

**WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP  
1208 KIMBERTON ROAD  
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2005**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met as a Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building, 1208 Kimberton Road, Chester Springs. Those in attendance were Chairman Harold Hallman III, Vice-Chairman Linda Glaum, Member William Cracas, Township Manager Norman Long, Chief of Police Shane Clark, Director of Facilities Harry Miller, Township Engineer Theodore Gacomis, Township Solicitor Guy Donatelli and Administrative Assistant Joan Matthews.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Hallman III opened the meeting with the salute to the flag.

**Executive Session**

Chairman Hallman III noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 for legal reasons. Mr. Cracas made a motion to reaffirm the action taken in Executive Session on October 3, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors authorizing the Township Manager to execute a settlement agreement with Toll Brothers and Orleans Builders concerning the protection of Eagle Farms Road which prevents its use by the developers and their agents. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2005 Business Meeting. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

**Special Announcement**

Mr. Cracas stated that an anonymous letter was circulated by mail to residents of the Township titled "Wanted-Answers". Mr. Cracas explained that the Board of Supervisors wants all Township residents to know that any questions or concerns generated by the letter can be answered by request to the Township office during normal business hours. Mr. Cracas further stated that the Board of Supervisors are always willing to answer questions and will address any issues that concern residents.

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Cracas read the Treasurer's report for the month of September 2005. The report is on file and available for review at the Township office. Vice-Chairman Glaum made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Vice-Chairman Glaum made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with a vote of 2-1. Chairman Hallman III abstained from voting due

to insufficient time to review the bills

Police report

Chief Shane Clark read the Police Report for the month of September 2005. The report is on file and available for review at the Township office.

Chief Clark wished to remind all persons visiting Township owned properties and parks that dogs must be leashed at all times.

Building/Zoning Officer

Mr. Long read the Building/Zoning Officer's report for September 2005. The report is on file and available for review at the Township office.

Emergency Management

Chairman Hallman III, EOC Coordinator of West Pikeland Township Emergency Management reported that he recently met with ARES/RACES for a training exercise on October 8, 2005.

Chairman Hallman III also announced that the Emergency Management Team recently held a table top training practice at the Township Building on October 11, 2005. The Chester County Department of Emergency Service will hold a drill for nuclear planning on November 15, 2005 at the West Pikeland Township Building for all EOC volunteers.

Planning Commission

Mr. Miller stated that the West Pikeland Township Planning Commission held a regular meeting on October 10, 2005. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Final Subdivision Plan for the D'Agostino Subdivision titled "Fox Meadows", subject to the conditions of the Engineer's review of the Escrow and completion of the items described in the Township Engineer's letter of October 6, 2005.

Anselma Mill

Executive Director Heather Reefer requested that the Board of Supervisors approve the re-election of the Board Members and approve the nomination of two new candidates. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the re-election of John Brogan, Nancy Evans, Jennifer Griffin, Charlie Jordan, Jonathan Kulp, and Eleanor Morris, and the nomination of John Fiorillo and Mike Merle to represent West Pikeland Township for a two year term. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Road Report

Chairman Hallman III reported that the Road Department cut hedges at the intersection at Byers and Lionville Station Road to the Police Chief's specifications for sight distance. They also cut the brush at Byers road where it crosses the Pickering Creek, cut the hedge that obstructed the stop sign at Bodine Road, cleaned a swale along Pikeland Road at Elbow Lane, removed rubbish along Township Roads, trimmed back trees and removed rocks along Yellow Springs Road. The Road Department also responded to several calls of downed trees and trees on wires, cleaned storm grates in Fox Meadow, closed

Horseshoe Trail and provided temporary power to the traffic light at Routes 401 and 113 during recent inclement weather. The Road Department also recovered a stolen barricade taken from Horseshoe Trail.

Chairman Hallman III also reported that he attended a winter maintenance class. The Road Department replaced and maintained street and stop signs on various roads and made changes to speed limit signs on Davis Road. Chairman Hallman III verified a Tally Ho Lane street sign was stolen. This sign has disappeared several times. This street sign has been replaced three to four times in the past year and a solution needs to be established to secure the sign.

Park and Recreation Report.

Mr. Long read the Park and Recreation report for October 11, 2005. The report is on file and available for review at the Township office.

Mr. Charlie Knapp was in attendance, and his resignation from the Park and Recreation Board was acknowledged. The Board expressed their appreciation to him for his service to the Township.

Mr. Long noted the Park and Recreation Committee will be co-sponsoring a Star Gazing Event with Natural Lands Trust at Binky Lee on October 21, 2005 with a rain date of October 22, 2005.

The Park and Recreation Committee will hold a Fall Festival on October 29, 2005 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Pine Creek Park. The event will include a Halloween Parade. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute an agreement with the musical group of Rhythm and Balloons to perform for 2 hours at \$630.00 at the Fall Festival. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Chairman Hallman III announced that the Park and Recreation Committee are in need of volunteers to help with the Fall Festival. Chairman Hallman III asked that persons interested call the Township office.

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Chester County Cricket Club to use the fields at Pine Creek Park on Sundays in June and from August 21, 2006 and through the first two weeks of September 2006. The use was approved and recommended by the Park and Recreation Committee. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

West End Fire Company and Ambulance Report

Chairman Hallman III read the September 2005 West End Fire Company and Ambulance Report. The report is on file and available for review at the Township office.

Kimberton Fire Company

Chairman Hallman III read the September 2005 Kimberton Fire Company Report. The report is on file and available for review at the Township office.

Lionville Fire Company and Fire Police Report

Fire Police Captain Barbara Yagle read the September 2005 Fire Company and Fire Police Report. The report is on file and available for review at the Township Office.

**Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the reports as read. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.**

**New Business**

Draft Ordinance Revision for Davis Road

Mr. Long stated that the Township has accomplished posting 25 miles per hour speed limit signs on Davis Road from Route 113 to French Creek Lane. A new Ordinance will need to be adopted to amend existing Ordinance 95-05-50 to extend the modification of the reduced speed to French Creek Lane. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the Ordinance revision for Davis Road speed limitations. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

**Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the New Business. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.**

**Old Business**

D'Agostino (Fox Meadows Subdivision) Final Approval

Mr. David Rentschler of Commonwealth Engineers presented the final plan of the Fox Meadows Subdivision. The Subdivision creates 11 lots from a 27.143 gross acre parcel owned by Carl A. Lillmars and identified as tax parcel 34-4-129 located on Bodine Road. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2005-10-20 granting final approval of the D'Agostino Fox Meadows Subdivision subject to the conditions set forth and described within Resolution 2005-10-20. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye. Mr. Cracas stated that the Board of Supervisors will only sign the final plans if all fees and reimbursements are paid and settled with the Township. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the On-Lot Sewage Systems for the Fox Meadows Subdivision. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Boden/Triever Escrow Release

Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute the required documents to release the Boden/Triever Subdivision Improvement Bond escrow in the amount of \$6,730.00. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Chester County Vision Partnership Open Space Plan Update Time Extension

Vice-Chairman Glaum made a motion to approve the Time Extension agreement with Chester County for the Vision Partnership Program for the Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resource Plan Update. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Resolution 2005-10-21 Eagle Scout Honor

Mr. Long stated that Township resident Austin Musso of Troop 83 has completed the requirements for Eagle Scout. Mr. Musso completed a leadership project by renovating a picnic and camp area surrounding Historic Yellow Springs Pool House and the Pickering Creek Trail. Vice-Chairman Glaum made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-10-21 to Honor Troop 83 Boy Scout and Township Resident Austin Musso on attaining his Eagle badge. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

**Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Old Business. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.**

**Announcements**

Mr. Cracas made a motion that the Board of Supervisors will have a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building with the Historic Architectural Review Board to discuss the proposed parking lot plan for the cultural center. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

**Public Comment**

**Cultural Center Parking/Salt Storage/Garage Plan**

Mrs. Sondra Shemonsky of Clearview Drive stated that she and her husband are opposed to the proposed construction of a salt shed storage building and municipal service building by the Township at the Cultural Center. Mrs. Shemonsky expressed her concern that the proposed plan would result in a decrease of her property value. Mrs. Shemonsky further expressed her opposition to the land clearing that is currently being accomplished at the site.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews and Mrs. and Mrs. Horace Latshaw Jr. of Art School Road also expressed their opposition to the proposed plan. The residents expressed concerns of the aesthetic and environmental impact to the historic village, and how such a proposed plan would create a change in the rural and quiet nature of their existing properties.

Mr. Long presented a detailed explanation of the proposed plan of the parking area and the proposed dwellings. The proposed dwellings will be designed to be appropriate to the historic character of the village. Mr. Long stated that the entrance to the Cultural Center is proposed to be located directly across from Clearview Drive. Mr. Long stated that the current plan is being reviewed and revised by the Township Engineer. Mr. Long further stated that Historic Yellow Springs Inc. was made aware of the proposed use of the property. Executive Director of HYS, Rob Lukens stated that HYS was aware of the proposed use but asked the Township consider the historic value of the village during the planning process.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Lukens presented a thank you letter from Historic Yellow Springs Inc. expressing their appreciation to the Township for permitting the use of the Cultural Center parking facility at their recent Antique Show

A lengthy discussion between the residents and the Board of Supervisors ensued concerning the proposed salt storage shed. Mr. Long read a letter received from Uwchlan Township requesting notification of when the Township will move their existing storage of salt from their facility. Mr. Cracas stated that the Township is required to provide a facility to store its salt and has been actively seeking a location for a salt shed for many years. Chairman Hallman III stated that the Township has exhausted any available salt shed locations. Mr. Cracas further stated that the salt storage shed and garage needs to be part of an entire Township complex. Snow Plow driver and resident, Bill White stated that driving to Uwchlan Township during a snow storm creates lost time that makes it difficult for drivers to plow in a timely and efficient manner. Chairman Hallman III wished to express his appreciation to Uwchlan Township for allowing the Township to store their supply of salt and the assistance and support they have provided the Township in many ways.

After lengthy discussion residents requested that the Board of Supervisors halt work currently being done at the site and to consider an alternative plan that would address the concerns that were discussed. The Board of Supervisors then called for a five minute recess.

Vice-Chairman Glaum re-convened the meeting. Mr. Cracas stated that a meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. with the Historic Architectural Review Board to review the proposed plan. Mr. Cracas stated that residents are encouraged to assist the Township in establishing a reasonable and rational plan that will allow the Township to accomplish the goals of providing a salt storage facility.

*Kustafik Property*

Mr. Kustifik of 751 Upper Pine Creek Road stated that paving to the road that was completed eight to ten years ago has resulted in water damage to his property. Mr. Kustifik claimed that he has left messages during normal business hours to the Township office and to this date he has not received a response. . Mr. Cracas and Chairman Hallman III stated that the Township Engineer will do an inspection of the property.

Mr. Greg Mueller of Dunsianne Hill wished it noted that the he has always received good service from the Township and the Township administration has always promptly responded to his phone calls

*Adjournment*

Vice-Chairman Glaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman J. Long,  
Township Secretary