

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 5, 2016**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Township Manager Kim Moretti.

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the December 1, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti provided highlights from her 2015 Township Administration Annual Report which was also posted for public review.

Public Works – Al Cushman’s annual department report was posted for review.

Police Department – Chief Franciscus provided statistics for the month of December 2015: Officers responded to 250 calls, 1 burglary, 1 DUI, 2 criminal mischief arrests, and 21 accidents. Officer Smith attended drug interdiction training.

Zoning Officer’s Report – Kisha Tyler’s annual Zoning report was posted for review.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2016-02** to continue the original Act 209 fee while plan is being updated. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 2 for Lot 2 of the Shick Subdivision**, in the amount of \$3,785, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 2 for Lot 3 of the Shick Subdivision**, in the amount of \$24,501, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to **approve East Pikeland Police Contract** for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously. Officer Pat Ehmann, chief negotiator for the Police Association, was in the audience and acknowledged that the negotiation process went very smoothly. He thanked the Board for approving the new contract.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to **approve RESOLUTION 2016-01**, appointing the accounting firm of Barbacane, Thornton & Co. to conduct a fiscal audit and prepare the 2015 annual financial report; thereby replacing the elected auditors for 2016. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2016-03**, adopting the updated Chester County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to enact **ORDINANCE No. 172**, amending the Police Pension Plan to include an Act 44 retirement program. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jonathan Gayl asked for an explanation of the ordinance. Officer Pat Ehmann responded that this ordinance allows the inclusion of a DROP benefit in the police contract. The DROP program allows an officer who meets retirement criteria to continue to work for a specified period of time while their pension benefit is put into a separate fund for future use by the retiree. Mr. Graham added that the cost of this benefit to the township is minimal, but the benefit to the officers is substantial.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager