

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

October 2, 2017

7:00 PM

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

Chairman John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Mr. Jacobs announced an Executive Session immediately prior to tonight's meeting to discuss real estate and litigation.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Schneider made the motion to approve the September 18, 2107 minutes as submitted. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Reports:

Police Report: Chief Swinger gave the September 2017 Police Report which was acknowledged as received. Frances Ellis 2823 Flowing Springs Road asked if the Township charges for excessive amount of false alarm calls. Chief Swinger stated that there is an ordinance that allows that, but it has never been used to his knowledge.

Bills List: Mr. Schneider made the motion that the Bills List dated 10/02/2017 in the total amount of \$120,611.63 be approved as submitted. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The Board answered a few questions and the motion carried unanimously.

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 November 10, 2017. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Brian Curry, 512 Black Horse Road asked how many days was the extension. The Board informed him it is within 90 days that is the usual request. There was no further comment and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Open Space Hearing: Mr. Schneider made the motion to authorize the advertisement of the hearing for the use of Open Space funds for Tax Parcel 25-4-111 for October 16, 2017. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Jacobs explained that this is for the expenditure of \$200,000 that the Board agreed upon in a public meeting in February 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Ag Security Hearing: Mr. Schneider made the motion that the Board authorize the advertisement of the hearing for the Ag Security Area Renewal on November 20, 2017. Mr. Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Non-Uniformed Employees 457 Plan: Mr. Schneider made the motion to set the contribution rate at .057% to the non-uniformed 457 Plan funding the pension plans with the state funds received. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Jacobs explained that \$91,765 was received from the state and after the Police pension is funded, the remaining goes to the non-uniformed employees. The Townships contribution will be \$367.50. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Harriet Stone, 1645 Birchrun Road read a statement to the Board regarding the history of the acquisition of the School House Park by the Township in 2014.

Artie Ewell, 972 Fellowship Road stated that he felt that the new D-outlet at the end of Fellowship Road is dangerous. Mr. Jacobs will speak to the Township Engineer about it. He also asked about the dirt and where it was going and why no E & S controls were done. Cedarville Engineering will be asked for this information.

Bernie Couris, 2239 Beaverhill Road announced that the Sustainability Fair will be on October 14, 2017 from 10:00 – 3:00 PM at the West Vincent Elementary School. He encouraged all to attend this fun and informative event.

Frances Ellis stated that when Penn DOT paved Flowing Springs Road they did not install a drain and she feels it needs one. Mr. Schneider will discuss this the Road Department. Mrs. Ellis asked about the construction of a garage in Birchrunville and their permission to do this. She will need to contact the Township office for permit information.

Tanya Helwig, 2034 Pottstown Pike informed the Board that she is frustrated with trying to get information about the construction going on at 2020 Pottstown Pike. The Zoning Officer informed her not to worry that he is watching it. She would like to know how to get answers. She did file a Right to Know and did receive the permit information but would like more details. She has general and zoning questions that she cannot get information on. Mr. Jacobs will contact the Zoning Officer and let Mrs. Helwig what she can do.

Dylan Cardwell, 1779 Pughtown Road asked the Board about the approval for a Phase 1 study on the pond near his property. He understood the Board had questions on the history of the pond and offered old pictures from the 1960's when it was used for fishing. He stated that there is a pipe under the road that feeds into the pond and has not been cleaned out for years. He stated that he contacted the owner several months ago to purchase it and is interested in the parcel. He wanted to know where the owner stands with the easement necessary to install the culvert on French Creek Road since he has signed his easement. Mr. Brown stated that the owner wants to donate the parcel to the Township, but the Board felt that a study should be done on the pond before it accepts it. If he would like to purchase it, that he should contact the owner sooner rather than later.

Ms. Shick asked if the Phase 1 Study is done yet on the parcel in question on French Creek Road and Mr. Jacobs told her no.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely
Township Secretary