

**WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
1208 KIMBERTON ROAD
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 21, 2005**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met in Regular Session 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 Shane T. Clark, Director of Facilities Harry Miller, and Administrative Assistant Joan Matthews.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Resolution 2005-03-10, Acquisition of the Cultural Center

Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2005-03-10 to purchase the Cultural Center from Historic Yellow Springs Inc. Mr. Cracas stated that the Board of Supervisors has had discussions relating to the feasibility of the acquisition during numerous Executive Sessions over the last year. The purpose of the acquisition is to move the Township Administrative offices and the Police Department's facility to the Cultural Center with the additional intent to create a Community Center. A feasibility study of the structure will be concluded by an architect. The existing and present location of the offices will be sold in the future.

Mr. Cracas stated that the Board of Supervisors wish to partner with Historic Yellow Springs Inc. to create a facility that would permit them to continue their existing programs. Mr. Cracas further stated that the Board's vision for the center is that it would become a very active and vital setting that would allow the residents of the community to participate and enjoy expanded and stronger cultural events and programs. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Robert Willson, representing Historic Yellow Springs Inc. presented the Board with an executed agreement of sale approved by its Board of Directors. Mr. Wilson expressed his gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their cooperation and welcomed the Township to the historic village.

Chairman Hallman III stated that the Board of Supervisors is looking forward to partnering with Historic Yellow Springs in a joint venture to preserve the historic character of the village and create a vital center for the Township.

Meeting Minute Approval

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2005 Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting, the January 28, 2005 Special Session with noted corrections, the February 7, 2005 Work Session, and the February 28, 2005 Regular Meeting. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cracas read the February 2005 Treasurer's Report. The Report is on file and available for review at the Township Office. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and bills submitted. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Police Report

Chief Clark read the February 2005 Police Report. The Report is on file and available for review at the Township Office.

Building/Zoning Report

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

Park and Recreation

Park and Recreation Chairman John Fiorillo read the Park and Recreation Report for March 2005. The Report is on file and available for review at the Township office.

Mr. Robert Willson from Historic Yellow Springs Inc. requested that the Township donate \$1, 500.00 to the June 5, 2005 Jazz Concert. Mr. Willson explained that the donation would make it possible to make this a free event. Historic Yellow Springs would also mention in their promotional materials that the Jazz Concert was a joint venture with the Township. Chairman Harold Hallman III stated that the Board would table a decision on granting the donation until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Cracas made a motion to release funds in the amount of \$1,200.00 from the Park and Recreation budget to the Mill at Anselma for its May event. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Mr. Fiorillo requested the Board consider the Park and Recreation Board's recommendation that the Township undertake the project of converting the Clover Mill Fields along Route 113 at Clover Mill Road into natural meadows. The project would include a government funded program titled the "Conservation Reserve Program". Chairman Harold Hallman III and Mr. Cracas expressed their desire to have specific questions answered on the Conservation Plan, and a detailed exact cost analysis of the project.

Mr. Long noted that Mr. Dennis Hallett, and Diana Urbanski have submitted letters of interest in pursuing the vacancy position on the Park and Recreation Board.

Planning Commission

Mr. Harry Miller reported the Planning Commission recently held their monthly meeting on March 11, 2005. The Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors grant conditional approval to the D'Agostino Subdivision and the Liebfried Subdivision plans. Mr. Miller also informed the Board that the Planning Commission is currently reviewing the present Subdivision and Land Development Application forms.

Library

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the appointment of Lori Rhoads and Deborah Wolk, as Trustees to the Chester Springs Library Board of Trustees. Vice-Chairman Linda Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Road Department

Mr. Long stated that the Road Department is continuing their maintenance practices.

Public Works

Mr. Long stated that the Public Works Department has been continuing the cleanup of tree debris and spring maintenance to the Township's parks and facilities.

Mr. Cracas announced the hiring of William Rometsch as a part-time employee when needed to the Public Works Department.

West End Fire Company

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

Kimberton Fire Company

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

Lionville Fire Company

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

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

Old Business

There were no items of Old Business brought before the Board of Supervisors.

New Business

Resolution 2005-03-09 D'Agostino Preliminary Plan Approval

Mr. David D'Agostino of D'Agostino Builders presented the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan for approval for property owned by Carl A. Lillmars Jr. The 27.143 gross acre parcel identified as tax parcel #34-4-129 will be subdivided into 11 lots. Albert Massey, Esquire representing D'Agostino Builders was also in attendance.

Chairman Harold Hallman III stated that the proposed bus stop shelter would need further discussion in the future. Mr. Cracas expressed his concern regarding the practicality of the homeowners being responsible for the open space and stormwater management areas. Mr. Cracas asked Mr. D'Agostino to produce the annual costs for such maintenance. Vice-Chairman Glaum expressed her concern of the lack of an emergency exit in regards to the Cul-de-sac.

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-03-09 and grant Preliminary and Subdivision Land approval with respect to the said application being subject to the conditions of the Planning Commission meeting approval of March 14, 2005 as

documented by the letter of Secretary Sean O'Neil dated March 14, 2005, and also with the listed conditions within Resolution 2005-03-09. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

State Salt Contract Agreement

Vice-Chairman Glaum made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to enter into the salt purchasing agreement with the state for 2005-2006. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Open Space update Grant Scope Modification

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Grant Scope Modification with Chester County Planning Commission and Thomas Comitta Associates. Chairman Harold Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Soto Land Development Time Extension

Mr. Cracas made a motion to grant the Land Development extension for the Soto Land Development Plan until July 16, 2005. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Announcements

Mr. Cracas announced the Treasury work is presently being outsourced. Mr. Cracas also stated that the Township office is in need of additional administrative staff. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to seek an office assistant. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Vice-Chairman Glaum requested that the Board consider returning to two regular meetings a month.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjournment

Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Vice-Chairman Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman J. Long,
Township Secretary