

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

January 27, 2014 7:30 PM

Attendance: Chairman Kenneth Miller, Jr., (arriving late) Vice Chairman David Brown, John Jacobs, Steven Siana of Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew, LLP, Township Solicitor, Township Manager James Wendelgass, and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Vice Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Mr. Brown announced that the Board had an Executive Session immediately prior to the Board meeting this evening to discuss a personnel issue.

Eagle Farms Road Vacation Hearing: Mr. Brown convened the hearing on the vacation of Eagle Farms Road. Mr. Siana stated that this hearing needs to be postponed since the weather has held up the inspections that the Township Engineer needs to perform before vacation of the road. A new hearing date should be picked when the weather clears up. A date of May 12, 2104 at 7:30 PM was chosen. Mr. Jacobs made the motion to close the hearing. Mr. Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Mr. Brown opened the meeting to Public Comment. He asked that a record of questions be made so that they can be answered at a later meeting if he cannot answer them tonight.

Francis Ellis, 2823 Flowing Springs Road asked if more cinders could be added to Flowing Springs Road coming from Route 100 since it is shady there and the snow hasn't melted very well. The road department will be informed of this matter.

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road asked for an update of the Township purchase of the property in Birchrunville. He was informed that the appraisal was received and accepted by the owner. The environmental study has been received. Currently the Township Engineer is writing legal descriptions for the easements. This may be done within two weeks.

Suzanne Roth, 1360 School House Lane, stated that she has been having trouble with the Township website. Mr. Wendelgass informed her that the Township website was hacked into along with hundreds of others, but the problems have now been resolved. If you have issues with certain pages, please contact the office to see if they can help. The Township computers and server were not involved with this problem.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road began asking about the minutes from another year which referred to questions about the type of audit report we receive from our appointed auditor, Barbacane Thornton. After asking some specific questions, Mr. Brown suggested that he write down the question so that the Board could be able to answer it better. This is something that Mr.

Brown would like to use going forward so that people can get a good answer. Public comment will still be received, but if an answer to a question is requested, a written question would be a good idea. Mr. Curry agreed that he would write down questions for the Board. Mr. Siana stated it is a good practice for the more complicated questions.

Maria Jacobs, 2351 Beaver Hill Road stated she feels the Township website is difficult to use and would like to know if it could be made more user friendly. This will be considered. Mrs. Jacobs also asked about the repair to the camera in the meeting room and when it would be complete. The company was contacted earlier today and no response was received at this time.

Jody Dill, 1682 Hilltop Road thanked the Board for paving the portion of Hilltop Road. It has helped the drainage issues and it is much more pleasant to drive on.

Suzanne Nastase, 120 Windgate Drive asked why the trees were trimmed in Weatherstone. She feels that they did a poor job. Mr. Miller informed her that the trees were trimmed to the Emergency Management and snow plow truck specs which is 10.5'. Site lines were also taken into consideration. Mr. Miller stated that West Vincent needs to take precautions also because of school buses. Several years ago a child had an eye poked out that was along a state road. The Township was named in that lawsuit, even though it was a Penn DOT road. He added that the Township has a comprehensive tree trimming program. The tree company hired are professionals.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of **January 6, 2014** were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jacobs and a second by Mr. Brown. The minutes of **January 13, 2014** were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jacobs and a second by Mr. Brown.

Reports (full copies are attached):

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager Report for the period ending 1/27/2014 was acknowledged as submitted.

Treasurer Report: Mr. Wendelgass read the attached Treasurer Report for the period ending December 31, 2013 which was acknowledged as received.

Road Master Report: Mr. Miller read the attached Road Master Report for the month of December which was acknowledged as received.

Police Report: The Police Report for the month of December 2013 was presented by Police Chief Mike Swinger and was acknowledged as received.

Active Subdivision List: An extension was submitted by Franklin Markle for the Markle Subdivision. Mr. Brown made the motion to grant the Extension for the **Markle Subdivision** until February 28, 2014. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Mr. Jacobs asked if there was any harm to extending this subdivision. Mr. Siana stated that he has been in conversation with Mr. Markle and

feels he is moving forward and there would be no harm in this extension. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills List: Mr. Brown made the motion to approve the Bills List dated 1/27/14 in the total amount of \$50,777.25. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The Board answered some questions and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Information on the **2014 PSATS Annual Education Conference and Trade Show** on April 13-16 was acknowledged as received.

A request was received from **Edward Shew, Weatherstone HOA** to use the Township Meeting Room on May 7, 2014 at 6:30 PM. Mr. Brown made the motion to permit the same. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

A letter from Chief John DeMarco, Upper Uwchlan Police Department was acknowledged as received thanking Officer Woodland for his assistance during a domestic dispute on January 8, 2014.

New Business:

Rolling Shutter: A quote was received on furnishing and installing a rolling shutter in the window of the Township office. One quote was for an aluminum counter shutter in the total amount of \$2,250 and the other quote was for a wood counter shutter in the total amount of \$3,995. After a discussion on security issues and aluminum versus wood, Mr. Miller made the motion to purchase the aluminum shutter in the total amount of \$2,250. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Mr. Curry asked if the Township will continue to purchase items in bits and pieces. Mr. Miller stated that yes, the Township will continue to upgrade as necessary because not everything can be done at one time. Mrs. Nastase suggested that the Township hire a consultant to see what other security issues there are. There was no further public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

2014 Health Care Plan: Mr. Wendelgass stated that the current Aetna health insurance plan expires on January 31, 2014. The Township union contracts require the Township provide a substantially similar plan. The broker for the Township has found two similar plans. The plan from Aetna is \$260,848 and Independence Blue Cross price is \$217,768. The Blue Cross cost is 10% higher than the old Aetna plan. The Broker recommends that the Township use the Independence Blue Cross PPO Silver Health Plan. Mr. Brown made the motion that the Township purchase the Blue Cross PPO Silver Health Plan. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Mr. Miller abstained since he participates in the Health Insurance. After a discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

2014 Elected Auditor Meeting: **Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane** stated that she attended the January 7, 2014 meeting of the elected auditors and had some concerns. A previous auditor, James Fasel, came and participated in the part of the meeting until someone questioned why there were four auditors in attendance. The elected auditors are Jeffrey Lewis, Barbara Dunn and Maria Holderness. Ms. Shick would like to know if the Board of Supervisors could look into this since

he did make motions and vote on items. Mr. Siana stated that the auditors are separate from the Board and does not give them legal advice. However, since Mr. Fasel did make motions and vote and he wasn't an auditor, it makes the decisions void. The best thing to do would be to have another meeting. Mrs. Holderness and Mrs. Dunn were present at the meeting this evening. They feel another meeting would be a good idea. A member of the audience asked Mrs. Dunn why Barry DiLibero asked Mrs. Dunn to leave the auditor meeting. Mrs. Dunn did not know why he asked her to leave. Mr. Siana stated that there sounds like there was confusion at the meeting a new one should be rescheduled. Ms. Shick asked if she could review the minutes from the meeting. Mrs. Holderness stated that she did not have them at this time.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 PM

Tammy Swavely,
Township Secretary