

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

August 7, 2017

7:00 PM

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

Chairman John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Mr. Jacobs announced an Executive Session on August 7, 2017 to discuss personnel.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Schneider made the motion to approve the July 17, 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: Chief Swinger gave the July 2017 Police Report which was acknowledged as received.

Ms. Batdorf asked the Board to re-order the agenda for the other item that involved the Police Department. Chief Swinger presented the Board with a quote to purchase a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan in the total amount of \$38,150.49 through the COSTARS program. He stated that the 2017 has a line item for the car in the amount of \$40,000. He also estimated that the value of the 2010 Crown Vic is \$2,000 which will be sold. He respectfully asked for the Board's approval to purchase the order. Mr. Jacobs asked how many miles the 2010 car had on it and he was informed 102,000 miles. Mr. Schneider asked how many miles the one from last year that was sold had on it and he was informed approximately 100,000. Ms. Batdorf stated that a police car has met its maximum value at 95,000 miles. Mr. Schneider made the motion that the Board authorizes the purchase of the 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan in the total amount of \$38,150.49 and authorizes the advertisement of the sale of the 2010 Crown Vic. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Brian Curry, 512 Black Horse Road asked if the Township has considered a hybrid or electric vehicle since he has seen them available. Chief Swinger stated that those cars are not available to all and are in the testing phase in New York and Los Angeles. There was no further comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Bills List: Mr. Schneider made the motion that the Bills List dated 8/7/2017 in the total amount of \$243,960.18 be approved as submitted. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The Board answered a few questions and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

A letter dated July 17, 2017 from the East Pikeland Township Police Department was acknowledged as received thanking Officer Patrick Butler for his assistance during the search for a small child who was then found.

Subdivision/Land Development:

Toll Bros. /Eagle Farms: Mr. Schneider made the motion that the Board adopt Resolution 17-2017 accepting Dedication of Phase 2A of the Eagle Farms Subdivision as recommended by the Township Engineer in his August 2, 2017 letter. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Ms. Batdorf stated that the staff has been working with the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer and Toll Bros. evaluating the documents and easements for Phase 2A. This includes Eagle Farms Road, Chester Springs Road and the assignment of two easements on culverts. These have been reviewed by the Township Solicitor. Jim Helm, 2563 Veronica Drive asked if this includes Sunderland Avenue and it does not. Jane Helm, 2563 Veronica Drive asked if the trees under the electric lines were addressed. Ms. Batdorf stated that inspections were performed and it is all according to the plan. Mr. Jacobs stated that in the future this should be a requirement during the review process. Ms. Batdorf will send a memo to the Township Engineer and the Planning Commission to check for this. Victoria Laubach, Chairman of the EAC commented that it is possible for this to be worked into the zoning changes that are happening with the grant obtained by Natural Lands. It is also possible to get a list of sustainable trees from PECO. Gloria Shontz, 2415 S. Chester Springs Road asked if the gate can be moved now. Mr. Jacobs stated that this will allow the Township to pave the turnaround. Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked if the gate will be moved. Mr. Schneider stated that the gate will not be moved from its location since the current placement provides for the best turnaround. Mr. Jacobs called for a vote which carried unanimously.

Toll Bros. has requested the final release of escrow for Phase 2A. Mr. Schneider made the motion that the Board release the final escrow for Phase 2A in the total amount of \$233,497.65 as recommended by the Township Engineer in his letter dated August 2, 2017. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Helm asked if there are any trail easements in this phase and he was told no. The asphalt trail is built and owned by the HOA. There are no other trails. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Vision Partnership Grant: Ms. Batdorf stated that the EAC has been spending time looking at multiple ordinances regarding trees and forestry. Vicky Laubach, Chairman of the EAC was present to discuss applying for a grant that would help in funding the changes that the EAC are recommending. Ms. Laubach stated that she would need a letter of support from the Township to apply for the grant. This grant would cover 70% of the costs and it is possible that Green Valleys Association would be able to help with some of the remaining 30%. Ed Theurkauf has prepared a proposal for the grant and the cost to the Township would be approximately \$4,000. Mr. Schneider asked if this would make it more restrictive since he is not in favor of that. Ms. Laubach feels that it may be slightly more restrictive, but would make the Zoning Ordinance clearer. Harriet Stone,

also of the EAC agreed stating that the Zoning Ordinance is difficult to understand and this would add information to assist in those areas concerning trees. Mr. Schneider stated that education is fine, but when it changes to an authority is where he has a problem. Ms. Batdorf stated that this is the pre-application stage. Mr. Jacobs stated that he needs to read the application before it is discussed. This item was tabled until the next Board meeting on August 21st.

Public Comment:

Brian Curry, discussed the snow bid on the website and the 2017 budget.

Ted Moglen, 1201 Davis Lane informed the audience that the National Park Service has a program to search out and preserve Native American Trails that were in place before Europeans came to America on their website. Ms. Batdorf will share the information with the Park and Recreation Commission.

Karen Lampe, 943 St. Matthews Road shared information about the problem she had with the 911 system over the weekend. She called the Township police department and there was no answer and was wondering what she could do since no officer showed up. Mr. Jacobs stated that is a county issue but that she should contact Chief Swinger about her concerns. Ms. Batdorf will also contact the Chief to see how she can help. Mr. Jacobs stated that calling 911 should be in the next newsletter. That is the number to call, not the office number during an emergency.

Gloria Shontz stated that she has a group that will be signing a petition will be placing signs and she wants to give it to the Board to save S. Chester Springs Road. She asked for an update on S. Chester Springs Road. Mr. Jacobs stated that the Township does not know what Penn DOT is going to do but he plans on calling them tomorrow to find out about the 4-way stop sign. They want to put in the 4-way stop sign at 401 and S. Chester Springs Road after the Township removes the gate at S. Chester Springs Road and Eagle Farms Road which does not make sense. Ms. Shontz does not see the need for the stop sign and thanked the Board for doing their best.

Sara Shick asked if it was too late to get something on the Bryn Coed Subdivision. She feels it would be a good time to get an off road paths. An easement could be put in place, not to build them, but should they ever be developed there would be something in place already. This was done in a previous subdivision. Mr. Jacobs stated that the final plan is not in place so it may not be too late. She will forward an email to Ms. Batdorf with her suggestions.

Chip Farnham, 988 St. Matthews Road thanked the Road Department for the cleanup of Horseshoe Trail between Phillips Lane and Ivy Lane.

Harriet Stone, 1645 Birchrun Road thanked the Road Department for clearing a large branch on her road. Ms. Stone asked if the sewer plant properties will have easements on them if they are sold. Mr. Jacobs told her yes, they will remain open space.

Sara Shick asked the Board if they made a decision about the barns at Bryn Coed. Mr. Jacobs stated that he did not know how to answer that question since it is a real estate deal. Mr. Brown agreed and added that any decision like that would have to be made public when it is complete.

There are issues with the Agreement of Sale and there is no way of knowing what is going to happen at this time.

Maria Jacobs, Park and Recreation announced the Picnic in the Park this Thursday with live music by Voo Doo Deville donated by the Dulchinos.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely
Township Secretary