

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 1, 2015**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 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.

Fire Police Officer

Mrs. Moretti swore in Rosemary Deery as a new Fire Police Officer. She was welcomed by the Board.

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the November 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that she is working with PennDOT on ideas to protect the Rapps Dam Covered Bridge from future accidents. Several options are being considered. The township purchased a new telephone system and was able to sell the old system through an online municipal bid site for \$365. This month Mrs. Moretti met with insurance brokers for renewal meetings and held an employee health insurance renewal meeting. The Park & Rec Board held a French Creek Trail clean-up event on November 7th. Progress is being made towards acquisition of the Brownfields property as open space. Lastly, a grant application is in process for a sidewalk project along the 724/23 corridor.

Public Works – Al Cushman's report was posted for review.

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson reported statistics for the month of November 2015: 1 theft, 1 assault, 2 drug arrests, 2 criminal mischief arrests, 4 misdemeanor/felony arrests, and response to 19 accidents. Mr. Graham recognized Sgt. Wilson on successfully managing the recent Limerick Drill as the new Emergency Management Coordinator for the township.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve a **three-year contract with the Chester County SPCA** for Animal Control Services. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 11 for Coldstream Crossing Phase 2**, in the amount of \$175,213.55, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to grant a **180-day timeclock extension for the Condign/Kaiserman** Land Development Application, until June 4, 2016. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to **appoint Barbara Ray to the Historical Commission** with term ending 12/31/15. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to **approve RESOLUTION 2015-21**, authorizing release of Act 209 funds for acquisition of right-of-way for a new signalized intersection as Routes 23/724. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-22**, to set the tax rate for East Pikeland Township at .44 mils for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-23**, adopting the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-24**, authorizing submission of a Multimodal Grant Application to PennDOT for the 724 Corridor Sidewalk Project. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ron Hoinowski asked if this included parts of Route 23 and Mrs. Moretti responded affirmatively. Jonathan Gayl asked if Kimberton Village sidewalk plan was included in the grant application. Mrs. Moretti responded that it was not as the Planning Commission is still working on the village re-zoning project.

Public Comment

Jonathan Gayl asked the status of the condemnation that was authorized by the Board at the November meeting. Mrs. Moretti responded that it is in the hands of the solicitor and is moving forward.

Carol Thompson asked about the status of the Piazza property. Mr. Strauss responded that the Open Space Committee was asked to come up with an offer for the property owner and the solicitor has now been directed to move forward with the open space acquisition process.

Announcements

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager