

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

January 6, 2014

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chair Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Township Manager Kim Moretti.

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. following the annual reorganization meeting..

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the December 3, 2013, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Mrs. Moretti reported that Senator Dinniman and Representative Corbin had sent notices to the township about an amendment to the Open Space Preservation Act which would allow municipalities that collect an open space tax to utilize 25% of the tax for developing, improving, designing, engineering and maintaining property acquired with open space funds. Mr. Strauss stated that the Open Space Committee has discussed this legislation. Mr. Graham stated that the township does not have any plans to change our policy to use open space funds for other purposes at this time.

Department Reports

Township Manager's Report – Mrs. Moretti updated the Board on the French Creek trail project and the pedestrian bridge #2 contract. She also reported on sewage issues and grant administration. December was also spent preparing for the new year.

Public Works – Posted

Police Department – Police Department statistics for December were: 222 complaints, 47 traffic citations, 2 burglaries, 6 thefts, 2 DUI, 4 criminal mischiefs, 5 reportable accidents and 7 non-reportable accidents. Chief Franciscus reported that now that Officer Corbo has been hired the Department is back to being fully-staffed. Mr. Graham commended the department on the number of DUI arrests (total of 40 in 2013).

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION P-19 of 2014**, reducing police officers' contributions to the police pension plan for the year 2014, per the Police Contract. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve a post-approval **waiver of Section 306.B.7.g(13)(d)** of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to adjust the **Coldstream Crossing, Phase 2** land

development plans to delete fencing from around stormwater basins 1, 2 and 4, with the exception being around the slope of Basin #2, as requested by the Homeowner's Association and endorsed by the township engineer. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to grant the following waivers from the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance for the Moran Minor Subdivision:

- a. Section 304.C.7.b(19) requiring contour lines on the plan since no development or disturbance is proposed
- b. Section 305.C.2 partial waiver from site design and layout referred to in the LTL review letter.
- c. Section 403 requiring concrete monuments; metal markers will be set at corners

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2014-01** granting approval to the Moran Minor Subdivision. Mr. Campbell approved the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pedestrian Bridge #2 discussion - Mrs. Moretti reported that two bids were received for the contract to fabricate the second pedestrian bridge for the French Creek Trail, however the low bidder had not attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting, did not provide appropriate references and the references that were called raised concerns about the vendor being able to deliver a bridge in a timely manner. Based on these concerns she recommended rejecting the low bid and awarding the contract to Contech, the second responsible bidder. Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to award the contract for fabrication of Pedestrian Bridge #2 over French Creek to Contech Engineered Solutions with a bid of \$85,300. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to direct the Township Manager to re-bid the contract for construction of a pedestrian bridge over French Creek. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Moretti explained that while the new Prevailing Wage law sets a threshold of \$100,000 that applies only to highway projects, therefore the project needs to be re-bid at prevailing wage rates.

Discussion Items

Public Sewer Capacity Needs – Mrs. Moretti distributed a chart that has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and will be sent to Valley Forge Sewer Authority updating the sewer capacity needs of the township based on potential development projects. The Board agreed with the assessment.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Submitted by,
Kim Moretti, Township Manager