



West Pikeland Township  
1645 Art School Road  
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania  
Board of Supervisors  
April 1, 2024

ATTENDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ATTENDING TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Noreen Vigilante, Chair	Dorene Guistwhite, Township Treasurer
Harold M. Hallman III, Vice Chair	Madison Orlor, Township Secretary
	Joseph L. Romano III, Township Manager
Carin Mifsud, Supervisor	Shane Clark, Chief of Police
Thomas McLewee, Supervisor	

Ms. Vigilante called the meeting to order on April 1, 2024, at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve the agenda of the April 1, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting. Ms. Mifsud seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Ms. Mifsud made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. McLewee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**REPORTS**

*Library:* Ms. Nancy Niggel gave an overview of the February report. Ms. Niggel reported that February was a great month for the library. Ms. Niggel stated that circulation was up 2.7% from January 2024. Ms. Niggel stated that the door count from February 2023 to February 2024 was up 10.2%. Ms. Niggel also stated that the summer reading has been scheduled, containing six (6) shows. The Board thanked Ms. Niggel for her report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Carin Mifsud:* Ms. Mifsud shared that a portable restroom had been placed at Walnut Lane Park without the Township's permission. Ms. Mifsud stated that nothing should be placed in the Township Parks without getting approval from the Township first. Mr. Romano stated that the portable restroom will be removed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Motion to approve an extension until 31 May 2024 for the land development application submitted by Adhi Parasakthi Charitable Medical Education and Cultural (ACMEC) Society of North America:* Ms. Mifsud made a motion to approve the ACMEC extension until 31 May 2024. Mr. McLewee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion of proposed Ordinance 2024-01 (Bamboo Ordinance):* Mr. Romano explained that the ordinance will prevent any new bamboo from being planted, it will mitigate the existing bamboo and it will allow us to control the current bamboo. Mr. Romano explained that no new bamboo will be allowed to be planted and that the Township will have the right to eliminate any current bamboo that poses a safety risk. The Board agreed to table this topic until the next Board meeting on April 15, 2024.

*Act 537 (sewage Facilities Plan) update:* Mr. Romano stated that the draft application has been with DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) since 2020, who admittedly lost track of the application. Mr. Romano shared that the township was in compliance and that anticipated updates to the plan will cost approximately \$9,000 to complete. Mr. Romano stated that there is no action needed by the Township until the township receives a formal reply from the DEP.

*Discussion & motion to proceed with engineering solutions for infrastructure program (St Peters, Springhouse Bridge & Pikeland Rd. Stormwater):* Mr. Romano explained that St. Peter's Way will be getting paved this year and that Hunt Club Lane is sufficient for now. Mr.

Romano also explained that the guiderails on Spring House Bridge will be getting replaced, increasing the lifespan of the bridge until 2034. The Pikeland Road drainage project was submitted for a Local Share Account (LSA) grant but does not meet the board until Sept-Oct '24. Given the timeframe, Mr. Romano suggested and requested approval for the Engineer to write up a bid package for an "in-kind" project" pending the results of the LSA grant board. Ms. Mifsud made a motion to approve proceed with engineering solutions for infrastructure program (St Peters, Springhouse Bridge & Pikeland Rd. drainage). Mr. McLewee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Cultural Center courtyard & entrance lighting improving safety:* Mr. Romano explained that this lighting would be in the courtyard of the SALT entrances and would provide downward area lighting for safety concerns. Mr. Hallman suggested the staff meet with the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) to make sure this lighting complies, since it is in the front of the building. Mr. Romano agreed and stated he would set up a meeting with the Committee.

*Township building sidewalk/handicap area lighting:* Mr. Romano explained that the sidewalk with the railings near the parking lot will have downward area lighting for safety concerns as well. Mr. Romano stated that the light posts will be as close as a match to the light posts currently lighting the parking area. Ms. Mifsud made a motion to approve the lighting for the sidewalk/handicap area. Mr. McLewee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Resolution 2024-12 (Historical Commission and Historic Architectural Review Board members):* Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12. Ms. Mifsud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and the Police Association:* Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and the Police Association. Ms. Mifsud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Motion to approve rekeying service for Cultural Center and Administrative offices:* Ms. Mifsud made a motion to approve the rekeying service for the Cultural Center and Administrative offices. Mr. McLewee seconded the motion.

*"Did You Know" campaign & postcard:* Ms. Vigilante explained that the Township is sending out informational postcards to residents regarding taxes. Ms. Vigilante explained that this information will help residents understand where their tax dollars go to. The Board approved the sending of the postcard. The vote was unanimous. (any motion for this?)

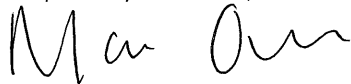
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Board of Supervisors meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024, and Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:30 PM.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Mifsud motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Mr. Hallman seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Madison Orler

West Pikeland Township Secretary