

**West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

**June 14, 2010**

**7:30 PM**

Attendance: Chairman Kenneth Miller, Vice Chairperson Clare Quinn, Zoë Perkins, Allan Greenwood of Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew, LLP, Township Solicitor, Township Manager James Wendelgass, and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Chairman Kenneth Miller called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

The first item of business was to approve the Board of Supervisor minutes. Perkins made the motion to approve the minutes from **May 24, 2010** as submitted. Quinn seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

Township Building: No Report.

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager Report for the two weeks ending 6/12/10 was acknowledged as submitted. Mr. Wendelgass added that he received minutes from a recent Penn DOT meeting where they discussed the completion of the Sheeder Mill Road Bridge. The latest estimate was to be finished by July 30, 2010. This could be extended if the contractor requests. Mrs. Perkins asked how the Township cash flow is currently. Wendelgass responded that cash flow is above expected levels. The Tax Anticipation Note was paid off early in May. The reason the Township applies for this is because the bulk of the tax money is received in April, May and June. This year the Real Estate tax receipts are slightly ahead of last year along with the Transfer Tax and the Earned Income Tax. The Open Space funds are in line with prior years. Another reason why the Tax Anticipation Note is convenient to have is in case of emergency, it is a fiscally responsible thing to do.

Active Subdivision List: There are currently no deadlines pending.

Bills List: The Bills List was reviewed. Perkins made the motion to approve the Bills List dated 6/14/10 in the total amount \$47,001.59. Quinn seconded the motion. There was no public comment, the motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

A letter from Dr. Eric Emery, Spirit of Gheel, 10 Hollow Road, Kimberton, was acknowledged as received dated June 1, 2010. This is to inform the Board that the police officers participated in training conducted by Dr. Emery to understand how to deal with people who are seriously mentally ill. Ms. Quinn read a portion of the letter "*During my career I have worked collaboratively with police departments across the United States and I think it is important to note that Chief Swinger consistently demonstrates a high*

*degree of professionalism, integrity and openness to learning and communicating with the programs of the community. It is my hope that you will add this as a letter of commendation to Chief Swinger's personnel file."*

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

A new Lot Line Change was received at the close of business today for David and Eliza March, Lawrence and Amanda Taylor and the Estate of Barbara Montgomery. Perkins made the motion that the Board of Supervisors acknowledges receipt of the **March/Taylor/Montgomery Lot Line Change**. Quinn seconded the motion which carried unanimously. A Conditional Use Application was received for this Lot Line Change at the same time. A hearing date was set for August 9, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

### **Old Business:**

The proposed Special Events Ordinance was discussed briefly. Mr. Miller feels that onsite auctions should be handled differently even though they would cause a traffic issue. Ms. Quinn stated that the definition of what is an impact on traffic needs to be better defined. Solicitor Greenwood suggested that the Board require proof of all other agency permits before the Township one is given out. Ms. Quinn feels that it is up to the Applicant to determine if there other permits necessary and to obtain them. **Karl Brachwitz, 1286 Hollow Road, Tax Parcel 25-4-71** feels it would be appropriate to have all the necessary permits before issuing a Township permit. Mr. Miller understood all points of view, but feels that the Township cannot be unreasonable with its requests. Another category is needed since this type of permit cannot be a one size fits all. **Jeff Hester, 1980 Pottstown Pike, Tax Parcel 25-3-29.2** wanted to know if there was an emergency if the Applicant would be responsible for reimbursing the Township for any police needed. The Board responded that the Township does not bill for accidents. The Board is interested in suggestions and will discuss it further at the next meeting on June 28, 2010.

### **Old Business:**

Chairman Miller made the motion that the Township use Comcast for internet service to the Maintenance Building. Quinn seconded the motion. **Tom Helwig, 2034 Pottstown Pike, Tax Parcel 25-3-2** asked why the Township would sign on for a never ending bill when you can run conduit to the building from the main Township building. Township Manager Wendelgass stated that he spoke with both Verizon and Comcast and that would be theft of service when you try to hook up internet service in that manner. Ms. Quinn stated that the money was in the budget for this. **Kit Troler, 16 Hunt Hill Road, Tax Parcel 25-4-240** stated that she is happy that the Township is above reproach and is not stealing such a service. **Art Ewell, 975 Fellowship Road, Tax Parcel 25-7-31** asked if the Township would have both Comcast and Verizon. Mr. Wendelgass informed him that was correct. The Township receives free internet from Verizon but they will only give that to one building. The Comcast internet cable is already in the Maintenance

Building so it is cheaper to have them for a provider. There was no further public comment, the motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business:**

**Fred Zeiter, 2206 Miller Road, Tax Parcel 25-8-7.4A** came before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the possibility of having a Barking Dog Ordinance. There is currently no ordinance like this in West Vincent and he feels that non-stop barking dogs are a nuisance and residents should be made to keep their dogs quiet. He stated that East Vincent Township has a good version. Chairman Miller stated that the Board will get a copy of that ordinance and consider it.

**Richard Horvath, 940 Dewees Lane, 25-7-116.3** sent a letter to the Board requesting that Dewees Lane be paved stating that there is a lot more traffic now including school buses, trash vehicles, and residential traffic. He was present at the meeting along with other residents on Dewees Lane. Mr. Miller stated that after the letter arrived he had the Township Engineer do a cost estimate to pave from Route 401 to Adelpia Lane. The estimate included probable costs totals approximately \$82,000.00. Mr. Miller stated that this is something that the Township may do with the General Fund doing well this year. Mr. Miller told the Dewees Lane residents that the Township will have a better handle on funds available by August. **Renee Martin, 924 Dewees Lane, Tax Parcel 25-7-116.4** asked if the funds weren't available in the budget this year, would they be for 2011. Mr. Miller stated that this would definitely be a project to consider for 2011 if it is not done this year. The Township will notify Mr. Horvath with any updates.

### **Business from the floor:**

Supervisor Perkins mentioned that **Larry Liss, 1228 Jaine Lane, Tax Parcel 25-3-119.1** was in an article today in the Daily Local honoring him for the things he did during the Vietnam War including saving several people who were trapped. He is being considered for a Congressional Medal of Honor and she wanted to give him kudos since he is a West Vincent Township resident.

**Tom Helwig, 2034 Pottstown Pike, Tax Parcel 25-3-2** asked if any decision was made with regards to audio recording Township meetings. He stated that not everyone can make it to the meetings and, in his opinion, a recording is necessary. He stated that an audio would be accessible on the website or it could be broadcasted live. **Sharon Davis, 932 Jaine Lane, Tax Parcel 25-3-143.5** stated that much larger townships, Uwchlan Township for instance, don't offer this and she feels it is a waste of time and money and can't imagine that many people would be interested in it anyway. East Vincent Township does provide this service. Ms. Quinn stated that the reason meetings are public is to engender an interest and have people participate. The written minutes of the meeting are the official record. Since East Vincent Township does put an audio of their meetings on their website, Mrs. Perkins stated that she will listen to them to see how they sound. They use an inexpensive digital recorder. **Karl Brachwitz, 1286 Hollow Road, Tax Parcel 25-4-71** stated that he has a problem with the concept of recording meetings

for people who can't come to the meetings. He feels if a person wants to know what is going on in their neighborhood that they should come to a meeting. He stated that it is not the Townships job to do this and he is opposed to this idea. **Jeff Hester, 1980 Pottstown Pike, Tax Parcel 25-3-29.2** stated that he likes the idea of having the meetings audio taped. **David Brown, 1944 Kimberton Rd. Tax Parcel 25-5-50.1** did not feel that enough people care about having an audio tape on the website. If there are several people, who are they and why not come to a meeting? Mr. Helwig feels that the morning meetings are difficult for some people to attend. After further discussion, this issue was tabled.

Miller announced that there would be an Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely  
Township Secretary