



West Pikeland Township

ATTENDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ATTENDING TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Noreen Vigilante, Chair	Joseph L. Romano III, Township Manager
Harold M. Hallman III, Vice Chair	Jennifer Wachsmuth, Township Secretary
Steven F. Costa, Supervisor	Dorene Guistwhite, Township Treasurer
Thomas J. McLewee Jr., Supervisor	Officer Kurt DeForrest, WPT Police
	Guy Donatelli, Esq, Solicitor

Ms. Vigilante called the meeting to order on October 20, 2025 at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the October 20, 2025, Board of Supervisors agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLewee and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLewee and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Vigilante reported that executive sessions are scheduled for October 27 and November 12, 2025. The topic of discussion is personnel.

REPORTS:

Police:

Officer DeForrest reported that for the month of September 2025 there were 596 calls handled, one of which was addressed by the Pennsylvania State Police. 619 hours were worked, 4,199 miles were traveled, 78 traffic citations were written, 68 traffic warnings issued, 1 DUI, 2 harassment, 1 criminal mischief, and 4 suspicious conditions.

Treasurer Report/Approval of Bills:

Ms. Guistwhite provided the written report to the Board. Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. McLewee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Story Walk @ Walnut Lane Park:

Mr. Romano reminded the Board that on January 3, 2023 the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the installation of 20 pedestals in Pine Creek Park, later moved to Walnut Lane Park, and introduced Mr. Jeff Loudin. Mr. Loudin, Chair of the Township's Parks and Recreation Committee, summarized the Operations and Maintenance Plan for

the Board and the attendees – 20 pedestals spaced 118 ft apart from each other will be installed around the path at Walnut Lane Park. Each pedestal will contain 1 or 2 pages of the same children's picture book, to be read in succession by walking station to station. The benefit is two-fold – promote reading, whether by a youngster or a parent to a child and the fresh air and exercise that it will support. The book/pages will be updated by the Chester Springs Library staff quarterly. Mr. Costa asked how the pages are installed/held in place. Mr. Pete Kim, Treasurer of the Chester Springs Library stated that the pages are held under plexiglass which is secured via screws to the podium. A resident in the audience asked the cost of the story walk. Mr. Kim answered \$7500, paid for in full by the Library. Installation is 2026, timeline is weather dependent.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2025-14 (Application for Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant -Public Works Vehicles)

Mr. Romano presented a Resolution in support of a Local Share Account (LSA) grant submitted for two public works vehicles. Replacing aging public works vehicles, specifically the Ford F550 dump truck and Ford F350 utility truck, a successful grant award will address operational efficiency and reliability. Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14 authorizing submission of a Local Support Account grant application for public works vehicles. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLewee and unanimously approved.

b. Resolution 2025-15 (Application for Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant - Police Vehicles)

Mr. Romano presented this Resolution in support of a Local Share Account (LSA) grant for two police vehicles. Replacing aging police vehicles will address reliability which directly impacts emergency response times and the overall effectiveness of police operations, efficiency and reliability. Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15 authorizing submission of a Local Support Account grant application for police vehicles. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

c. Resolution 2025-16 (Application for Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant - Cody/Pathfinder Safety Solution System)

Mr. Romano presented this Resolution in support of a Local Share Account (LSA) grant submitted to purchase and implement the Pathfinder RMS, a next-generation, cloud-based records management system designed to modernize data collection, reporting, and accessibility. Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16 authorizing submission of a Local Support Account grant application to purchase Cody/Pathfinder Safety Solution System. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLewee and unanimously approved.

d. Memorandum of Understanding with the West Pikeland Police Association

Mr. Romano shared that an agreement between township representatives (Mr. Costa, Mr. McLewee and Mr. Eric Brown, Township Labor Solicitor) and the West Pikeland Police Association (Officer DeForrest and Mr. McCarron) has been reached. This Memorandum

of Understanding (MOU) amends and extends the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Township and the Police Officers' Association, setting new terms effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030. Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve the MOU with the West Pikeland Police Association, amending and extending the current CBA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

Additionally, Mr. Costa and Mr. McLewee expressed their appreciation to Officer DeForrest and asked that he share their thanks with Mr. McCarron. Both supervisors found these negotiation meetings informative. Mr. Hallman also expressed his appreciation to Officer DeForrest and Mr. McCarron.

e. Certificate of Appropriateness (Historic Yellow Springs/Chester Springs Library)

Mr. Romano shared at the September 24, 2025 meeting of the West Pikeland Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB), the Board reviewed an application from Historic Yellow Springs for proposed exterior and interior repairs to the historic structure located at 1685 Art School Road, Chester Springs, PA housing the Chester Springs Library. The HARB recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the removal and replacement of the existing damaged roof, roof decking, and framing; installation of new code-compliant framing and asphalt shingle roofing consistent with the existing appearance; and miscellaneous exterior work, including soffit, trim, and gutter repairs or replacement as needed. No alterations will be made to the visible exterior facade, other than potential adjustments to gutters and downspouts to improve drainage, which will be completed in a manner consistent with the building's historic character and integrity. Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 1685 Art School Road, Chester Springs, PA. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLewee and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Vigilante opened the floor for public comment.

Resident Glenn Cronin, Dunsinane Hill Rd., had a question about the posting of financials on the township website and the Open Space allocations. Lastly, he had a question for the Solicitor regarding the sample ballot he received in the mail and wanted clarification on the plain language portion of the referendum.

Mr. Donatelli, Esq replied that the millage increase, if voted for by the residents and approved by the Board of Supervisors, would be an annual increase and used specifically for the Police Department.

Note: Mr. Donatelli 's statement was corrected to mean the revenue resulting from the millage increase will be placed into the General Fund used to fund police services.

Resident Andrea Fiorello, Wildlife Dr was concerned that the tax increase (if approved) would be placed in the township general fund.

Ms. Vigilante shared that the funds would enter the Township's general fund—which supports multiple services—where they will support the police department's expansion and sustainability through 2030. Ms. Vigilante reiterated that a Budget Work Session meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 6:30pm and encouraged residents to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Supervisors meetings scheduled for Monday, November 3rd, 2025, is cancelled to allow for the meeting room to prepare for election day, November 4, 2025. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be on:

- Monday, November 17th at 7:30 PM
- Monday, December 1st at 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Costa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLewee and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed//jkw
Jennifer K. Wachsmuth
Township Secretary