

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

July 3, 2017

7:00 PM

Attendance: Chairman John Jacobs, Michael Schneider, Township Manager Erica Batdorf and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Chairman John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Jacobs announced an Executive Session on June 27, 2017 to discuss real estate.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Schneider made the motion to approve the June 19, 2017 minutes as submitted. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Reports:

Township Manager Report: Ms. Batdorf gave her report for the time period dated July 3, 2017 which was acknowledged as received.

Police Report: Sergeant Russell gave the June 2017 Police Report which was acknowledged as received.

Bills List: Mr. Schneider made the motion that the Bills List dated 7/3/2017 in the total amount of \$114,926.01 be approved as submitted. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from Penn Dot dated June 23, 2017 informing residents of Chester County that they plan to collect traffic data all throughout the county starting in July through November. Ms. Batdorf shared the roads in West Vincent Township: Houndstooth Circle, Aldephia Lane, Bertolet School Road, Horseshoe Trail, Chester Springs Road and Hilltop Road. Mr. Jacobs asked Ms. Batdorf to contact Penn Dot to find out why they picked roads that were not used very much. Suzanne Roth, 1360 School House Road asked if she could also ask them to repair the edges of Flowing Springs Road. Ms. Batdorf stated that Penn Dot is considering doing a study of that road.

Subdivision/Land Development:

Kling Subdivision: An extension request was submitted by Vincent Kling. Mr. Schneider made the motion to grant the Extension for the Kling Subdivision until October 20, 2017. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Horseshoe Trail and Nantmeal Road Bid: Ms. Batdorf stated that the bid was advertised and the Township has received one bid from Marino Corporation. Cedarville Engineering has checked the documents and references and they are all positive. The prior contractor chose not to bid. Mr. Schneider made the motion to accept the bid from Marino Corporation in the total amount of \$367,905.00. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Sara Shick 1201 Davis Lane asked about the bid opening which was this morning at a public meeting with the Township Engineer and staff. Brian Curry 512 Black Horse Road asked about the difference between this bid and the last and was informed there is about a \$9,000 difference. There was no further comment and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Snow and Ice Removal Bid: Mr. Schneider made the motion to authorize advertisement of the Snow and Ice Removal Bid for 2017-2018. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Mr. Jacobs asked if there were any changes in the bid from last year. Ms. Batdorf stated that she is considering some changes and if the Board would like to see those before it authorizes the advertisement that this can be put off until the next meeting. The Board determined that it was alright with any changes as long as they would be forwarded to them. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Maury Kring 2323 S. Chester Springs Road asked how much it would cost to tear down the barn at Bryn Coed. Mr. Jacobs informed him for all the buildings it would cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

Ms. Roth asked if it was necessary for School House Park to be mowed on a Sunday afternoon since the noise disturbed her. She also brought to the attention of the Board that she called the Police Department over the weekend for noise from a nearby property. The property is rented out as a Peer to Peer rental and they had a very large noisy party. Calling did work, but she would like the Board to address the capability of renting ones property. Sue Krug, 2144 Flowing Springs Road echoed her sentiments. Ms. Batdorf stated that the Township will find out if they are in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Krug stated that when the ordinance was changed to permit Bed and Breakfasts everyone thought it was a good idea, but living next to one would change someone's mind. After a discussion Mr. Jacobs stated that it is something that the Township may not be able to control, but will seek legal counsel regarding the ordinance and see if there is anything that could be changed to help. There are many rentals in the Township and nothing is ever said about them.

Mr. Curry shared that he feels that the steel roller used in the Tar and Chip placement may not have been the right equipment to use after he did research on the internet.

Maria Jacobs 2351 Beaver Hill Road asked if Texas Eastern will be reseeding the Township Park after the repairs done to the pipeline and she was told yes.

Ms. Shick asked if there was any update on the sewer plant sale and she was told that there was none.

Ms. Shick asked if there was an update on the covered bridge opening. Ms. Batdorf has been informed within a few weeks.

Ms. Shick asked about the French Creek Road closure. Ms. Batdorf stated that the Township is still waiting on obtaining a construction easement with the landowner.

Ms. Shick stated that there were survey stakes on Birchrun Road. This is a state road and Penn Dot surveyed the bridge nearby.

Ms. Shick stated that if the Davis Lane culvert is on the list of the Dirt and Gravel Road repairs then to put it at the bottom.

Ms. Shick asked if the Township is still negotiating the sale with Bryn Coed for the 72 acres and she was informed that it was.

Mr. Kring asked if an environmental study was done on the 72 acres in Bryn Coed and he was informed that Natural Lands Trust preformed a Phase I and Phase II study.

Harriet Stone, 1645 Birchrun Road asked about the survey done by Pennoni on intersections in West Vincent and other Townships. Mr. Jacobs stated that Penn Dot sent a letter stating that they recommend a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of S. Chester Springs Road and 401. They want the gate removed from Eagle Farms Road before the stop sign is in place and Mr. Jacobs stated that the Board does not agree with that strategy. If the gate would be removed, it should be after the stop sign is in place. The Board feels that it is backwards to do it that way. No resolution has been determined at this time.

Mr. Curry asked what the timing is of the installation of the turnaround at the gate. Ms. Batdorf stated that the road has not been dedicated yet, so the Township cannot do the work until it is.

Meeting adjourned 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely
Township Secretary