

**WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
1208 KIMBERTON ROAD
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2005**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building, 1208 Kimberton Road, Chester Springs on December 19, 2005. 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, and Administrative Assistant Joan Matthews.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Meeting Minute Approval

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2005 Business Meeting. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

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

Vice Chairman Glaum made a motion to approve the bills submitted and fund transfers. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with Mr. Cracas and Vice Chairman Glaum voting Aye. Chairman Hallman III abstained from invoices paid by check numbers 1009 and 1010.

Police Report

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

Road Report

Chairman Hallman III stated that the Township now completes Pennsylvania One Calls and to date have completed seven calls. Plow and spreaders have been installed on the trucks. The Township Road Department salted Township roads on December 4, 11, 15, 16, and plowed and salted roads on December 9, 2005. The Road Department closed Horseshoe Trail due to flooding on December 16, 2005. The Road Department repaired potholes on the east side of Horseshoe Trail. Chairman Hallman III also stated that approximately 90 tons of salt have been used to date.

Building/Zoning Report

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

West End Ambulance Report

Chairman Hallman III read the West End Ambulance Report for the month of November 2005. The report is on file and available for review at the Township office.

Kimberton Fire Company Report

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

Lionville Fire Company Report

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Captain Barbara Yagel read the November 2005 Fire Police and Fire Company reports. The reports are on file and available for review at the Township office.

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the reports. Vice Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Old Business

Budget Discussion and Adoption

Mr. Cracas stated that he endorses the Township obtaining an eight year payment, low percentage loan for Township Road construction planning to release monies for other purposes. Mr. Cracas expressed his concern of cutting funds to programs such as the library. It was noted that the Township received no Budget proposal or request from the Chester Springs Library. The amount budgeted was consistent with the past. Mr. Cracas suggested the Board review Treasury number 471.40 (Small borrowing principal).

During the budget discussion expense of legal notices was discussed. Mr. Cracas urged residents to contact State Representatives to revise and update methods of legal notices such as websites to save funds in relation to the present practice of advertising by expensive newspaper ads.

Heather Reiffer of Anselma Mill inquired about funding for tourism signs for Anselma Mill and Historic Yellow Springs. The signs are to be partially funded by the Chester County Tourism Bureau. Mr. Long stated that the Township can support funding of the signs through a matching grant.

Vice-Chairman Glaum made a motion to adopt Resolution 2005-12-23, 2006 Budget. Mr. Cracas stated that he has expressed his opinion of obtaining a low cost loan to fund necessary projects. Mr. Cracas further stated that he was opposed to cutting funding to necessary programs and committees. Vice Chairman Glaum stated that she is opposed to obtaining debt. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with Chairman Hallman III and Vice Chairman Glaum voting Aye, with Member William Cracas voting no.

Resolution 2005-12-23 and 2005 12-24 Taxation for fiscal year 2006

Vice Chairman Glaum made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2005-12-23 and 2005-12-24 regarding Taxation for fiscal year 2006. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

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

New Business

Lease of pasture land at Pine Creek Park

Vice Chairman Glaum made a motion to advertise for bids to lease a portion of Pine Creek Park for pasture land. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Hiring of fulltime Patrolman

Vice Chairman Glaum made a motion to hire Robert McCarron as a fulltime Patrolman effective January 1, 2006. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with Vice Chairman Glaum and Mr. Cracas voting Aye. Chairman Hallman III voted no.

Outside Audit Service

Mr. Cracas asked Mr. Long if any proposals have been received regarding outside audit services. Mr. Long stated that he have received proposals and will be contacting the elected auditors to explain the new process for completing the financial audit of 2005.

Mr. John Henssler wished it recorded in the minutes that on November 21, 2005 immediately prior to the Board of Supervisors Meeting that he delivered to the Township a petition containing 25 signatures requesting that the Court of Common Pleas appoint the appropriate outside audit firm. Mr. Long stated that the petition was not opened until after the meeting and that the Township Solicitor had been consulted about the appropriate procedure of appointing an outside agency to conduct the financial audit.

Vice Chairman Glaum made a motion to accept the New Business. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Announcements

Mr. Long announced that the Township office will be closed in observance of Christmas on December 26, 2005, and in observance of New Years Day on January 2, 2006.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Glaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman J. Long, Township Secretary

