

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 7, 2019**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Township Manager Kim Moretti. Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss participated via Facetime while on vacation.

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m. following the annual Reorganization Meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve the December 4, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Kim Moretti reported that a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held in December was a nice opportunity to thank volunteers for their time. In December she participated in a webinar on the new Certified Local Government regulations and had a phone conference with PennDOT regarding the Green Light Go grant that had been awarded to the township. Unfortunately, the bids PennDOT received for the project were 3 times the estimated cost requested in the grant. Therefore, the grant funds will not be accepted and Mrs. Moretti will work with the traffic signal contractor to obtain a new cost estimate and determine how to proceed with the project.

An annual township administration report was submitted to the Board for review. Mrs. Moretti reported that net income in the General Fund for 2018 will be approximately \$275,000. The total year-end fund balance is over \$12M. Administrative staff participated in various training programs during the year and administered several grants. Mrs. Moretti plans to focus on grants in 2019 on projects such as transportation, recycling, park and recreation, open space and sewage planning projects. She will work with Al Cushman on a ten-year plan for building maintenance.

Resident Steven Penzone asked about the status of the Pikeland Glen Mobile Home Park and if PECO has any plans for the Cromby property. Mrs. Moretti responded that the township has obtained an appraisal of the Pikeland Glen land in order to consider it as an open space purchase. The township is currently in negotiations with the developer on this issue. The Cromby property has been sold. The new property owners have not announced their plans for the property. PECO will continue to operate a large sub-station on the property.

Public Works – Al Cushman provided statistics and highlights of 2018 from the Public Works Department, including weather highlights, personnel training, PA One Call responses and miscellaneous projects. In addition, the Public Works crew spent a lot of time working in Kimberton Park to complete the amphitheater project, including outfitting the restrooms and concession stand. 2018 was a record year for income generated from the yard waste recycling

program. 925 tons of mulch and compost were processed, 24.53 tons of scrap metal were recycled and 527 Christmas trees were recycled.

Police Department – Officer Rob McCole provided the 2018 Police Department Statistics where they responded to 2,745 complaints for the year, including 4 assaults, 3 burglaries, 31 thefts, 14 criminal mischief complaints, 17 drug arrests, 26 DUI arrests and 64 other crimes. 78 felony/misdemeanor arrests were made and 26 summary citations were issued. There were 187 accidents in the township in 2018 and 343 traffic citations were issued.

Resident Steven Penzone asked if there is any specific area in the township with the most traffic and/or accident issues. Officer McCole responded that Wall Street and Spring City Road have seen more accidents because of speeding and/or weather conditions.

Resident Dennis Ray asked how many doses of Narcan had the Police Department administered in 2018. Officer McCole estimated that it was used four times.

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

West End Ambulance – Capt. John Osborne reported that they responded to 660 ambulance calls in East Pikeland Township in 2018; with 64 in December. He verbally acknowledged Police Officers Corbo and Paris who recently responded to an ambulance call for a cardiac arrest assist and did an outstanding job. He announced the following training programs that would be offered, at no cost, to the public:

- Stop the Bleed training at Valley Forge Fire Company on January 15 and February 19, 2019 at 6pm. The February program will also include CPR Certification.

They will also offer a Stop the Bleed program at Kimberton Fire Co. in September, date to be announced. They plan to approach local businesses to offer Stop the Bleed and CPR programs to their employees.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve Escrow Release No. 1 for Phase 2 Preserve at Kimberton Glen, in the amount of \$492,697.20, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve Escrow Release No. 4 for Phase 1 Reserve at Kimberton Glen, in the amount of \$220,880.00, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve Escrow Release No. 5, for Phase 1 Preserve at Kimberton Glen, in the amount of \$157,394.82, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-01**, appointing the accounting firm of Barbacane, Thornton and Company to conduct a fiscal audit and prepare the 2018 annual financial report; thereby replacing the elected auditors for 2019. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-02**, amending the township Fee Schedule. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-03**, designating emergency service providers for East Pikeland Township for 2019. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to acknowledge resignation of Martin Sheehan from the Open Space Committee due to a move outside the township. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to authorize execution of Grant Agreement with PA DEP for a Section 902 Recycling Equipment Grant. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to grant waiver of Section 304.C.7.b(19) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for the Minor Subdivision at 104 Heritage Court, to waive the requirement for contour lines to be shown on the plan since no earth disturbance is proposed. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-04**, approving a Minor Subdivision plan for 104 Heritage Court. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve request from Officer Brendan Flood to pursue Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Penn State with 75% reimbursement from the township for Grade B or better, pursuant to the current Police Association Contract. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager