

**East Pikeland Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

**September 2, 2014**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss and Township Manager Kim Moretti. Supervisor Ben Campbell was absent.

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**Minutes**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the August 5, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Department Reports**

Township Manager's Report – Mrs. Moretti reported that during the month of August she prepared reports and reimbursement requests for several grant projects; has been involved in land development discussions; and prepared the snow removal bid package. The second pedestrian bridge on the French Creek Trail is still not open but the ramps are currently being installed.

Two upcoming events are being planned – Family Movie Night at Kimberton Park on September 13 and a Family Fun Run on the French Creek Trail on October 25th.

Public Works Report – Posted

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson provided a report of August 2014 statistics: 221 police responses, 3 thefts, 1 vehicle theft, 7 drug arrests, 4 DUIs, 61 traffic citations were issued and there were 12 accidents. Sgt. Wilson reported that a major drug arrest was made in August where a marijuana growing operation in a township home was shut down with an arrest made and drug paraphernalia confiscated.

Planning Commission Update – John Schott reported that this has been a slow period for the Planning Commission with no active land development projects; however they will have a couple of projects in the future. In the meantime the Planning Commission has been working on amendments to the zoning for the MU district with the goal of encouraging economic development along the 724 and 113 commercial corridors. With regard to the proposed zoning amendment to Kimberton Retail district, the Planning Commission feels the Board should delay passage of the ordinance until the private property owners who will benefit by the ordinance advance their land development applications.

**Old Business**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2014-08**, authorizing execution of a 5-year Winter Traffic Services Agreement with PennDOT for the purpose of snow removal by East Pikeland Township from specified State roads. Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to adopt **RESOLUTION 2014-09**, authorizing execution of a Tri-Party Agreement with PennDOT, the David Cutler Group and East Pikeland Township relative to the Cutler Subdivision and boulevard construction. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize execution of an amendment to the **Stipulation Agreement for the Cutler Subdivision**.

Jonathan Gayl asked what the amended stipulation entails. Mr. Graham responded that the amendment effectively redesigns the original plan from 2005, including the number and type of units and the traffic pattern improvements with the construction of a boulevard road and a new intersection at Route 724 and 23. Additionally, there will no longer be a park as part of the new plan but a \$2M fee will be paid to the township by Cutler. The Board of Supervisors feels this plan and agreement is a better deal for the township than the original stipulation. Mike Dimmerling asked is the \$2M is unrestricted for general operating purposes. Mr. Graham responded that it is.

There being no further questions, the motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve a 90-day **timeclock extension for the Gappa Subdivision**, Preliminary Plan Application, until December 7, 2014. Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to grant **Escrow Release No. 22 for Kimberton Meadows Subdivision** in the amount of \$99,613.75, as recommended by the township engineer. Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and passed unanimously.

Resident Mike Dimmerling asked about the status of litigation between East Pikeland Township and Kimberton Meadows. Mr. Graham explained that the developer, Benson, filed a complaint against the township alleging that the township has not released escrow funds in violation of the development agreement. The Board of Supervisors remains adamant about not releasing funds from contingency.

### New Business

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2014-10**, authorizing a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of commercial signs for Advanced Video Technology located at 2218 Kimberton Road. Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2014-11**, authorizing a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a commercial sign for Crown Trophy located at 2222 Kimberton Road. Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2014-12**, authorizing a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of a roof at 1300 Hares Hill Road. Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve the **2015 Police Pension Fund Minimum Municipal Obligation** in the amount of \$84,893. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve the **2015 Non-Uniformed Personnel Pension Fund Minimum Municipal Obligation** in the amount of \$10,342. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to enact **ORDINANCE No. 162**, amending the Zoning Ordinance to create a Kimberton Village Overlay District. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion.

Mr. Graham stated that he listened to the comments expressed during the public hearing on this ordinance and feels that there is little negative impact if the ordinance were to be enacted. He feels enactment shows good faith to the property owners who can now submit land development applications. There being no further discussion the motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to ratify an agreement for the purchase of **MuniLogic Municipal software**. Mrs. Moretti explained that the new software will be for administrative purposes and allow the staff to access all information about a specific township parcel through a centralized database. The cost of the software is about \$10,000. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Graham addressed a letter submitted to him from Mr. Blain Huey of Hares Hill Road. Mr. Huey has a complaint relative to issuance and follow-up of a police citation. Mr. Graham explained that the elected officials cannot address his concerns because they do not get involved in law enforcement matters.

David Saneck, a Phoenixville Borough resident, asked about the previously approved Resolution 2014-09 and whether he could obtain a copy. Mr. Graham suggested he contact the township office.

### **Announcements**

Mr. Graham announced that he and Mr. Strauss both attended a memorial service for a mutual friend. No township business was discussed at that time.

Mr. Strauss announced that he and Mr. Campbell had lunch together where township business was discussed, however no decisions were made.

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

Submitted by,

*Kim Moretti*  
*Township Manager*