

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 6, 2018**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Manager Kim Moretti. Ron Graham was absent.

Mr. Strauss called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Presentation

Steve Kutsuflakis of the accounting firm Barbacane Thornton presented the 2017 audit report. The audit is conducted in compliance with DCED requirements. The firm also evaluated the township's internal controls and have no deficiencies to report.

Minutes

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the February 6, 2018 Board of Supervisors minutes. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Mr. Strauss reported that the Chester County Tax Collection Committee submitted a 2017 tax collections report and that a letter was received from resident Robert Davis about multiple topics.

Mr. Davis was present and asked for clarification on how to get on the agenda and feels there is confusion based on Mr. Graham telling him at the last meeting that he just needed to call the township office to request being on the agenda. Mr. Strauss responded that the township manager prepares the agenda and it includes action items for the Board and if someone wishes to discuss a non-agenda item, they do so under Public Comment period. Mr. Davis commented that he feels there should be more procedure on how to be on an agenda.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that during the month of February she attended a Phoenixville Area Multi-Modal transportation meeting; met with DEP representatives to discuss a future grant application; met with PennDOT representatives regarding turnover of Crossover Blvd.; and met with DEP to discuss the Act 537 Special Study for Study Area 3. Lastly, she announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 24 at Kimberton Park.

Public Works – Report was posted. Mrs. Moretti also reported that flood gates were installed on Pickering Road to allow emergency responders to close the road to traffic when it is flooded.

Police Department – Chief Wilson provided February 2018 statistics: 199 complaints, including: 1 burglary, 2 thefts, 4 DUIs, 1 drug arrest, 2 criminal mischief complaints, 15 accidents and 31 traffic citations. The department is planning a “Coffee with a Cop” event to be held on March 24 at the Burger King.

Mr. Strauss asked Chief Wilson to clarify how felony arrests occur when background checks are conducted for gun purchases at French Creek Outfitters. She explained that French Creek Outfitters does a background check for each gun permit application. If the applicant has a prior arrest history their application will be denied and that information is sent to the State Police, who in turn contact our Police Department to investigate and issue a citation. Detective Ehmann manages this process and is authorized to use his discretion on who gets cited based on their past history.

Planning Commission – John Colarusso reported that the Planning Commission discussed goals for the year at their February meeting, including the sidewalk plan for the 724 corridor and the zoning uses for that corridor. Michelle Rubin gave a presentation on sustainability and while this is not a zoning project, they want to stay involved. They also discussed traffic calming options for Kimberton Village.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to rescind Resolution 2013-10, withdrawing the Act 537 Special Study for Study Area 3 - Snyder Avenue, from the PA DEP review process and direct the township engineer to revise the plan for resubmission to DEP. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and there being no further discussion or comments, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to authorize Chief Wilson to order a 2018 Chevy Tahoe to replace the 2010 Chevy Tahoe, and further authorize that the 2010 Chevy Tahoe be placed for sale on Municibid. Mr. Strauss seconded motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to authorize submission of a grant application to PA DEP for recycling education. Mr. Strauss seconded and it was approved.

Public Comment

Sherwood Lane residents John Trisch and Matt Chripto expressed concern about their private lane's condition because of the Toll Brothers development behind them. Construction and delivery vehicles have mistakenly accessed and damaged the dead end road and stormwater is flowing onto it. The Board directed Ed Latshaw to review the situation and report back. Chief Wilson offered to post the township's sign board at the road to notify drivers that the road is Private and not a thru road.

Announcements

Mr. Strauss announced that he and Mr. Graham had met during the past month, however no township business was discussed.

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

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager