



# West Pikeland Township

ATTENDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ATTENDING TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Thomas J. McLewee Jr., Chair	Joseph L. Romano III, Township Manager
Noreen Vigilante, Vice Chair	Tom Goggin, Chief of Police
Steven F. Costa, Supervisor	Jennifer Wachsmuth, Township Secretary
Harold M. Hallman III, Supervisor	
Bryan Maher, Supervisor	

Mr. McLewee called the meeting to order on February 2, 2026 at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. McLewee reported an executive session was held on January 27, 2026 and earlier tonight, February 2, 2026, regarding personnel. There will also be an executive session following this evening’s meeting regarding personnel.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Vigilante made a motion to approve February 2, 2026, Board of Supervisors agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Hallman had comments regarding the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes. Under New Business regarding the Bellwoar Kelly contract. He does not believe the minutes capture what was said. Mr. Hallman requested that the audio recording of the meeting be maintained. Mr. McLewee asked if he was referring to the personnel part of it. Mr. Hallman stated he is referring to the Bellwoar Kelly Contract. Mr. Hallman requested an Executive Session which was denied. Because of this denial he is requesting that the audio file be maintained. Ms. Vigilante clarified that an Executive Session was held after the Board of Supervisors meeting, so his request was not denied. Mr. Hallman clarified that his request was for an immediate pause for an Executive Session and that request was denied. Mr. McLewee stated that the scheduled Executive Session held immediately following the meeting was intended to meet his request as opposed to leaving the general public meeting. Mr. Hallman reiterated that his request is to maintain the audio file of the meeting. Mr. Maher asked Ms. Wachsmuth what normally happens to the audio files. Ms. Wachsmuth stated that after the meeting minutes are approved the audio file is deleted. Mr. Romano asked Mr. Hallman for clarification on what he is looking for. Mr. Hallman said that the current minutes do not capture he was denied his request for an Executive Session. He wants the audio file preserved as a back up to these minutes. Mr. Romano stated he would consult with the solicitor regarding maintaining the audio file.

Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 20, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vigilante. The motion passed with a vote of four to one with Mr. Hallman recording a vote of nay.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to address.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Resolution 2026-09 (Declaration of Emergency)

Mr. Romano stated that on the advice of counsel, the subject Resolution was drafted and electronically approved by the Board of Supervisors in preparation for the recent winter storm event, 24-26 Jan 26. Signatures have been obtained. No further action required.

Mr. Hallman made a motion to pass the resolution, Ms. Vigilante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hallman thanked Mr. Romano for his quick response initiating this resolution. Mr. Maher praised our Public Works team for the excellent efforts clearing the township roads of snow and ice from this storm, which was one of the worst winter events we've encountered in years. Ms. Vigilante shared that she received many positive comments from residents pleased with our efforts.

b. Township Manager Resignation Notice

Mr. Romano said after having served our Nation for 44 years with the Department of Defense, he can say sincerely that his opportunity to serve as West Pikeland Township Manager the last two years stands among the most satisfying chapters of his professional life. He is thankful for the relationships built, the challenges faced, and the work accomplished together.

Mr. Costa regrettably made a motion to accept Mr. Romano's resignation as Township Manager effective May 2, 2026. Mr. Maher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in the vote.

Mr. Hallman asked Mr. Romano if the May 1<sup>st</sup> date was firm. Mr. Romano stated that the date is firm, but he will always be available as needed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Maher provided a follow-up point to the last supervisor's meeting regarding the Burn Ordinance that was passed. He is putting together group to discuss it and see if there is anything they can do to amend it or propose new amendments to it with the whole community. It was decided that the EAC facilitate the conversation, tomorrow 7:30pm, the date and time of the

working session. Once decided, it will be in the EAC minutes and will be publicized so all interested parties will know when the meeting will be.

Mr. Ryan Leithead, resident of the township, asked what would be needed to request a speed limit reduction for our section of Bodine Road. He cites approximately 3 incidents per week where the school bus his son rides is in danger of being struck by vehicles traveling too fast on Bodine Road, regardless of the yellow flashing lights on the school bus. The second question he proposed was adding a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign. In regard to a speed limit reduction, Mr. Hallman stated that a speed study would have to be conducted. Mr. Hallman asked Chief Goggin to complete a said study.

Mr. Jeff Kern, resident of the township, would like to add that the south side of Pikeland Road has a problem with speeding cars as well. The area has foot traffic around Binky Lee Preserve, and these individuals are at risk.

Mr. McLewee stated that in the past, a Police Cruiser would sit at the end of Dogwood Lane and catch speeders. Additionally, there are many School Bus Stops along Pikeland Road and cars traveling from Route 113 on Pikeland have to crest a small hill and if traveling too fast come face to face with a stopped School Bus. Mr. Hallman added that there are lines painted on Pikeland to assist Police with metering vehicle speeds.

Mr. Hallman suggested that many School Buses are now equipped with cameras and possibly these instances may have been captured. Mr. Leithead advise that the School Bus servicing his home is from Wolfington.

Chief Goggin gathered location and timing details from Mr. Leithead and stated that he would look into it.

Mr. McLewee asked if the township / township police still possessed the speed limit digital display apparatus. Mr. Romano stated that the Police have the device.

Mr. Costa asked what the process is to install a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign. Mr. Hallman suggested reviewing the manual of uniform traffic control devices/regulatory signs.

Mr. Romano summarized that Chief Goggin and Public Works Manager Mr. Cowan are the correct next steps to determine what we can do, investigating the laws surrounding adding signage to our streets.

Ms. Vigilante asked Chief if he thought it valuable to reach out to the bus company for footage of any issues on these two roads. Chief replied that footage is usually captured when the Stop Bar/Arm on the bus is in the down position but is not sure if Downingtown is using that, but will followup with the school district.

Mr. Costa asked Mr. Romano, Chief Goggin and Mr. Cowan to fact gather between now and the next meeting and bring findings to 2/17/26 meeting.

Mr. Maher asked Mr. Romano if all the bus routes that serve our township are publicized or provided to the township. Mr. Romano stated that they had not been shared with the township. Mr. Maher mentioned that he thinks the township should be aware of these locations. Mr. Hallman reminded him that we have both public and private buses servicing our township. Mr. Maher stated that we should be aware of all bus traffic and scheduled stop locations. A map of this nature could be used to schedule and rotate the police force to periodically to enforce safe driving.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. McLewee stated that the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2026 and Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to address, Mr. McLewee requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hallman made the motion, seconded by Ms. Vigilante. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Wachsmuth  
Township Secretary