

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

December 28, 2009

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

Chairman Kenneth Miller called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

The first item of business was a Hearing for the adoption of the **Amended Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan and the Consistency Report**. Mr. Wendelgass stated that there are five (5) municipalities and one (1) borough involved in the Regional Planning: Phoenixville Borough, Charlestown Township, East Pikeland Township, East Vincent Township, Schuylkill Township and West Vincent Township. A Comprehensive Plan was prepared and adopted. As part of this process, a consultant reviewed each municipalities zoning ordinance and prepared a Consistency Report to determine if they were generally consistent with the Regional Plan. This Hearing is for the West Vincent Board of Supervisors to consider adoption of the Consistency Review Report which states that the West Vincent Township Zoning Ordinance is generally consistent with the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan. This report also contains several amendments to correct errors; the most important is with regards to impervious coverage and maps. Chester County has funded 90% of the cost of the review. As part of the requirements, a resolution needs to be adopted at the close of the hearing. Miller asked if there were any persons who wanted to be a party to the hearing. No one responded. There were no comments. Miller closed the Hearing. Ms. Perkins read Resolution 15-2009 and made the motion to adopt Resolution 15-2009 *WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township now wishes to adopt the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the Consistency Review Report as an Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township, Chester County that the attached Consistency Review Report including all maps, charts textual matter, and other matters that form a part of it are hereby adopted as an Addendum to the previously adopted Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Be it further resolved by the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township that the Amendments to the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan set forth in the attached Consistency Review Report, including all maps, charts textual matter, and other matters that form a part of it are hereby adopted as an Addendum to the previously adopted Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan and the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan is so amended. Quinn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Perkins made the motion to approve the minutes from **November 9, 2009 and November 23, 2009** as submitted. Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Reports:

Township Building: No Report.

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager Report for the week ending 12/26/09 was acknowledged as submitted. Mr. Wendelgass added that a revised Tosco plan was received and the Zoning Hearing has been rescheduled for January 19th.

Road Master Report: The Road Master Report for the weeks 10/26/09-12/19/09 was acknowledged as received.

Active Subdivision List: An Extension Request was received from Alyson Zarro, Esq. representing Ewing Group LLC for an extension for the **Orleans Ewing Tract, Eagle Farms Subdivision**. Perkins made the motion to approve the extension for the Orleans Ewing Tract, Eagle Farms Subdivision until 4/20/10. Quinn seconded the motion which carried unanimously. An Extension Request was received from Lisa D;Andrea for an extension for the **Weyl Subdivision**. Perkins made the motion to approve the extension for the Weyl Subdivision until 2/15/10. Quinn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Bills List: The Bills List was reviewed. Perkins made the motion to approve the Bills List dated 12/28/09 in the total amount \$100,053.02. Quinn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

An invitation was acknowledged as received dated 12/2/09 from the **PA Department of Agriculture** with information on a luncheon for Public Officials at the Farm Show on January 14, 2010.

A letter was received from Chester County asking West Vincent Township if we would like to participate in an Energy Audit. The County has received a grant from the Federal Government and there would be no cost to the Township. Perkins made the motion that West Vincent Township participate in the **Energy Audit provided by Chester County**. Quinn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Old Business:

The **West Vincent Township Budget for 2010** has been advertised for review and has been available for review in the Township Office. Perkins made the motion that the proposed Budget for 2010 be adopted in the form presented to the Board of Supervisors tonight consisting of Revenue sections entitled Taxes, Other Income, Building

Department, Public Safety, Culture/Recreation, Water Systems, Sewer Systems, Borrowing, Liquid Fuel Funds, and Carry Forward from Prior Year totaling \$6,393,540.00 and Expenditure sections entitled Governing Body, Administration, Treasurer, Tax Collection, Solicitor/Legal Services, Secretary/Clerk, Other General Government Administration, Data Processing, Engineering Services, General Government Buildings and Plant, Public Safety, Fire, Ambulance/Rescue, Code Enforcement, Planning & Zoning, Emergency Management, Public Works, Sewer Systems, Winter Maintenance, Water Systems, Culture/Recreation, Libraries, Community Day, Community Development, Debt Service, Miscellaneous Expenditures and Carry Over from Previous Year with a total of 20 pages in the amount of \$6,393,540.00. Quinn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New Business:

The Real Estate Tax for West Vincent Township in the form of a resolution was prepared. Quinn read the following portion of **Resolution 16-2009**:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township that a tax for calendar year 2010 on real property within the Township made taxable for general township purposes be and hereby is levied at the rate of one and sixty one-hundredths mill (.00160) or, in other words, at the rate of no dollars and sixteen cents (16.0¢) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of taxable property, for fire protection purposes be and hereby is levied at the rate of twenty-two one-hundredths mill (.00022) or, in other words, at the rate of no dollars and two and two-tenths cents (2.2¢) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of taxable property, and for the support of ambulance and rescue squads serving the Township be and hereby is levied at the rate of two one-hundredths mill (.00002) or, in other words, at the rate of no dollars and two-tenth cents (0.2¢) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of taxable property, for a total rate of one and eighty-four hundredths mill (.00184) or, in other words, at the rate of no dollars and eighteen and four-tenth cents (18.4¢) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of taxable property, it being understood that the said, above-mentioned real estate taxes are separate from and in addition to the real estate tax of forty-nine one-hundredths mill (.00049) of assessed value imposed by the ordinance adopted December 23, 2002 by the West Vincent Township Board of Supervisors pursuant to the Open Space Land Acquisition and Preservation Act or, in other words, at the rate of no dollars and four and nine-tenths cents (4.9¢) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of taxable property which open space tax is also herewith adopted and imposed.

Mrs. Perkins remarked that there was no real estate tax increase to the West Vincent Township residents.

Quinn made the motion to adopt **Resolution 16-2009** in the form presented to the Board this evening. Perkins seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Business from the floor:

Chairman Miller presented a letter to Tammy Swavely, Township Secretary and read it into the record: *Please allow this letter to serve as my formal written request for continued participation in the Township's health insurance benefits program, for myself, my wife and my dependents, in my capacity as both Township Supervisor and Road Master. Please note this correspondence in the materials presented to the Board of Supervisors for the December 28, 2009 regular meeting and ensure that it is submitted to the Board of Supervisors at such meeting in compliance with the Second Class Township Code.*

Supervisor Perkins informed the audience that Rick Guarani, who worked for The Hankin Group, passed away from complications due to brain cancer on December 26, 2009. She stated that during the negotiation process a few years ago with The Hankin Group that Mr. Guarani was always a very able and gentlemanly competitor. The Board acknowledges that he was a very notable presence for The Hankin Group and will be missed.

Maria Holderness, 958 Jaine Lane, Tax Parcel 25-3-143.6 asked the Board if it made a decision on a budget panel. Since Chairman Ken Miller has just returned from surgery, the Board has not been able to discuss this until now.

Supervisor Perkins commented that the West Vincent Township Road Crew did an excellent job on the roads during the storm last week. **Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane Tax Parcel 25-3-131** asked if West Vincent Township has a Snow Ordinance that requires residents not to shovel or plow their driveways into the roadways. Miller stated that we have had one for a long time, Ordinance 109-2001 and updated with Ordinance 140-2008, but since he has been Road Master in 1995, it was only enforced one time. Mrs. Shick suggested that it be put in the next Fall Newsletter. The newest version is on the Township website on the Road Department page.

Miller announced that there would be an **Executive Session** immediately following the regular meeting to discuss a personnel and real estate.

Quinn made the motion to adjourn which carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely
Township Secretary