

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

May 26, 2009

7:30 PM

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

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

The first item of business was to open the continued Agricultural Security Hearing. A Court Reporter was present to take a transcript. Township Solicitor Stephen Siana stated that this was the continued public hearing concerning the possible addition of the Alfred and Catherine Renzi property into the Township's Agricultural Security Area ("ASA"). The initial hearing was held on May 11, 2009, and was continued until this evening. Solicitor Siana noted that Mr. and Mrs. Renzi have submitted an executed affidavit, by which they establish all of the requisite factual criteria for inclusion into the Township's Agricultural Security Area. Specifically, they have averred that:

1. They own and operate Yellow Springs Farm, located at 1165 Yellow Springs Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425, U.P.I. Nos. 34-5-25.2 and 34-5-25.1.
2. They have applied for inclusion into the West Vincent Township Agricultural Security Area, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Security Area Law.
3. The Property is 8.0 acres in area, on which is located the Yellow Springs Farm.
4. They derive at least \$2,000 in anticipated yearly gross income from the agricultural activities on Yellow Springs Farm.
5. The soils on the Property are conducive to agricultural activity, and the land is presently being used for agricultural purposes.
6. Yellow Springs Farm is currently operating on the Property, and its operation is consistent with all applicable ordinances, regulations and comprehensive plans.

Solicitor Siana then admitted the Renzi Affidavit into evidence as Exhibit T-4.

Miller asked if anyone would like to be a party. There was none, so the hearing was closed. The only public comment was from resident Sara Shick, noting that it was nice of the Board of Supervisors to take the Renzi's under the Township Agricultural Security Area.

Perkins made the motion that West Vincent Township approve the inclusion into the West Vincent Township Agricultural Security Area of the property of Alfred and Catherine Renzi, 1165 Yellow Springs Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425, U.P.I. Nos. 34-5-25.2 and 34-5-25.1, located in West Pikeland Township, and that the Township Solicitor be authorized to take any and all further necessary steps in order to consummate such approval. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Reports:

Township Building: A quote has been received from Pyrz Water Supply Co., Inc. for a **chemical metering pump at the Matthews Meadows WWTP**. Perkins made the motion that the Township purchases the chemical metering pump in the total amount of \$1030.00 from the Capital Reserve Account from the Matthews Meadows Sewer Plant. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The Township has received notification from **Signal Service**, the company that maintains the Township traffic signal, that the yellow lights be changed to an LED lamp. They are also inquiring if the new school signals should be included in the maintenance contract. Perkins made the motion that the yellow lights be changed to LED by Signal Service, Inc. and that we obtain a quote on maintaining the 15 MPH school crossing signs. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The **Emergency Management** is in need of ham radio equipment which will provide communications services in the event of failure in both the commercial and government communications systems. The equipment will be able to provide local as well as global communications. This will link our weather station and is often the only way messages can get through in an emergency. Al Gooding has his ham radio license as a technician and is on the volunteer Emergency Management staff. Perkins made the motion that the Township purchases the ham radio equipment for approximately \$2400.00. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager Report for the week ending 5/23/09 was acknowledged as submitted. One of the items in the report was a meeting with PECO. Wendelgass stated that West Vincent Township will need to put all of the electrical needs together and shop for a provider next year. PECO will still be a provider, but expected to be at a much higher rate than most. There may be a 40% increase and in addition there will be no special rates, just 1 flat rate. A differential will be used to determine how much you pay which is determined by what time of day your peak use is. The transition charges will be going away, but rates are expected to increase to cover the loss of these changes. There are many new grants for stimulus money through the state that will need to be investigated. DiLibero asked about the new Lot Line Change for H. Richard Dietrich. Wendelgass informed him that this was a new Sketch Plan submitted to allow a parcel to have road access and to reconfigure the oddly shaped parcel. The Applicant plans to be at the next Planning Commission on June 18th.

Road Master Report: The Road Master Report for the last four weeks ending 5/23/09 was acknowledged as submitted.

Active Subdivision List: There are currently no pending deadlines.

Bills List: The Bills List was reviewed. The new police car is on the Bills List. Miller stated that the Board did not approve the purchase of the vehicle even though it was put into the 2009 Budget. It was discussed but a motion was never made to purchase it. Perkins made the motion to approve the purchase of a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor from Warnock Fleet which is on the State Contract for a total cost of

\$23,406.73. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Perkins made the motion to approve the Bills List dated 5/26/09 in the total amount \$263,568.99. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

A letter was acknowledged as received from Chester County regarding the establishment of the **Chester County Collection District**. A new state law requires that all earned income tax will be done by the county. By the end of August 2009 the Township must designate a person to be the representative from West Vincent. All entities in the county which will receive earned income taxes must then decide if they are going to contract the work out to an entity, or to form an entity itself to do the collections on behalf of everyone. This will take effect in 2011 or 2012.

An e-mail was received from Justin Barney, **Vineyard Community Church** requesting use of the park on June 7th. He would like to use the electricity for some musical entertainment. Perkins made the motion to allow the Vineyard Community Church to use the electricity at the park for a fee of \$20.00. DiLibero seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development:

Bentley/Wetherhold: Miller stated that there is a pipe rusted through on Beaver Hill Road. He wanted to know how long it would be before this subdivision would begin road improvements so that the Township would not have to repair this pipe. The pipe would most likely not be at the same location once improvements are made. Brown Vincent, Bentley Homes, has been in contact with Steve Siana, Township Solicitor, working on Agreements. He also has been inquiring about removal of trees for the driveway. Siana feels that they are close to finalizing the agreements and suggests that the Township not to repair the road just yet and he will make some inquiries first.

Old Business:

West Vincent Township's Community Day 2009 was a huge success. The following is the committee that was responsible: Tammy Swavely, Ruth McVey, Michael Swinger, Barbara Dunn, Melanie McCartney, Amanda Gooding, Barb Mueller and Kit Trollier.

The Donors who made the day successful were: Carroll Engineering, The Hankin Group, Toll Bros., NOVA Bank, DNB, Siana Bellwoar & McAndrew, LLP, First National Bank of Chester County, Ludwig's Corner Rental, PECO Engery, Trevdan, Francis Hall Insurance, Kimbertal Kennels, Environmental Operations Services, Inc., Caruolo Associates Inc., Progressive Products and Materials Distributors, Inc., and Ludwig's Corner Riding and Driving Club.

The donors of goods and services were: Birchrunville Store Café, Chik-fil-a, Crystal Springs, Elaine's Flowers, Hairwaves, Kimberton Coffee, Laurel Printing, Ludwig's

Corner Hardware, Ludwig's Inn and Oyster Bar, Ludwig's Village Market, Dunkin Doughnuts, Rita's Italian Ice, Village Candy Shoppe, Somerset Nursery, The Bakery at Chester Springs, Top of the Hill Beverage, Village Optical, Parkway Dry Cleaners, Bravo Pizzeria, Kimberton Inn, The Fenix, Molly Maguire's.

The funds collected this year fell about \$3000.00 short. West Vincent Land Trust and the Township will share the remainder of the costs.

New Business:

The Park and Recreation Commission will be hosting a **Town Hall Meeting** on June 3rd at 7:30 PM. This is for residents to learn about the Commission and to let their voice be heard regarding the future of West Vincent Township Parks and Recreation.

Business from the floor:

Jim Hall, 452 Fairmont Drive, Tax Parcel 25-7-362.11 stated that he was concerned with the signs that are going up in Weatherstone on Pine Drive. Miller stated that he will go over the diagram with him, but most are due to the required sight distances.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane, Tax Parcel 25-3-131 had a question regarding the St. Andrews Church. A Planning Module was on a previous draft agenda and now taken off. She would like to know if there will be anything else regarding this land development before the Board. The Health Department has not finished its review of the Planning Module. Since they have conditional final approval, it will not be coming before the Board again. It will need to submit a building permit once it completes with the conditions.

DiLibero stated that the Northern Federation needs a Township Representative from the Park and Recreation Commission on the Steering Committee. Sara Shick is already on the committee representing the Planning Commission and is willing to represent the Park and Recreation Commission also. Shick will find out if any other member on the commission would like to attend.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely
Township Secretary