



West Pikeland Township

ATTENDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ATTENDING TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Noreen Vigilante, Chair	Guy Donatelli, Township Solicitor
Harold Hallman III, Vice Chair	Joseph L. Romano III, Township Manager
Steven Costa, Supervisor	Madison Kerr, Township Secretary
Tom McLewee, Supervisor	Theresa Stockdale, Assistant Secretary
Carin Mifsud, Supervisor	Sergeant Wayne O’Connell, Officer-in-Charge

Ms. Vigilante called the meeting to order on February 18, 2025, at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Vigilante shared that the Board held an executive session prior to this meeting on February 18, 2025. The topic of discussion was personnel and legal.

AGENDA MODIFICATION & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Costa made a motioned to approve the agenda as presented for February 18, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting. Seconded by Mr. McLewee. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. McLewee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Police: Sergeant O’Connell read his report for the month of January. The Board thanked Sergeant O’Connell for the report.

Treasurer Report/Approval of Bills: Mr. Romano provided the written report to the Board. There were no questions. Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. McLewee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, apart from Mr. Hallman, as he abstained from the WEX Bank check as it provides payment to Hallman’s General Store

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation 2025-02 – Acknowledging U.S Citizenship. Mr. Romano read the proclamation aloud and presented the document to Mr. Alex Lamb. The Board congratulated Mr. Lamb on this accomplishment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SALT (bathroom/lobby/staging area addition update). Ms. Vigilante explained to the public that the SALT Theater will be constructing an addition to the rear of the theater which will include two handicapped accessible restrooms. The contractor gave the Board a brief overview of the plans and stated the project is set to begin mid-April 2025 and will be completed mid-May 2025. Mr. Hallman asked Mr. Romano if the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) had reviewed. Mr. Romano replied they had at their meeting held on Feb 12, 2025, and recommended approval with a few recommendations, one being a metal roof in lieu of the planned asphalt tile. Mr. Hallman made a motion to have the roof on the addition be metal. The

motion was not seconded; the motion failed. Mr. McLewee made a motion to approve the plans as presented this evening. Mr. Costa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Vigilante shared with the public, comments would be limited to ensure the meeting remained orderly and on schedule.

Mr. Costa read a letter from Resident, David Moser. Mr. Moser explained how impressed with the Police Department he is. Mr. Moser stated he is not in favor of utilizing the State Police Service.

-Resident, Mr. Alex Bratic asked the Board if there was a deadline to decide about the police department. Mr. Bratic also asked the board if a referendum could be held.

-Township Solicitor Guy Donatelli stated he will look into Mr. Bratic's referendum question.

-Resident, Dan Spaventa expressed his support for the Police Department. Mr. Spaventa explained that there was a break-in at his residence and the police department showed in two minutes. Mr. Spaventa also commented on the rise in taxes.

-Resident, Bernard Tornel stated that the local police department handles more than just crime within the Township. Mr. Tornel stated that response time is important to him. Mr. Tornel asked the Board what will be done with the tax money if the police department is dismantled.

-Supervisor, Carin Mifsud explained to the public that the Board is exploring all options, and a decision has not been made.

- Resident, Bob Boden stated that most of the Township Residents are in favor of keeping the police department. Mr. Boden suggested that the Board holds a zoom meeting or a live stream so more residents can join.

-Resident, Rachel Kramer stated that the community believes in the police department. Ms. Kramer explained that she had to call the police three times in one month and her family depends on the police and is willing to have the taxes increased in order to keep the police department.

-Resident, Lawrence Beck expressed his appreciation for the police and believes their presence is nice to see.

-Resident, Bill Fenner gave two examples of utilizing the State Police and stated it was not ideal and had to cancel a call due to a long response time. Mr. Fenner stated he was in favor of keeping the police department.

-Resident, Scott Fritz expressed his strong feelings for the police department. Mr. Fritz's son explained how present and friendly the police are in their neighborhood.

-Resident, Tim Guyer thanked the Board for listening to everyone's thoughts. Mr. Guyer asked the Board what, if any, action can be taken by the residents to keep the police department.

-Resident, Paul Renieno stated that if the police department is dismantled the speeding in the Township will increase.

-Resident, Wayne Freese stated that there are other options than utilizing the State Police.

-Resident, Hank Jacobs explained that he is concerned about home invasions. Mr. Jacobs expressed his thanks to the police department.

-Resident, Brian Urbanski stated that the police department showed up when his tree fell. Mr. Urbanski asked the Board to put out together an action plan.

-Resident, Heather Clawson stated she is a victim of violent crime and depends on the police department. Ms. Clawson told the board about a potential break in at her home. Ms. Clawson expressed her support for the police department.

-Resident, Ed Meltzer stated he conducted a survey in his neighborhood (Twin Hills), and shared a majority of those responding were in favor of the police.

-Resident, Ed Gallen stated that the State Police only respond to certain calls and stated they do not enforce our local ordinances.

Mr. Harold Hallman expressed his support for the Police Department citing commitment, professionalism and at times heroism.

Ms. Vigilante reminded residents to email any questions to office@westpikeland.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meetings are scheduled for: Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:30 PM, and Monday, March 17, 2025, at 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mifsud made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Mr. McLewee seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Madison Kerr
Township Secretary