

West Pikeland Township

ATTENDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ATTENDING TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Noreen Vigilante, Chair	Dorene Guistwhite, Township Treasurer
Harold Hallmann III, Vice Chair	Shane Clark, Chief of Police
Steven Costa, Supervisor	Joseph L. Romano III, Township Manager
Tom McLewee, Supervisor	Theresa Stockdale, Assistant Secretary
Carin Mifsud, Supervisor	

Ms. Vigilante called the meeting to order on December 16, 2024, at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Costa to approve the agenda as presented for the December 16, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting. Seconded by Mr. McLewee. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Hallman to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting. Seconded by Mr. McLewee. Motion unanimously approved.

REPORTS

a. Library Report:

Ms. Nancy Niggel presented the October report and submitted a written copy to the Board. The Board expressed appreciation for the report.

b. Police Report:

Chief Shane Clark presented the November report. The Board thanked the Chief for the information.

c. Treasurer Report/Approval of Bills:

Ms. Dorene Guistwhite provided a written report to the Board. Motion by Mr. Costa to approve the bills as presented. Seconded by Mr. McLewee. Motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hallman abstaining from approving checks # 10328, # 10327 and the WEX expenditure due to a declared conflict of interest.

d. Parks & Recreation Report:

Mr. Jeff Loudin provided an update on plans to extend trails through the hayfields at Walnut Lane Park, proposing an additional 0.4 miles. Motion by Mr. Costa to approve the proposed trail extension, contingent upon approval from the hayfield leasing farmer. Seconded by Ms. Mifsud. Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. SALT Theatre Expansion Update:

Ms. Lauren McComas confirmed plans to repair the rear wall and install a handicap-accessible bathroom. Ms. McComas and Mr. Robbie Merow discussed updated options for on-site scene storage. The Board requested additional information in accordance with the lease agreement. The expansion project will be revisited before the next BoS meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Stormwater Management Waiver Request (941 Seven Oaks Rd.):

Property owner Mr. Jonathan Martin requested a waiver from installing a rain garden on his working horse farm. After reviewing property images with the board and township engineer, Ms. Mifsud moved to grant a partial waiver contingent with compliance with Section 106.E ordinance (Modified Exemption Threshold for Agricultural Structures) of Chester County. Seconded by Mr. Hallman. Motion approved with Ms. Vigilante abstaining due to conflict of interest as a neighboring property owner.

b. Elbow Lane Culvert Repair:

Township Manager Mr. Romano requested BoS approval to award Abel Recon, a COSTARS contractor (041-E23-028), an amount not exceeding \$50,000 for the culvert repair. Seconded by Mr. McLewee. Motion unanimously approved.

c. Permit waiver request for The Mill at Anselma Preservation & Education (non profit, 501(c)(3) organization)):

Mr. Romano requested a waiver of the \$508.50 permit fee on behalf of The Mill at Anselma for capping the fire suppression system and establishing a fire department hook-up, citing prior practices. Mr. Hallman emphasized the importance of supporting the mill. Motion by Mr. Hallman to approve the permit fee waiver of \$508.50 for The Mill at Anselma. Seconded by Mr. McLewee. Mr. Costa opposed the motion on the grounds that 501(c)(3) organizations have budgets and expressed concern about setting a precedent. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote. Further discussion regarding a policy to be pursued by Mr. Romano.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meetings are scheduled for: Monday, January 6, 2025, at 7:30 PM Tuesday, January 21, at 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Costa to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. McLewee. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Stockdale, Assistant Secretary