

**East Pikeland Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

**August 5, 2014**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 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 7pm.

**Minutes**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the July 1, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Department Reports**

Township Manager's Report – Mrs. Moretti reported that during the month of July staff prepared articles for a new regional magazine that will replace the township newsletter and be mailed four times each year with the first issue to hit mailboxes in early September. She is working with a special attorney to amend the Wireless Facilities Ordinance in order to include regulations for mini-cell towers. Mrs. Moretti reported that the number of building permits rose in July – a good sign for the economy. The number of land development project meetings has also increased recently. Stormwater education mailings were sent out to township restaurants and auto repair shops in July, as part of the MS4 stormwater program.

Public Works Report – Posted

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson provided a report of July 2014 statistics: 240 police responses, 2 assaults, 1 burglary, 4 vehicle thefts, 8 thefts, 14 felony/misdemeanors, 72 traffic citations were issued and there were 4 reportable accidents. Sgt. Wilson reported that there was a rash of car thefts this month and all four vehicles were recovered. A majority of the felonies were from French Creek Outfitters where people not allowed to purchase a gun have lied on their application. The Kimberton Fair was uneventful in terms of police calls.

Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee Update – Rusty Strauss reported that the regional planning committee reviewed two ordinances of regional impact in the past few months – both for East Pikeland Township – the Mixed Use Overlay Ordinance and the Kimberton Village Overlay Ordinance. The group is seeking services from a new land planner and distributed a Request for Proposals, of which they received four responses. Three candidates will be interviewed at their August meeting.

**Old Business**

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2014-07**, amending the Shick Subdivision. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mrs. Moretti explained that the subdivision dates back to 2007, but had never been recorded. A new builder has purchased the plans from Mrs. Shick and plans to build two new homes on Camp Council Road.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the **escrow release #21 for the Kimberton Meadows Subdivision** in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kimberton Meadows resident Joe Schneider asked what the release is for. Attorney Lincke explained that the developer had asked for a substantial escrow release three days prior and was pushing for the township to take action at this meeting. The township engineer did a cursory review of the request and suggested that a release of \$25,000 would be reasonable. Resident Barry Hallman asked what the current escrow balance is. Mrs. Moretti responded that the construction line items still total about \$775,000 – before this current release. The contingency fund has over \$280,000, of which the Board of Supervisors is adamant shall not be released until the project is complete.

### **New Business**

None

### **Public Comment**

Dennis Ray asked if the new parking area being constructed at the East Pikeland Elementary School would be removed when the teaching trailers are removed. Mrs. Moretti explained that an overflow parking area with a gravel base is being constructed off of Seven Stars Road. She added that when the trailers are removed that it will probably mean that they are moving to a new school and at that time the township can follow up about removing the overflow parking area.

David Saneck, a Phoenixville Borough resident, commented that he does not agree with the proposed plan to abandon the 422 Spur Right-of-Way (ROW) owned by PennDOT as part of the Cutler Subdivision. Mr. Graham responded that the township is in negotiations with Cutler over litigation and that the use of the ROW will be beneficial to the township and region. Regional discussion has been held in meetings with PennDOT. He further stated that PennDOT is happy to abandon the ROW since portions of it have already been abandoned in other areas. Mr. Strauss commented that the Cutler plan does not preclude PennDOT from utilizing the ROW through Phoenixville for further extension to Route 113.

Irene Hilly, sister of David Saneck, mirrored her brother's comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

*Kim Moretti*  
*Township Manager*