

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

February 10, 2014 7:30 PM

Attendance: Chairman Kenneth Miller, Jr., 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 7:34 PM.

Mr. Miller announced that the Board had an Executive Session on February 7, 2014 to discuss a real estate and personnel matter.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Harriet Stone, 1645 Birchrun Road thanked the Public Works Department, the Police Department and all of the Township staff for a wonderful job that was done during the ice storm on February 5 and the problems that were associated with that storm. She stated that under terrible circumstances, the Township did a great job, even clearing the state roads so that the utility trucks could come in and repair the electric lines.

Francis Ellis, 2823 Flowing Springs Road asked that during emergencies if the school could have been a warming center so that it would have been closer than the Lionville Middle School. Mr. Miller suggested that the fire company building would also be a good place.

Christy Martin, 1047 Jaine Lane thanked the police department for their work that they did during the storm.

Pete Maniscalco, 51 Barrington Lane stated that he was happy with the work that the Township did, but thinks that something should be done with regards to how PECO responds. Several people in the Township were out of electricity for several days and PECO did not let anyone know of the progress it was making. The Township is limited in getting PECO to respond also. Mr. Jacobs suggested that Mr. Maniscalco contact County Commissioner Ryan Costello who is running for office for the Federal Representative for help in getting PECO to be more responsive to residents. Mr. Wendelgass stated that he, along with Jim Gooding, Emergency Management Coordinator and the Chester County Emergency Office had calls with PECO during the days when the Township was without power. The Township and Chester County was very unhappy with PECO's response. They had the number of road closures incorrect by a huge margin and response time was terrible. A long discussion ensued on what can be done to make PECO be more responsive. Mrs. Stone suggested that the Township compile a list of who has generators and who has extra bedrooms for this type of emergency. The trouble is getting people to want to leave their homes. It also would be a problem on how to know who to reach out to. It becomes a neighbor issue. It is important to know about your neighbors and how they are doing. **Andy Davis, 2334 Beaver Hill Rd.,**

suggested that the Township concentrate on access and getting things cleaned up and not get involved in peripheral things.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked for the answers from the last meeting he had on snow removal costs from the last two years. Mr. Miller gave him numbers for total costs, including materials, contractors and Township overtime: 2012-2013 \$51, 827.77, 2013-2014 (through 1/29/14) \$60,322.59.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of **January 27, 2014** were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jacobs and a second by Mr. Brown.

Active Subdivision List: An extension was submitted by Frank Batchelor for the Batchelor Subdivision. Mr. Brown made the motion to grant the Extension for the **Batchelor Subdivision** for 90 days, May 11, 2014. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. There was no public comment and 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 \$126,410.62. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The Board answered some questions and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

A request was received from **Pam Taws, 4-H** to use the Township Meeting Room on February 21, March 2, and March 9. Mr. Brown made the motion to permit the same. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mrs. Stone asked the Board's permission to close Hollow Road for the amphibian crossing between late February and early April. This should be about two hours on approximately four nights when it is dark, rainy and the temperature is just above 36°. Mr. Brown made the motion to authorize the closing of Hollow Road for the amphibian crossing as requested by Harriet Stone. Mr. Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

A new Zoning Hearing Application was received from Glenlin, LLC for 1825 Kimberton Road on February 10, 2014. No date has been set at this time. The relief requested is for setbacks for a commercial equestrian use.

The Township declared a state of emergency during the ice storm on February 5, 2014. Mr. Brown made the motion to ratify the action of the Board declaring a State of Emergency due to the storm. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Mr. Miller stated that we are still under that state of emergency. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM