

**West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors**

**August 16, 2021 7:00 PM**

Attendance: Mike Schneider, Chair, Bernie Couris, Vice Chairman, Sara Shick, Member, John Granger, Township Manager, Mark Donatelli, Township Solicitor, Kathy Shillenn, Township Secretary, Michele Hogrelius, Township Treasurer

Chairman Schneider called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting; second by Mr. Couris.

Mr. Curry questioned some inconsistencies in the July meeting minutes regarding the \$25,000 police donation, resident's addresses, and how much information should be included in the minutes.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Reports:**

**Police Report** – Chief Swinger read the report. Report on file.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked if Chief would be around to talk about the Beaver Hill speed limit study, and also, if the police activity is trending up or trending down.

**Dana Alan, 12 Ivy Lane** asked how many people are on the police force.

**Bills List - MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$390,312.69; second by Ms. Shick.

There being no comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report** – Ms. Hogrelius gave the report. Report acknowledged as received. Report on file.

**John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Lane** asked when the 2020 audit will be available. He would like a draft. Mr. Eldridge also asked if there is anything identifying liabilities in modified accrual accounting.

**Manager's Report** – Mr. Granger read his report. Report on file.

**Announcements:** None

**Presentation:** None

**Old Business:**

**Discussion of Bryn Coed Township Park Name** - Ms. Shick discussed the items that were discussed at the July meeting.

**Ken Alan, 21 Ivy Lane** discussed the name of Opalanie Park and why he chose that. He did a lot of research in the word Opalanie. A discussion on the park naming followed.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** commented that Opalanie does roll off the tongue very well; Mr. Curry also felt there should be a board at the park explaining how that name was generated

**MOTION** by Mr. Couris to name the park Opalanie Park; second by Mr. Schneider.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries 2-1 with Ms. Shick voting no.*

**Discussion of Ford Road** - Mr. Donatelli spoke with attorney Susan Boswell, who represents an interested party in this, and asked for this discussion be tabled until she could meet with Mr. Granger. **Discussion tabled.**

**New Business:**

**Approve Resolution No. 14-2021, Dietrich Foundation Property TDR Agreement** - **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve Resolution No. 14-2021, Dietrich Foundation Property TDR Agreement; second by Mr. Couris.

**Mr. Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked for Resolution No. 14-2021 to be read. Ms. Shick read Resolution.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Approve Resolution No. 15-2021, Authorizing Township Participation in the Delaware Valley Trust for Property and Liability Coverage** - **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve Resolution No. 15-2021 to Authorize Township Participation in the Delaware Valley Trust for Workman's Comp Coverage; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Approve Resolution No. 16-2021, Authorizing Township Participation in the Delaware Valley Trust for Workman's Comp Coverage** - **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve Resolution No. 15-2021 Authorizing Township Participation in the Delaware Valley Trust for Property and Liability Coverage; second by Mr. Couris.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** commented that the Delaware Valley Trust has been referred to as DVIT in the past; they offer many services to the township.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Approve Resolution No. 17-2021, DEP Approval of Sewage Facilities Planning Module for 1830 **St. Matthews Road** – **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve the DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Module for 1830 St. Matthews Road; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Accept Proposal from Township Engineer to Design the Fellowship Trail at a Cost not to Exceed \$55,000** – **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to accept the proposal from township Engineer to Design the Fellowship Trail at a cost not to exceed \$55,000; second by Mr. Couris.

Mr. Granger discussed this; the previous engineer drew up a conceptual plan and this was used this for the basis of the grant application. The proposal is for the actual design for the construction documents to go out to bid. The trail will be in the PennDOT right-of-way.

**John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road** asked if this went out to bid. Mr. Eldridge also asked what the length of the trail as the cost seemed quite pricey.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Acknowledge Receipt – Subdivision/Land Development Application for 613 St. Matthews Road** – Receipt Acknowledged.

**Set Date for Conditional Use Hearing – 1601 Pughtown Road, Camphill Village Kimberton Hills** – **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to set the date for the Conditional Use Hearing for 1601 Pughtown Road, Camphill Kimberton Hills for the October 18, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting; second by Mr. Couris.

Mr. Granger gave a synopsis of the conditional use application; the applicant desires to set aside 20 acres for use as a cemetery.

There being no comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance to Set the speed Limit on Beaver Hill Road to 20 MPH** – **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to authorize advertisement of an Ordinance to set the speed limit on Beaver Hill Road to 20MPH; second by Mr. Couris.

**Ted Mollegen, 1201 Davis Lane** believes that changing the speed limit will not change the way people drive. Mr. Mollegen wondered if a speed bump would slow traffic down.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** commented that even dirt roads don't do it. The township improved his dirt road and it increased the speed. Mr. Curry also asked if a speed study done and he also asked what the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was.

Ms. Shick commented that the board always authorized speed studies and there were two studies done. Ms. Shick believes the board authorized the one that the chief did. Now the board is talking about the one done by the engineer. In the future, Ms. Shick would like to follow the process to have the board vote to conduct the speed study before it gets done.

**Ken Alan, 21 Ivy Lane** commented that Beaver Hill Road is a gravel road and the higher the speed, the more dust is projects.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** commented that the matter of dust that has come up on Blackhorse Road. There are neighbors who are asthmatic and they commented that in the past the township has put oil on the roads. Mr. Curry suggested that the road crew look at the different compounds that could be used.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Request for Fire Police for Traffic Control during Ridge Fire Company Community Day - MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve the request for fire police for traffic control during the Ridge Fire Company Community Day; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Accept the Resignation of Shaun Murphy from the Sustainability Committee - MOTION** by Mr. Shick to accept the resignation of Shaun Murphy from the Sustainability Committee; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Appointment to Sustainability Committee - MOTION** by Ms. Shick to appoint Ashley Miscevic to the Sustainability Committee for Shaun Murphy's unexpired term; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

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

**John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road** commented that some roads need to be mowed on the sides.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** commented that last year Blackhorse Road and Route 100 had complaints about the vegetation; this year it's being well kept down. Mr. Curry also commented that a very nice job was done with the Tar and Chip. Mr. Curry would like to know what the password is for the meeting room.

**Steve Austin, 151 Ford Road** commented he is also interested in the Ford Road problem. Mr. Austin would like to know what options will be considered.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION** to adjourn was brought forward by Ms. Shick; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Shillenn  
Township Secretary