



West Pikeland Township
1645 Art School Road
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania
Board of Supervisors
January 3, 2023

ATTENDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ATTENDING TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Noreen Vigilante, Chair	Barbara Kelley, Township Manager
Steven Costa, Vice Chair	Dorene Guistwhite, Township Treasurer
Harold Hallman III, Supervisor	Amy Fulton, Township Secretary
Carin Mifsud, Supervisor	Shane Clark, Chief of Police
Richard Bright, Supervisor	

Ms. Mifsud called the meeting to order on January 3, 2023, at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Mifsud recommended that Elected Auditors Discussion and 1546 Mallard Lane Discussion be moved under New Business. Ms. Vigilante motioned to approve the agenda with the suggested edits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

TEMPORARY SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ms. Mifsud motioned to appoint Ms. Kelley as temporary Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bright and unanimously approved.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ms. Kelley asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Mifsud motioned to nominate Ms. Vigilante as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ms. Vigilante asked for nominations for the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Mifsud motioned to nominate Mr. Costa as Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bright and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Vigilante requested of the Board any corrections to the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2022. Mr. Hallman recommended removing 'SALT' from SALT theatre under New Business, as well as changing the years listed under Announcements to 2023. Mr. Costa motioned to approve the minutes with the recommended edits. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bright and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-01 APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023

Mr. Hallman motioned to approve Resolution 2023-01 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bright and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-02 DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS

Mr. Hallman motioned to approve Resolution 2023-02 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-03 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Hallman requested that the mileage rate be changed from 62.5 cents to 65.5 cents, as per PSATS. Dr. Bright motioned to approve Resolution 2023-03 with the suggested edits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-04 FIRE COMPANY DESIGNATION

Mr. Hallman motioned to approve Resolution 2023-04 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bright and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-05 DESIGNATED AMBULANCE SERVICE

Mr. Hallman motioned to approve Resolution 2023-05 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bright and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-06 COMPENSATION OF TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Hallman requested that 'he' listed in the first paragraph be updated to 'she.' Ms. Mifsud motioned to approve Resolution 2023-06 with the suggested edits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Executive Director of Chester Springs Library, Nancy Niggel, shared that the library's summer reading program will be featured in the PA Library Summer Showcase. Circulation was 1.4% higher in November 2022 than in November 2021. In addition, the door count was 32% higher, and there was a 32.3% increase in programming attendance from last year. Finally, Ms. Niggel shared that the library was interested in applying for a grant from the State Library to install a Story Walk in one of West Pikeland Township's parks. Ms. Niggel is interested in partnering with the township to help install the 20 Story Walk aluminum posts. Ms. Vigilante suggested Pine Creek Park as a possible location for the Story Walk. Mr. Hallman motioned to approve the installation of the Story Walk. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mifsud and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Elected Auditor Discussion: Ms. Vigilante shared that resident Scott Gately applied to fill the vacant Elected Auditor position. Mr. Gately has lived in West Pikeland Township for the past 20 years, possesses vast financial experience, and a desire to further support his community. Ms. Mifsud motioned to appoint Mr. Gately as a new Elected Auditor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hallman and unanimously approved.

1546 Mallard Lane Discussion: Ms. Lisa Lacroix of the West Pikeland Township Open Space Committee explained that the township was considering the purchase of 1546 Mallard Lane, a 5.1-acre parcel with Pickering creek running through it, making it a perfect space for land conservation. Ms. Lacroix shared that the current value of the land is \$125,000, but the owners have consented to sell the property to the township for \$75,000. During discussion, Mallard Lane residents inquired about the intended use of the property and asked if the Board of Supervisors were aware of the maintenance fees associated with Mallard Lane, which is a private road. Ms. Vigilante suggested tabling the discussion until additional information was collected.

Storage Building Utilities: Ms. Kelley shared that after consulting with EB Walsh Engineers and Bob Linn Architects, the recommendation was to utilize natural gas from PECO for the new township storage building, as there is already a PECO gas line located on Route 401 and it is the most cost-effective option. Ms. Vigilante asked Ms. Kelley to follow up with more information.

Paving Roads Tour: Mr. Hallman shared that the 2023 Road Tour would be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023, and that the public is welcome to attend. Mr. Hallman asked about holding a Volunteer Appreciation lunch following the Road Tour. Ms. Vigilante recommended holding the lunch on another date during the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, and Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Costa motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mifsud and unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fulton

West Pikeland Township Secretary