

**West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

**March 2, 2009            9:00 AM**

Attendance: Chairman Kenneth Miller, Vice Chairperson Zoë Perkins, Barry DiLibero, Steve Siana of Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew, LLP Township Solicitor, Ken Yerger of Carroll Engineering, Township Engineer, Township Manager Jim Wendelgass, Zoning Officer Sandra Cantrell-Edwards and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 9:07AM.

Perkins made the motion to approve of minutes from **January 5, 2009 and January 26, 2009** as submitted. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

Township Building: A quote has been received from Robert Haws to repair the first floor windows of the Griffith Farm house that the Township owns. There is also a significant electrical repair that needs to be done since bare wires were found coming into the house and barn. Perkins made the motion to approve the replacement of windows in the farm house for a total amount of \$2335.00 and to move forward with the electrical repair as soon as possible. DiLibero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Chairman Miller abstaining. After the vote Miller stated that he could not vote due to a possible conflict since he had previously used Mr. Haws to repair windows on his own property. He stated that he did a fine job, but did not feel he could vote.

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager Report for the week ending 2/28/09 was acknowledged as submitted. The Zoning Hearing scheduled for tonight for Holderness and PNC will be postponed until March 24, 2009 due to the snow. Wendelgass reported that he met with a representative of Spectra Energy who is now investigating why the Township did not receive notice of its request for a special permit. Spectra, formerly Texas Eastern wants to run the pipelines at a higher pressure than it currently is allowed to do. If this is approved, they will not have to add 42 miles of additional pipeline.

Road Master Report: Kenneth Miller submitted his report for the last two (2) weeks ending 2/20/09 which was acknowledged as received. Miller brought to the attention of the other Board members the condition of the old Mack truck. This is a single axle truck, and with proper maintenance, it will last 10 more years. This would include sandblasting it to get off all the rust under the bed along with other preventative maintenance. The cost to do this would be approximately \$9000.00. A new truck would be over \$200,000.00. Perkins made the motion for Mr. Miller to pursue the option of maintenance for the Mack Truck. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

In the Road Master Report, Mr. Miller refers to a demonstration that was put on by a 2-way radio company. This would allow road crew members to be in contact with each other during a storm. Currently the phone system they use does not work well in a storm. The cost for this system would be approximately \$4000.00 for 4 radios. This will be put on the wish list.

Active Subdivision List: There are no pending deadlines.

Bills List: The Bills List was reviewed. Perkins made the motion to approve the Bills List dated 2/27/09 in the total amount \$35,184.15. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence:**

A fax was received requesting to use the **Township Meeting Room** from the U.S. Census Bureau to train local census workers. Perkins made the motion that the U. S. Census Bureau be permitted to use the Township Meeting Room for training on April 9<sup>th</sup>, the week of April 13-17 and the week of April 20-24. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

An e-mail was received on February 24, 2009 from Peter Reitmeyer, 146 Windgate Dr., Tax Parcel 25-7-493 thanking Officer Nathan Woodland for helping them during an accident at their home and his outstanding professionalism.

Information was received on a **Tree Tender Course** being held at different locations in Chester County. This information will be posted on the website for all who would like to attend.

### **Subdivision/Land Development:**

**The Ridings at West Vincent:** Cutler has submitted a phased plan which will allow Cutler to close with the landowners in mid 2009. It is under engineering review. Because of access issues on the Chien property, Cutler is looking to subdivide only the Latshaw property to give the prior owner her own lot. Perkins made the motion that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Cutler phased plan. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Hairston Subdivision:** As part of the conditions for the Final Subdivision Approval, the Board gave Mr. Hairston 1 year to complete the common driveway between the 2 parcels. Mr. Hairston is requesting a 1 year extension to complete this due to the slow down in the real estate market. Perkins made the motion to approve an extension of the time that Mr. Hairston is required to finish the common driveway for 1 year, until March 2, 2009. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Weatherstone:** Neal Fisher, The Hankin Group, came before the Board of Supervisors with a proposed sketch plan for another building near the library. Since The Hankin

Group has sold the library building to Chester County, the 2 tenants will have to move since the library plans to expand. Mr. Fisher would like to build another building for these tenants in the south side parking lot near Route 401. He stated that the building meets all zoning requirements, but in the Conditional Use Decision, The Hankin Group agreed to keep all the commercial areas on of the west side of Lexington Boulevard. Mr. Fisher would like to know the Board's feelings before a formal proposal is submitted. Chairman Miller stated that he should stop right now before going any further with these plans. He feels that he made a commitment to the residents to get the commercial moving on the area designated for commercial and does not want to add another building instead of getting the approved commercial started. He thanked Mr. Fisher for coming in, but the Board did not want to waste his time. All Board members were in agreement. Mr. Fisher stated that at this time, The Hankin Group does not feel the economy permits the construction of the approved commercial area.

### **Old Business:**

Chairman Miller asked Mr. DiLibero to share with the Board and public the source of his information which caused Mr. DiLibero to question the residency of George Burnley who sits on the Vacancy Board. Mr. DiLibero stated that he would prefer not to share his information or disclose the source. Mr. Miller reminded Mr. DiLibero that he raised serious allegations regarding Mr. Burnley's residency at a public meeting and that the Township officials were obligated to conduct a thorough investigation of the issue. In this regard, Mr. Miller felt it was necessary and appropriate that Mr. DiLibero fully cooperate with that investigation and disclose all relevant information. It was reported that Township Manager Wendelgass had researched the issue and determined that Mr. Burnley does live in the Township. Mr. Miller told Mr. DiLibero that since he was elected by the residents, he should be willing to inform them of facts. If the information he has is hearsay, it should not be brought up in a public meeting. He also stated that the allegations made by Mr. DiLibero could give rise to criminal charges and should not be thrown around. Mr. DiLibero stated that he would leave the issue alone but would like Mr. Burnley to sign an affidavit of residency. He also reserves the right to contest Mr. Burnley's residency.

Miller announced that there would be an **Executive Session** immediately following the regular meeting to discuss Real Estate.

Perkins made a motion to adjourn, DiLibero seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 9:35 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavelly,  
Township Secretary