

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

January 15, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chairman John Jacobs, Vice Chairman Michael Schneider, Member Bernie Couris, Township Manager, Erica Batdorf, Township Engineer, Bryan Kulakowsky, and Township Road Foreman, Mark Hughes.

Chairman John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Township building.

The group conducted a tour of Township roads including Jaine Lane, Schoolhouse Road, Flint Road, Art School Road, Kimberton Road, and Dewees Lane. Township staff reviewed and presented the locations for possible road maintenance projects which may include road resurfacing, double chip sealing, and culvert replacement, to be conducted in 2018 and in future years.

Ms. Batdorf provided a status report with regard to current projects as the Hollow Road Bridge repair was recently completed, dirt and gravel road projects on Bartlett Lane and Green Lane are in progress, and the French Creek culvert replacement is pending construction given legal matters regarding easements. Ms. Batdorf reported that the Township budget has approximately \$800,000 allotted for the Road Program. Ms. Batdorf noted that pending commitments must be accounted for in the 2018 fiscal year and results of the bid for the French Creek bridge culvert will impact the Township's budget for new projects. Mr. Kulakowsky presented preliminary cost estimates for chip sealing, paving, drainage improvement, and resurfacing of Township roads.

Township staff further recommended prioritizing road projects beginning with implementing a survey on Jaine Lane to delineate existing wetlands, waterways, right of ways, and other features necessary to design needed improvements. In addition, staff recommended road resurfacing and drainage improvements to be completed on Schoolhouse Lane between St. Matthews Road and Flowing Springs Road. Township staff noted there is no shortage of opportunities for investment in our Road Program, as road resurfacing and drainage improvements are needed on Kimberton, Art School, and Flint Roads in the Township. On the tour Mr. Hughes indicated locations where the Township may desire applying for additional dirt and gravel road program funds to perform further drainage improvements. Ms. Batdorf also reiterated the need to plan for the replacement of Buttonwood Bridge in a future budget year. Ms. Batdorf indicated that the Board may review this information for consideration of authorizing the advertisement of bids for the Road Program in the coming months.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica L. Batdorf
Township Manager