

West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 18, 2018 7:00 PM

Attendance: Chairman, John Jacobs, Member Bernie Couris, Joseph J. McGrory, Jr. Esq. Township Solicitor, Erica Batdorf, Township Manager and Kathryn Shillenn, Township Secretary  
Vice Chairman, Mike Schneider – absent.

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

Chairman Jacobs announced that an Executive Session was held at 6:30 p.m to discuss litigation. Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked what the litigation was. Solicitor McGrory responded that it was for the Duey litigation.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve the June 4, 2018 minutes as submitted; Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. *Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Reports:**

**Police Report:** Chief Swininger gave his report which was acknowledged as received.

Harriet Stone, 1645 Birchrun Road commented that it would be good if PennDOT would put in speed bumps before entering the Sheeder Mill Bridge to slow cars down. Ms. Batdorf stated that the elected officials are adding it to their advanced bridge replacement program to get it going for us. They are in the assessment stage right now.

**Bills List:** **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve the Bills List of June 18, 2018 in the total amount of \$177,872.41; Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. *Motion carries unanimously.*

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road asked why the Bills List showed Final instead of Draft; regarding the \$100,000 to the Fire Company. Mr. Eldridge commented on the contribution to the Ludwig's Corner Fire Company and asked Mr. Jacobs if he felt he should recuse himself from the vote. Mr. Jacobs informed Mr. Eldridge he had no reason to recuse himself from this vote.

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road, asked about the \$800 plus in legal fees for a Right-To-Know. Ms. Batdorf stated that this was for a Right-To-Know related to a few police matters.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked about the small bill for the Promenade at Chester Springs. Is this still alive? Ms. Batdorf stated that they are coming up with a new plan.

Art Ewell, 975 Fellowship Road, asked what the bill from Kimmel Borgrette is for. Ms. Batdorf stated that it is for the architect that did the Township Feasibility Study.

John Eldridge asked where does the contribution to the Fire Company come from. Mr. Jacobs stated that this comes from the General Fund.

**Announcements:** None

**Correspondence:** Ms. Batdorf reviewed the list. They are thank yous from the Norchester Red Knights and French Creek Iron Tour for their donations and a thank you for supporting the Citizen Police Academy and commending Officer Rubino for his participation from a resident who attended.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked if the Citizen's Police Academy is posted on the website. There will be more academies in the future.

**Presentation:** None

**Subdivision/Land Development:**

**Eagle Farms/Toll Brothers; Carriage Homes South Surety Reduction Request – MOTION** by Mr. Couris to Approve the Release of \$304,789.95 for Surety Bond Reduction Request No. 5 to Toll Brothers Land Development for completion of site improvements to the Ewing Tract; second by Mr. Jacobs. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked how much of the Surety Bond will be left after the release. Ms. Batdorf responded that there will be \$32,784.03 remaining.

**Old Business:**

**Road Paving Bid** – Ms. Batdorf discussed this. Staff put out three bids; the lowest bidder, DiRocco Brothers came in at \$405,137.49. Cedarville Engineering is recommending awarding the Road Paving Bid to DiRocco Brothers. They have been fully vetted and references provided were very positive. **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to award DiRocco Brothers, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the 2018 Road Paving Project in the amount of \$405,137.49; second by Mr. Jacobs. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked how much the prior rejected bid was, what changes were made to the current bid compared to the rejected bid. Ms. Batdorf responded that the bid process was clarified in the bid documents.

Ellen Scott, 1743 Flint Road, stated she lives on Flint Road and has comments on the planning paving project. Flint Road is quintessential Chester County. It is beautiful. The best part of the road is that it is in complete disrepair. She would like some means be put in to slow traffic down. She worries that someone will get hurt because people will go very fast when the road is fixed. She would be happy if some speed humps were put in. Mr. Jacobs stated that temporary speed bumps can't be left out during winter. Can something like this be put into the budget. Chief Swinger will monitor this. Mr. Couris stated that he is behind Ms. Scott 100%. There are definitely some safety concerns. Ms. Scott asked how wide the road is going to be? The road crew will talk to residents on the specific issues along the widening. Ms. Batdorf stated improvements are being made within the Township right-of-way.

**Road Chip Seal Bid – MOTION** by Mr. Couris to reject all bids for the Chip Seal Project due to price; second by Mr. Jacobs. *Motion carries unanimously.* Ms. Batdorf stated that one bid was received and it was much higher than budgeted. This is not a great time of the year to get this bid back out.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked which roads were due to be chip sealed. Ms. Batdorf will provide Ms. Shick with a summary.

**New Business:**

**Township Finance Investment Plan: Authorization to Proceed with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Fund (PLGIT) –** Ms. Batdorf discussed this. We are doing our due diligence in how we should take advantage of moving some of the money from the sewer sale to have some yield on the investment to some of the other banking institutions other than DNB. PLGIT has some very competitive rates. Ms. Batdorf needs authorization to put together a proposal with PLGIT on a six or 12 month basis. **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to authorize the Township Manager to proceed with putting together the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Fund (PLGIT) proposal; second by Mr. Jacobs. *Motion carries unanimously.*

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

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road talked about the financials. He feels every meeting should have a treasurer's report. The township publishes financial statements but doesn't publish the current one. It used to be published; without current month activity you can't do a credible financial review. He also discussed some other issues regarding the budget. Mr. Eldridge did hand out copies of his own budget format. Ms. Batdorf stated she will be meeting with Mr. Eldridge this week to review his recommendations.

Kevin Barr, 2639 Westover Lane, discussed the sewer sale and the easement the Township pursued on this property. He was notified by the Board that he will lose access to structures on his property through this process. His property will be condemned and he will only receive \$5,000.00 through the process. He feels that this is not acceptable.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn  
Township Secretary