8-1-07 to 8-15-07. A notice will be added to the website.
 10. Emergency Management Operation Table Top Drill – Mrs. Glaum announced there was an Emergency Management Operation Drill conducted on July 12, 2007. Mrs. Glaum announced that volunteers are needed to be part of the Emergency Management Team for the Township.
 11. Chester County Visitors Bureau Grant – Mrs. Diesinger reported that a check in the amount of \$6,250 will be forwarded by the end of the month as reimbursement to the Township of the remaining dollars in the \$25,000 grant.
 12. Intersection of Yellow Springs and Art School Rd. – Chief Clark reported that four way stop signs will be installed by the end of July 2007.
 13. Pine Creek Park – Mr. Hallman III reported that individuals have been observed dumping household garbage into the trash containers at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Hallman III asked that residents who observe such violations contact the Township immediately.
- D. Motion to Accept New Business – Mrs. Glaum made a motion to accept the items of New Business. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

IX **Adjournment** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary*