

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

March 18, 2019 7:00 PM

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

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

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the minutes of March 4, 2019; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions on the minutes, *Motion carries unanimously.*

REPORTS:

Police Report: Sgt. Russell gave the report.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked a question about the Forensic Drug Testing. Sgt. Russell told Mr. Curry to call the Police Dept. office and he would be glad to talk with him about it.

Bills List:

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the Bills List, dated March 18, 2019, in the amount of \$71,893.40; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions on the bills list, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Announcements: None

Correspondence: None

Presentation: None

Subdivision/Land Development:

Request for Reverse Subdivision Extension - 1009 Jaine Lane - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the request for the Reverse Subdivision Extension for 1009 Jaine Lane; second by Mr. Couris. Ms. Batdorf gave a review of the Subdivision Extension, which will be for 90 days.

Harriet Stone, 1645 Birchrun Road asked what does reverse subdivision mean.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Scott Risbon, 670 Birchrun Road Special Exception - Acknowledge Receipt - Board acknowledged receipt of the application.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked if a traffic study was required.

Adopt Resolution No. 11-2019, Emergency Operations Plan, 2019 Update – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to adopt Resolution No. 11-2019, Emergency Operations Plan, 2019 Update; second by Mr. Couris.

Jim Gooding, Township Emergency Management Coordinator stated that there are no major changes to this plan, just some updating.

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

Authorization of Bid for Chip Seal of Township Roads – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to authorize advertisement of the Bid for Chip Seal for the Township Roads; second by Mr. Couris.

Ms. Batdorf gave a report of which roads will be chip sealed; roads include Springlea Lane, Nantmeal Road, Hilltop Road, Bartlett Lane, Cooks Glen Road, Marigold Court, and St. Andrews Road, with a total estimated construction cost of \$102,205.00. Last year only one bid was received.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked if there was any thought to chip sealing the township parking lot. Ms. Batdorf stated that the parking lot will be included in the paving for this year.

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

Ken Miller, 2573 Horseshoe Trail – Request for Relief of Setback Requirement (Section 2220.C) – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the request for Relief of Setback Requirements (Section 2220.C); second by Mr. Couris

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

Stefanie Williams, 2898 Flowing Springs Road – Request for Relief of Driveway Requirement (Section 2201.E.8.C) – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the request for relief of the driveway requirement (Section 2201.E.9.C); second by Mr. Couris.

Ms. Williams discussed her request for this relief. This will be an accessory dwelling for her son and his family; she would need an additional driveway. A discussion on this request ensued.

Mr. Jacobs feels that this is something that would be appropriate to send to the Planning Commission for their input. Mr. Schneider asked what the reason is for not subdividing this property.

Tracey Franey, Township Zoning Officer stated that this falls under Act 319. The purpose if for an accessory dwelling for family and the nature of the current driveway is not practical. Mr. McGrory doesn't agree with the interpretation as an accessory dwelling and feels that Ms. Williams should take a more practical approach, i.e. subdivide and keep in homeowner's name. Mr. Couris, Mr. Schneider and Mr. Jacobs all agree that this request should go before the Planning Commission.

Karl Brachwitz, 1286 Hollow Road commented that he understood the Board's thoughts but that they shouldn't encourage people to subdivide properties.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane commented that a lot of work was done to expand the zoning ordinance to permit for more uses of accessory dwellings to permit people to have a home for aging parents or family to live close by. The problem for Ms. Williams is the requirement for a shared driveway. Mr. McGrory stated that what is normally done is that the zoning ordinance is written as in-law quarters. Ms. Shick stated that this has been in the ordinance for 8-10 years and there has not been a big demand.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked if anyone has looked at the visibility issues. Mr. Curry also stated that there could be some real problems with estate issues.

Ms. Williams asked if this will go to the Planning Commission this Thursday. Ms. Batdorf said yes and they will give advisory comments.

With no other comments or questions, *Motion is denied 0-3.*

Appoint Historic Commission Liaison – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to appoint Mr. Jacobs as the Historic Commission Liaison; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road commented that he missed the Treasurer's Report and the financial statements. Is something delaying them? Ms. Batdorf stated that the Treasurer's Report/financials are on the first meeting of the month. Mr. Eldridge stated that Mr. Jacobs stated that the road master was hired. Could you tell us a little bit of background about him? Ms. Batdorf said that Reggie Roy has a week under his belt and is getting familiar with roads and issues of the township; the Road Department has been restructured as well; please send any complaints/comments to Public Works and the Road Master.

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road commented that he attended the Historic Commission Workshop and it was pretty good. One item that came up was the Historic Resource Committee. The committee has chosen to become unaffiliated with the Historic Commission and work essentially like a club. Because of this, Mr. Dulchinos feels that the Historic Resource Committee is not the right name for this group. It is no longer a township entity but a volunteer club. They still show up on the township calendar and on the township website, which could cause confusion. Ms. Batdorf stated that she is working on a proposal for this.

Karl Brachwitz, 1286 Hollow Road commented that he just received a letter that the Historic Commission has been formed and he would be subject to additional rules. Is there an effort to have a Historic Architectural Review Board? This is a very difficult thing to deal with and the board would have no input.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked if the letter went out to all owners of historic properties. Ms. Batdorf discussed this letter.

Jim Bergey, 1433 Birchrun Road asked if the land is considered historic. Ms. Batdorf stated that all structures and parcels are considered historic.

Karl Brachwitz, 1286 Hollow Road asked if resident has to own a historic property to be on the Historic Commission.

Jim Bergey, 1433 Birchrun Road asked if Jaine Lane is on the schedule to be repaired.

Jamie McVicker, 407 Blackhorse Road commented that he understands that Mr. Jacobs is not running for the Board of Supervisors again and he wanted to thank Mr. Jacobs in advance for his calm manner during his time with the Board. If Mr. Jacobs had to leave during his term, what is the process for filling the vacancy?

Mr. Couris commented that a significant amount of residents are having difficulty with Verizon regarding reception; he would like to put some information in the newsletter. If

residents are having problems, he asked that they contact him through the township email on the website.

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 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn
Township Secretary