

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 4, 2018 7:00 PM

Attendance: Chairman, John Jacobs, Vice Chairman, Mike Schneider, Member Bernie Couris, Erica Batdorf, Township Manager and Kathryn Shillenn, Township Secretary

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Jacobs announced that an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Personnel and Real Estate.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the May 21, 2018 minutes, with corrections; Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. *Motion carries 2-0-1 with Mr. Couris abstaining.*

Reports:

Manager Report: The Phoenixville Regional Planning Commission met on May 30th. There is a link to the Draft Comprehensive Plan material available on the Township Website under "Plans & Studies". The Festival in the Park will take place this Saturday, June 9th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Park and Recreation Commission. There is a website available at www.WVTFestival.com to see the day's program of activities. West Vincent Township was recently featured in the May issue of the Pennsylvania Township News Magazine regarding our Road Improvement Program. The Fellowship Trail Ribbon Cutting will be held on June 21st at 6:00 pm. Also, the Picnic in the Park returns on June 21st at 6:30 pm. and will also feature live music. This event will be held on the third Thursday of the months of June, July and August.

Bills List: **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the Bills List of June 4, 2018 in the total amount of \$115,449.19; Mr. Couris seconded the motion. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Announcements: None

Correspondence: None

Presentation: None

Subdivision/Land Development:

Trevdan Lot 1 Land Development Plan Resolution of Approval – **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve Resolution No. 23-108 for Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for 1031 Pottstown Pike, Lot 1, Trevdan Building Supply; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Glen Hill Subdivision Plan Resolution of Approval – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve Resolution No. 24-2018 for the Amended Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan Approval for 1692 Hollow Road, Glenn Hill for Subdivision of UPI 25-4-102 into four lots; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Old Business:

Norchester Red Knights Request for Donation – Ms. Batdorf updated the Board on this request. The groups was requesting a donation to support their football/cheer program. Mr. Couris feels that the Board should donate \$500.00. Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road, thought that for both donation requests, including French Creek Iron Tour, it should be put on the website for public recommendations. Maria Jacobs, 2351 Beaver Hill Road, noted that the Norchester Red Knights will be attending the Festival in the Park for fundraising. Chairman Jacobs agrees with Mr. Couris regarding the donation of \$500.00, but he also felt this will open up the possibility of other groups asking for donations. George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road, inquired as to how many children from West Vincent play on the team and how the contribution would benefit the Township.

MOTION by Mr. Jacobs to approve a donation of \$500.00 to the Norchester Red Knights; second by Mr. Couris. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Couris – yes, Mr. Schneider – no. *Motion carries 2-1.*

French Creek Iron Tour Request for Donation – Pam Brown, Conservation Director with French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, discussed the Tour. She stated that 1,000 to 1,200 people participate in this event and she feels that this tour showcases the Township’s investment in land preservation. Last year approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 was raised from this event. Ms. Brown is asking for a donation of \$1,000. Mr. Couris stated that he supported this event. Maria Jacobs asked Ms. Brown what proportion of funding goes into the preservation of the land and how much goes into the operations. Ms. Brown indicated that the Tour helps raise funds for the operation of the Trust.

MOTION by Mr. Couris to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the French Creek Iron Tour; second by Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Couris, Mr. Jacobs – yes, Mr. Schneider – no. *Motion carries 2-1.*

New Business:

New Zoning Hearing Application for Kevin Plunkett, 943 Dewees Lane, for Special Exception of Section 2209 of the Township Zoning Ordinance – Ms. Batdorf discussed this application and explained that this is just for the Board to be informed and that they have the option to support, deny or take no action and let the Zoning Hearing Board hear the case. The Zoning Hearing will take place in July. The Board acknowledged as received. *No action will be taken by the Board.*

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road, stated that Ms. Batdorf mentioned that the applicant is not the homeowner. He thought that the application was tied to the owner of the property. Ms. Batdorf stated that the owners/tenant and Zoning Hearing Board are working through this issue. Suzanne Roth, 1360 School House Road, asked if the detailing would be using toxic substances. Beverly Buckta, 7 Adelphia Lane, is requesting the Board oppose this application. She feels that

it does not fit in with the character of the residential neighborhood and also that the street is too narrow. Mr. Couris stated that the Board cannot stop the application; that it has to go through the zoning process. Several comments were received by the public indicating that the business is still being advertised and promoted through flyers and social media. Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane stated that the Board can vote to be represented at the Zoning Hearing. Ms. Shick indicated that she recently observed comments on social media by Mr. Plunkett with regard to the operation of the business. Ms. Batdorf will discuss this issue with the Zoning Officer to ensure there are no operations taking place at this property at this time.

Ludwig's Corner Fire Company Request for Capital Contribution – David Frame, President and Jeff Kimes, Fire Chief of the Ludwig's Corner Fire Company, discussed the request. Mr. Frame indicated that the cost of the new rescue fire truck will be \$651,000. Maria Jacobs asked how much the Fire Company will need in addition to the \$100,000 requested by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Frame provided an overview of the contributions to date and noted that the company has sought a low interest state loan to pay for the remainder of the balance for the vehicle.

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve \$100,000 for the Ludwig's Corner Fire Company Request; second by Mr. Jacobs. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Road Program Planning Discussion – Ms. Batdorf stated that Cedarville Engineering is taking the comments from the last meeting and working on estimates for the Five-Year Plan. Mr. Couris noted that Flint Road has washed out twice already. Ms. Batdorf stated that the Road Crew has been doing the prep work on that road. Bids will be open this coming Friday. Mr. Couris and Mr. Schneider will give Ms. Batdorf their lists of priorities for the Road Program. Ms. Shick asked about the revised road bids for Schoolhouse Lane and Flint Roads. Mr. Jacobs stated that they are not revised, they had to be re-bid due to some contractor errors on bid forms. The bids are due to be opened on Friday. Ms. Shick noted that the township should hire experts to do their jobs properly. Mr. Jacobs stated that this discussion will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Maria Jacobs read a public service announcement regarding the Festival in the Park thanking volunteers and staff who are contributing efforts towards this event and described the planned activities to take place on June 9, 2018. Jennifer Munson stated that Neal Fisher from the Hankin Group conducted a Joint Meeting of the EAC and Sustainability Committees. She would like to thank the Hankin Group for meeting with them. The Committees biggest issue to be addressed included discussion regarding plantings and the size of the trees in the development.

MOTION by Mr. Jacobs to adjourn; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn

Township Secretary