

**West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

**February 4, 2019 7:00 PM**

Attendance: Chairman, John Jacobs, Vice Chairman, Mike Schneider, Member Bernie Couris, Erica Batdorf, Township Manager, Kathryn Shillenn, Township Secretary

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Jacobs announced an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss litigation.

**MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the minutes of January 21, 2019; second by Mr. Jacobs. There being no comments or questions on the minutes, *Motion carries 2-0-1 with Mr. Couris abstaining.*

**REPORTS:**

**Bills List:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the Bills List, dated February 4, 2019, in the amount of \$115,276.86; second by Mr. Couris. There being no questions or comments, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Batdorf reviewed and discussed the report.

**Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane** commented that the Planning and Zoning fees have risen and it was said that this was due to the Regional Planning. Ms. Batdorf stated that Zoning and Legal fees have risen but that Planning was in line with Budget figures.

**Maria Jacobs, 2351 Beaver Hill Road** commented on the transfer taxes being higher and asking if it was due to one property being sold or more homes being sold in the township.

**John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road** stated that Ms. Batdorf's review of the Treasurer's Report was very good and thorough. One point that wasn't brought up was the net income of the sewer plant.

**Manager's Report:** Ms. Batdorf reviewed her report. Some items of note were: the Chester County Planning Commission adopted the Landscapes 3. The Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan is in complete draft form and ready for public review and comment. The Public Workshop No. 3 will take place on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Phoenixville Borough Hall, 351 Bridge Street in Phoenixville. The Sustainability Committee recently partnered with the Chester County Agricultural Board to sponsor a Seed Swap Event here at the township building which was very well attended. The Citadel Country Music Fest will be coming back to the township this summer. Chief Swinger and she met with the concert promoters on January 31<sup>st</sup> to begin preparations. They will also be meeting with the township HOA's to see how the township can better meet their needs. The French Creek Arch Culvert has been completed and surveying is underway on Kimberton Road, the north section of Schoolhouse Lane and Buttonwood Bridge.

**Announcements:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentation:** None

**Subdivision/Land Development:** None

**Old Business:**

**French Creek Culvert Arch Replacement Payment No. 3 – Final** – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve Payment No. 3 to Veteran Construction and Utility Services for work completed through January 11, 2019 in the amount of \$50,092.70; second by Mr. Couris. Mr. Jacobs noted that the engineer pointed out that the amount of asphalt was lower by 9 tons. This was due to the contractor damaging more of the road with their equipment; the contractor did cover the cost of this.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked what the final bill was for the French Creek Culvert Replacement. How long did it take to do the work?

There being no other comments questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**New Business:**

**Uwchlan Ambulance Request for Financial Assistance in the Amount of \$5,000 for Vehicle Replacement** - MOTION by Mr. Couris to approve Uwchlan Ambulance's Request for Financial Assistance in the amount of \$5,000; second by Mr. Schneider.

Ms. Batdorf discussed this. This is a request from the Chief of Operations, John Applegate, for their capital campaign for this year. They are looking for an ambulance procurement, the cost of which is about \$220,000. They have asked West Vincent Township for \$5,000 based on the call volume of 5.3%. Mr. Jacobs commented that this is a very worthy cause, but that West Vincent Township may be paying more than their fair share.

**Sara Shick, 1206 Davis Lane** commented that Mr. Schneider stated that West Vincent Township is paying more than our fair share, how is that calculated?

**Brian Curry, 506 Blackhorse Road** asked if it is possible that West Vincent Township staff contact staff from townships that are not contributing and give them a nudge. Also, is the current ambulance worn out or do they need a new updated ambulance?

With no additional comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Appoint Jim Goeke to the Sustainability Committee with the term set to expire 12/31/21** – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to appoint Jim Goeke to the Sustainability Committee with the three-year term set to expire on 12/31/21; second by Mr. Couris. With no questions or comments, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

**John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road** asked if the transfer taxes from the Bryn Coed sale could stay with the Bryn Coed properties.

**Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane** stated that there was another idea of not paying for the demolition out of the Open Space Funds. Also, since Landscapes 3 has been passed what should we do to make sure that we are in line with that.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION** to adjourn was brought forward by Mr. Schneider; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn  
Township Secretary