

**East Pikeland Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
January 3, 2017**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 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 7:10 p.m. following the annual Reorganization Meeting.

**Minutes**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Department Reports**

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti provided highlights from her 2016 Township Administration Annual Report which was also posted for public review. She announced that the French Creek Trail blazing project has been complete and the trail is now open from Hares Hill Road to Township Line Road, encompassing 2 miles.

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson provided statistics for 2016: Officers responded to a total of 2574 complaints during the year, including: 6 burglaries, 20 DUIs, 15 drug arrests, 45 thefts, 18 criminal mischief arrests, and 180 accidents. 474 traffic citations were issued in 2016.

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

**Old Business**

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2016-01**, adopting an amended Fee Schedule. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2016-02**, appointing the accounting firm of Barbacane, Thornton & Co. to conduct a fiscal audit and prepare the 2016 annual financial report; thereby replacing the elected auditors for 2017. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**New Business**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to accept the resignation of Bernard Martin from the East Pikeland Police Department, effective December 31, 2016. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, with regrets. Motion carried.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the promotion of Officer Joseph Heyman to Police Sergeant, effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the promotion of Robert Wilson from part-time to full-time Police Officer, effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the promotion of Matthew Paris from part-time to full-time Police Officer, effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Open Space Discussion** – Mr. Strauss gave an overview of open space projects that the Open Space Committee has asked the Board of Supervisors to consider moving forward with.

**Doherty Property** on Kimberton Road is .73 acres. The OSC obtained an appraisal in order to purchase the property. The appraised value is \$85,000. There is a cottage on the property that would need to be demolished.

**Dixon Property** on Prizer Road is about 5 acres. The OSC is interested in purchasing three acres in the rear of the property which have been appraised for \$120,000; are adjacent to other township open space; and connect to the Doherty property. The two properties, along with the newly acquired Connell property on Prizer Road, would allow for a trail system to be built as part of the Walkable Kimberton plan.

After discussion, Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to direct the Township Manager to prepare a Letter of Intent for both the Dixon and Doherty properties in order to purchase them at the appraised value. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Hirt Property** located at Church and Clover Mill Roads is about 6 acres and is advertised for sale. The Open Space Committee has asked the Board to consider authorizing an appraisal of the property to purchase the development rights. The Board directed the Township Manager to contact the property owner, prior to authorizing an appraisal, to determine if the owner has any interest. John Schott from the OSC commented that the property is adjacent to other preserved properties.

### **Public Comment**

Barry Hallman questioned when Rapps Dam Road will be opened. Mrs. Moretti had no news to share on that issue.

Another resident brought up the intersection of Rapps Dam and 113 as being hazardous if trying to turn onto Rapps Dam across 113 traffic. John Schott responded that this intersection is on the newly adopted Act 209 Transportation Study improvement list.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Submitted by,  
*Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager*