



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	Dorene Guistwhite, Township Treasurer
Bryan Maher, Supervisor	Jennifer Wachsmuth, Township Secretary

Mr. McLewee called the meeting to order on February 17, 2026 at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McLewee reported an executive session was held on February 12, 2026 regarding personnel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Vigilante made a motion to approve the February 17, 2026, Board of Supervisors agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

REPORTS

Police:

Chief Goggin reported statistics for the month of January 2026:

- Winter Storm January 25th. No significant issues, well-staffed and managed
- 99 calls for service (alarm activations, well checks, assistance to Fire & EMS)
- 389 Patrol Checks (Business and School)
- 46 Vehicle stops
- 55 Traffic Citations
- 9 non-reportable crashes (no injuries, vehicles able to leave the scene without being towed)
- 1 theft
- 2 minor drug offenses
- 3 identity theft/fraud
- Fleet management update
- Police Vehicle Grant
- Updates to Business/School Emergency Contact list in progress
- Chief Goggin received a guided tour of Montgomery School

Chief Goggin reported that Sgt. Wayne O'Connell has completed all required coursework for the prestigious School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University.

Treasurer Report/Approval of Bills:

Ms. Guistwhite provided the written report to the Board.

Mr. McLewee requested an update on the amount of Road Salt purchased/used in 2026. Ms. Guistwhite reported that \$22,000 has been spent of the \$40,000 budgeted for this year.

Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Maher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. School Bus Safety

Chief Goggin reported that during the most recent Board of Supervisors meeting, two residents expressed concerns regarding traffic and speeding on Bodine Road and Pikeland Road, particularly during school bus pick-up and drop-off times.

In response, Chief Goggin implemented a three-pronged action plan:

- 1) Officers were assigned to patrol the affected areas during peak travel times to observe traffic conditions and provide a visible police presence.
- 2) A review was conducted of previously completed traffic studies, including traffic volume and recorded speed data. While speeding was not identified as a significant concern, traffic volume during the reported timeframe of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. was documented.
- 3) Chief Goggin and Township's Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Cowan, conducted a site visit to further assess conditions. They are currently evaluating whether the required 500-foot sightline exists between a potential "School Bus Stop Ahead" warning sign and the bus stop location. Installation of this sign is at the discretion of the Township.

Both residents have been updated on these actions and have expressed satisfaction with the progress made to date.

NEW BUSINESS

b. Environmental Advisory Council Member approval

Mr. Romano shared a request from Ms. Sarah Newman, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council recommending the Board's approval of Mr. Jim Maguire as a member of the EAC.

Mr. Mike Leader, current EAC member, advised that Mr. Maguire comes very highly recommended – consistently hands on at EAC events.

Mr. Maher made a motion to approve Mr. Jim Maguire as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council, seconded by Ms. Vigilante. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Certificate of Appropriateness (1701 Art School Road)

Mr. Romano reported that on February 11, 2026 the West Pikeland Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) convened to consider the application submitted by Mr. Daniel Oliver of TSC Wireless Telecom Construction, endorsed by HYS, for proposed modifications to the existing tower located at the apex of the property at 1701 Art School Road. The proposed work includes the replacement of antennas and the upgrade of ancillary equipment, as needed.

Pursuant to Section 804.D(5)(c), HARB recommends that the Board of Supervisors issue a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the following scope of work, as detailed in the approved application: removal of twelve (12) antennas; installation of six (6) antennas; and upgrading of ancillary equipment, as necessary.

Mr. McLewee clarified that the proposed modifications will occur along the main shaft of the existing tower and that no additions are proposed.

Ms. Vigilante made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 1701 Art School Road, seconded by Mr. Costa. The vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. McLewee opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Maher provided an update on the Working session hosted by the Environmental Advisory Council regarding the Burning Ordinance that was passed earlier this year. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 19th at 7:30pm. The community is encouraged to attend and work through the concerns with the current approved ordinance. This event will be promoted via the township website as well as our social media accounts and the March Newsletter.

Mr. Mike Leader, township resident, stated that he was very happy that the West Pikeland Police force was kept and welcomed Chief Goggin. He requested that the Board of Supervisors continue to look for ways to contain or reduce the cost for the force, possibly by sharing services with neighboring townships.

Ms. Vigilante advised that those options were fully investigated and we were unable to find a willing township to partner with. For example, Charlestown Township currently uses the State Police and are very happy with the arrangement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be at 7:30pm on:

- Monday, March 2, 2026
- Monday, March 16, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, Ms. Vigilante made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Costa. Mr. McLewee adjourned the meeting at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Wachsmuth
Township Secretary