

West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting

August 24, 2015 7:30 PM

Attendance: Chairman Kenneth Miller, Vice Chairman David P. Brown, III, John Jacobs, Stephen Siana of Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew, LLP, Township Solicitor, James Wendelgass Township Manager, and Tammy Swavely Township Secretary.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Miller announced that there was an **Executive Session** on August 10, 2015 and August 19, 2015 to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate.

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

**Vice Chairman David Brown** stated that he was informed of a problem at Pughtown Road and French Creek Road at Wilson's Corner. There is standing water on the property and he would like Mr. Wendelgass to find out who owns the property and if the Township could work with them to fill in the hole since some of the ground may be Township property.

**Francis Ellis, 2823 Flowing Springs Road** commented on the nice road work performed by Martin Paving.

**Sharon Davis, 932 Jaine Lane**, commented on how some of the questions asked in a Board of Supervisor Meeting are good questions, when many could be answered by email or a telephone call and are frivolous for meetings.

**Jamie McVickar, 407 Black Horse Road** commented on how frivolous questions take time and spend more money on attorney fees.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of **August 10, 2015** were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Brown and a second by Mr. Jacobs.

**Reports** (full copies are attached):

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager Report for the period ending 8/24/15 was acknowledged as submitted.

Treasurer Report: Mr. Wendelgass read the attached Treasurer Report for the period ending July 31, 2015 which was acknowledged as received.

Police Report: The Police Report for the month of July 2015 was presented by Chief Michael Swinger and was acknowledged as received.

Active Subdivision List: There are no pending deadlines.

Bills List: Mr. Brown made the motion to approve the Bills List dated 8/10/15 in the total amount of \$314,069.68. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The Board answered some questions and the motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

Information was acknowledged as received on the Eagle/Glenmoore Lions Club Flea Market and Craft Sale on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Eagle at the corner of Park Road and Little Conestoga Road. This will be added to the Township website.

Information was acknowledged as received on Chester County Day on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be added to the Township website.

The Ridge Fire Company Community Day on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. This will be added to the Township website.

East Vincent Township has sent an email with information on a computer and appliance recycling vendor, TBS Industries. They are inviting West Vincent to participate in a recycling day. The Board decided that the Township should offer this to the residents. Mr. Wendelgass will contact them to let them know of dates that are available. The date will be added to the website and an email blast will be sent to alert residents.

**Subdivision/Land Development:**

Eagle Farms Subdivision/Toll Bros.: Toll Bros. has requested for Surety Reductions on two Performance Bonds. Mr. Miller made the motion to forward these to Carroll Engineering for review and recommendation. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Sale of Police Car: The 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe was placed on the Municibid website for sale. The highest bidder was John Dunkins in the amount of \$6,600.00. Mr. Miller made the motion to accept the bid from John Dunkins in the total amount of \$6,600.00. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Repair to Black Horse Road: David and Sophie Pomanto, 289 Black Horse Road came to the meeting to discuss the repairs to their road with the Township Engineer, Chris Peterson. Mr. Pomanto was concerned that the road would be moved. Mr. Peterson stated that it will be in the current road bed. He added that the pipe that would be installed would be a reinforced concrete pipe on either side of the swale and the grade change would be 1½ feet. The grading to the property line will be basically the same. Mrs. Pomanto disagreed with the engineer saying it would not work. Mr. Pomanto asked if he could come to the site and observe it. The Board agreed to send

Mr. Peterson to the site the following morning. Mrs. Pomanto discussed her easement she has on her property. She feels that it is a 20' easement. Mr. Wendelgass stated that the subdivision plan actually has a 60' right-of-way. Brian Curry, 512 Black Horse Road asked why the change in cost from \$150,000 to \$75,000. Mr. Miller stated that it has to do with the square footage and also if the Township had to go out to bid, the bidding process included bonding and prevailing wage. This made the costs double. Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked if delay this would push the road work to next year. Mr. Miller stated that he couldn't answer that question.

### **New Business:**

New Stormwater Management Agreement: A new Stormwater Management Agreement has been submitted with a pool and decking permit for 4 Springwood Lane. This has been approved by Carroll Engineering. Mr. Brown made the motion to approve the Stormwater Best Management Practices, and Conveyances Operation and Maintenance for 4 Springwood Lane, Tax Parcel 25-3-19.6 and for the Chairman and Secretary to execute the same. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Snow and Ice Removal Bid: Mr. Jacobs made the motion that the Snow and Ice Removal Bid be authorized to be advertised. Mr. Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Planning Module for 2094 Flowing Springs Road: The Planning Module has been prepared and approved by the Chester County Health Department. This has also been reviewed by Carroll Engineering and they recommend forwarding it to DEP. Mr. Brown made the motion to adopt Resolution 15-2015 as submitted. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Suzanne Roth, 1360 School House Lane was concerned with the owner's construction habits currently onsite and was concerned with runoff. She was informed that this is not for stormwater, but for sewage only. Mr. Siana informed her that this resolution is confirming to DEP that the Planning Module conforms to the West Vincent Township Act 537 Plan. There were no further comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Township Property/Casualty Insurance: Mr. Wendelgass explained the quotes for the renewal of the Township insurance policies. The broker took the coverage package to two separate groups of carriers. The lowest prices are from the Township's current carriers. National Casualty provides coverage for crime, property, general liability, automobile, law enforcement, public officials, employment practices and umbrella coverage. Workers compensation coverage is provided by Amerihealth Casualty, which is the only private insurance company still underwriting municipal coverage in Pennsylvania. The renewals will cost \$135,389 with the increases coming mostly from the Workman's Compensation Insurance rates and Public Law 477. The Township also contacted Paychex for a quote in Workman's Compensation, but they were unable quote the Township due to the law mandating it include cancer coverage for all fire fighters. Most of all the carriers have exited the market due to this. The only other option is the State pool and that is 20% higher. Workman's Compensation for the Ludwig's Fire Department is partially paid for by Upper Uwchlan Township and East Nantmeal Township. Since we are the host municipality, West Vincent must purchase it. Maria Jacobs, 2351 Beaver Hill Road asked if the total real estate value was looked at for the renewals. Mr. Wendelgass stated that the Township does not insure real

estate for the current value, but the replacement cost of the buildings. These inflate every year. Mr. Brown made the motion to approve the insurance renewal as submitted. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. There were no further comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely  
Township Secretary