

**West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors**

**Virtual Meeting**

**April 19, 2021 7:00 PM**

Attendance: Mike Schneider, Chairman, Bernie Couris, Vice Chairman, Sara Shick, Member, Mark Thompson, Township Solicitor, Kathy Shillenn, Township Secretary, Michele Hogrelius, Township Treasurer, Ed Latshaw, Township Engineer

Chairman Schneider called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting; second by Ms. Shick.

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

**Accept Resignation of Joseph McGrory** - Mr. Schneider does not remember discussing this and hiring another solicitor. Mr. Schneider stated that an executive session was held to discuss hiring another attorney and discussing rates. Mr. McGrory was asked to resign, but he did not resign. Mr. McGrory stated that the township was going in a different direction. Mr. Schneider does not know what the reasons are that Mr. McGrory was asked to resign. Mr. Couris commented that this discussion should be discussed in executive session.

**MOTION** by Ms. Shick to replace Mr. McGrory as Township Solicitor.

There being no comment or questions, *Motion carries 2-1 with Mr. Schneider voting no.*

**Appoint Mark Thompson, Lamb McErlane as Township Solicitor** - **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to Appoint Mark Thompson, Lamb McErlane as Township Solicitor; second by Mr. Couris.

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

**Reports:**

**Police Report** - Chief Swinger gave the report. Report acknowledged as received. Report on file.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked if the police have done anything special with respect to having heightened awareness due to events over the last week.

**Bills List** - **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$247,617.29; 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**, \$61,000 in accrued salary it increased 2020 expenses at year-end to which Ms. Hogrelius stated that she asked the township's CPA, but she did not get an answer yet. These numbers after adjustments are correct. A discussion followed.

**Manager's Report** – Ms. Shick read the manager's report. The Vision Partnership Grant was awarded to four municipalities. The township was awarded a grant for the dual EV charger that will be in the township parking lot. In early May, there will be a workshop in which the Environment Advisory Commission will present the West Vincent Township Return on Environment Report. West Vincent Township has been identified as 11<sup>th</sup> safest township in the state. Litter Lifters had a clean-up along French Creek Road. Also, the township engineer and solicitor helped at the Planning Commission meeting last week. The Zoning Hearing Board turned down an application. It turned out to be a problem with the Zoning Officer assessment and not the Zoning Ordinance.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked about the charging stand. Does it track how much it is used? Is this set up to charge for use or will the township be covering the use?

**Correspondence:** None.

**Presentation: Request from Hankin Group to Modify Development Plan** - Neal Fisher and Michael Hankin from the Hankin Group presented and discussed the modification of the development plan. This is request for a modification to a commercial space from 330,000 sq. ft. to 180,000 sq. ft. This modification will be to a portion of the commercial space and make that in 14 residential apartments. A lengthy discussion along with many comments and questions followed.

**MOTION** by Ms. Shick to Authorize the Solicitor to prepare a Resolution to all the Hankin Group to Modify the Development Plan for the Town Center; there is no second.

There being no further comments or questions; *MOTION fails 1-2 with Ms. Shick and Mr. Couris voting no.*

Ms. Shick asked Neal to come back to the Board of Supervisors next month.

**Old Business:**

**Resolution No. 9-2021 – Authorize DCED Grant Application** - **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to adopt Resolution No. 9-2021 Requesting a Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program Grant for the Bryn Coed Township Park Phase 2 Project; second by Mr. Couris.

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

**New Business:**

**Storm Water Waiver Request – 3966 Powell Road** - **MOTION** Ms. Shick to approve the Storm Water Waiver Request for 3966 Powell Road; second by Mr. Couris.

Mr. Kulakowsky, Arro Engineering discussed this request. The proposal is to put a pool in the side yard. This is a request for a waiver from infiltration volume Section 305A, 305E and 306E of the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

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

**Resolution No. 10-2021, Adopt the Emergency Operations Plan for West Vincent Township** – MOTION by Mr. Couris to Adopt Resolution No. 10-2021 Adopting the Emergency Operations Plan for West Vincent Township; second by Ms. Shick.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** is this something we do every year? Mr. Shick stated yes.

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

**Request from French & Pickering to Support the French Creek Iron Tour, Sunday, June 13, 2021** – MOTION by Mr. Couris to approve \$1,000 for the request from French & Pickering to support the French Creek Iron Tour; second by Ms. Shick.

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

**Environmental Advisory Commission Request for Approval to do Monthly Projects commencing on 4/22/21 to improve Environmental health of WVT Lane** – MOTION to approve the Environmental Advisory Commission Request to do Monthly Project to Improve the Environmental Health of the Township; second by Ms. Shick.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked what the project will be and how long will they go for? Will the township receive some type of summary? Ms. Shick feels this is a great idea and will ask the Environmental Advisory Commission to do a quarterly report.

Donna Delany discussed this request, which will be volunteers from the township; they will do a project every month.

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

**Authorize Purchase of Radios for Public Works** – MOTION by Ms. Shick to authorize the purchase of 12 mobile radios from Metropolitan Communications Inc. for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$9,117.36, second by Mr. Couris.

Chief Swinger commented that this will eliminate the \$850 quarterly bill.

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

**First Quarter Report** – This will be postponed until next month. It will be posted on the township website tomorrow.

**Authorize Bid for Houndstooth Lane Work** - MOTION by Ms. Shick to authorize the advertisement to obtain bids for the Houndstooth Lane Construction Project; second by Mr. Couris.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked what construction work will be done. Ms. Shick stated that it is due to a large sinkhole. Mr. Latshaw stated that a liner will be installed in some pipe and some repairs to inlet boxes as well.

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

**Award Bid for Equipment Rental for Public Works** - MOTION by Ms. Shick to award the bid for Equipment Rental to D&L Construction in the amount of \$324,000; second by Mr. Couris.

Ms. Shick commented that this is the only bid received. This is a bid for certain types of equipment and an up to and not to exceed a certain number of hours.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** commented that he did not think the township did an equipment rental for several years and, it is coming back to a vendor from the past. Why do we need the contract and is someone going to check paperwork is properly completed?

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

**Authorize the Sale, on MuniBid, of Surplus Property - 2007 Chevrolet 4x4 Truck and 2014 Dodge 4x4 Truck** - MOTION by Mr. Couris to authorize the sale on Muncibid of Surplus Property, 2007 Chevrolet 4x4 truck and 2014 Dodge 4x4 truck; second by Ms. Shick.

**Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road** asked what the prior usage of these trucks was. Chief Swinger stated that the 2007 was used for zoning/building and the 2014 was used for the police and then for the Public Works.

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

**Authorize Purchase of EV Charging Station in the amount of \$12,809, the Township received \$9,000 Grant for this acquisition** - MOTION by Mr. Couris to authorize the purchase of the EV Charging Station in the amount of \$12,809; second by Ms. Shick.

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

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

**Ken Alan, Ivy Lane** stated that he believes that Donna is aware and has already put the information out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Shillenn  
Township Secretary