



West Pikeland Township
1645 Art School Road
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 1, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

ATTENDING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ernie Holling, Chairman
Richard Bright, Jr., Vice Chairman
Pam Conti, Supervisor
Harold Hallman III, Supervisor
Tom Tucker, Supervisor

ATTENDING
TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Vincent M. Visoskas, Township Manager
Shane Clark, Chief of Police

Chairman Holling called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Building and John Henssler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Holling opened the floor for any additions or corrections to the Agenda and noted that an additional item will be discussed entitled "Interviews of Part-time Police Officer Candidates" in New Business. After no further discussion the Chair accepted the Agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Holling opened the floor for any additions or corrections to the November 17, 2014 minutes. No comments were made and the Chair ruled the minutes were accepted as submitted.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no persons present wishing to be heard on other than agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of Landowner Initiated Zoning Change Proposal – Secondary Dwelling Units for Property Managers. Ms. Nancy Bodine (941 Seven Oaks Rd) was in attendance represented by Mr. Ross Unruh, Esq., requesting consideration of a zoning ordinance revision to allow secondary dwelling units on larger lot properties. Mrs. Valerie Odell and Mr. Herbert Odell (965 Seven Oaks Rd) and Mr. John Henssler (919 Newcomen Rd) were in attendance to express their opposition to the proposal.

Mr. Unruh presented a proposed zoning ordinance amendment to the Board of Supervisors that has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Planning Commission. It proposes to allow an accessory dwelling unit in the RC Zoning District on parcels of 10 acres or larger for farm hands or property managers. Mr. Henssler stated that he believes that the proposal is geared solely towards the applicant's property and is intended to circumvent a decision of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Odell stated that she believes that existing deed restrictions on the applicant's property preclude a proposed secondary dwelling unit. Mr. Visoskas noted that any decision by the Board would be a matter of legislative determination and not an obligation on the part of the Township.

After considerable discussion, the Chair polled the Board members as to their desire on how to proceed. The Board decided that the proposal merits further discussion and directed that the Township Manager, Zoning Officer, and Township Solicitor conduct a review of the current draft ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on the Township 2015 Draft Budget

Mr. Visoskas noted that the Board of Supervisors held three public workshops on the Proposed 2015 Budget. He provided highlights of the budget and noted that the final proposed budget eliminates the earlier draft's 0.2 mil increase for infrastructure, but retains the 0.3 mil voter approved Library Tax.

Authorization for Advertisement of the Township 2015 Budget

Mr. Holling made a motion to advertise the Township 2015 for public review with a public meeting scheduled on December 29th to consider it for adoption. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

Interviews of Part-time Police Officer Candidates

Chief Clark notified the Board of expected vacancies of part-time Police Officers in the Police Department. He requested permission to interview candidates to fill existing vacancies. Mr. Holling made a motion to authorize Chief Clark to interview candidates. Dr. Bright seconded. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Holling read the following announcements

- The Village of Historic Yellow Springs Holiday Stroll will take place on Friday, Dec 5th at 6PM.
- A Musical "Miracle on 34th Street" will take place on December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14th in the Theatre at Yellow Springs.
- The Board of Supervisors scheduled meeting of December 15th has been rescheduled to December 29th at 7:30 PM at the Township Building at which time a Public Hearing will be held for the adoption of the Township's 2015 Budget.
- The Township Office will be closed on December 25 & 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tucker made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Holling seconded the motion. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent M. Visoskas,
Assistant Township Secretary