

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors**

November 15, 2021 7:00 PM

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

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

MOTION by Ms. Shick to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 and the minutes of the November 1, 2021 Workshop meeting; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Presentation: Audit Presentation by Steve Kutsuflakis, CPA - Barbacane, Thornton & Company - Mr. Kutsuflakis, CPA oversaw the township audit. Mr. Kutsuflakis then discussed the findings of the audit and opinion.

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road asked what the delay was with the audit being six months late this year. Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Kutsuflakis discussed several other items that Mr. Eldridge questioned.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road commented about the delay due to changing to modified accrual and asked if there will be a delay every year or just this year?

Megan Emery, 1506 Sheeder Mill Road asked what the reason was for switching from a cash basis to a modified accrual.

John Eldridge asked if decisions are made on an accrual basis or cash basis.

MOTION by Ms. Shick to amend the agenda to add the Public Hearing for the adoption of the Ordinance Establishing speed Limit of 20MPH on Beaver Hill Road and consideration of the ordinance; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance Establishing Speed Limit of 20MPH on Beaver Hill Road - Mr. Thompson, Township Solicitor opened the public hearing.

Brian Curry asked about the topic of the ordinance not being on the agenda and commented that residents would not know that this would be a public hearing this evening.

Mr. Thompson discussed the ordinance and asked for any public comment.

MOTION by Ms. Shick to approve Ordinance No. 195, Establish Speed Limit of 20MPH on Beaver Hill Road; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Reports:

Police Report – Sgt. Russell read the report. Report acknowledged as received. Report on file.

Brian Curry asked about the highest blood alcohol content mentioned in the report.

Bills List - MOTION by Ms. Shick to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$791,849.86; second by Mr. Couris.

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 commented on several items in the treasurer’s report.

Manager’s Report – Mr. Granger read his report. Report acknowledged as received. Report on file. In addition to the report, Mr. Granger stated that Sunderland Avenue Bridge was partially damaged during Hurricane Ida. Sunderland Avenue Bridge will be closed for about two weeks for repairs. The township received a Vision Partnership Grant to further modify the township’s forest protection ordinance and Hankin Group notified the township that all undeveloped and unbuilt property under Hankin’s auspices if listed for sale.

Brian Curry asked if Hankin owns any undeveloped property.

Old Business:

Discuss and Adopt the 2022 Preliminary Budget – Mr. Schneider asked about the line item for \$7 million. Is that going to be advertised as something in the budget? Mr. Granger stated that this is a place holder if the Board of Supervisors would like to build the new public safety building. Further discussion on this line item followed.

Mr. Granger reported on a request from Uwchlan Ambulance for funding of \$5,000 and from Ludwig’s Corner Fire Company for partial payment for a pumper truck. These two items are not in the preliminary budget; if the Board is interested in adding these to the budget now is the time to add them. If the Board is interested, Mr. Granger will need direction to modify the budget.

MOTION by Ms. Shick to add \$5,000 for Uwchlan Ambulance and \$200,000 for Ludwig’s Corner Fire Company to the 2022 Budget; second by Mr. Couris.

Brian Curry asked how many calls Uwchlan Ambulance makes to West Vincent Township.

John Eldridge commented that as part of due diligence the township should request the annual balance sheets and quarterly financial statements.

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

MOTION by Ms. Shick to adopt the 2022 Preliminary Budget as modified; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Mr. Eldridge also brought up some additional comments regarding the budget.

Conditional Use Application Decision Approval - 2286 Beaver Hill Road - Norris - MOTION by Ms. Shick to confirm decision and sign the order for the Conditional Use Hearing for 2286 Beaver Hill Road; second by Mr. Couris.

Brian Curry asked what does the conditional use approve? Is this decision visible to the public? Mr. Curry also asked if someone has a problem with the decision, can the decision be challenged.

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

Conditional Use Application Decision Approval - 1601 Pughtown Road - Camphill Kimberton Hills Cemetery - MOTION BY Ms. Shick to confirm decision and sign the order for the Conditional Use Hearing for 1601 Pughtown Road, Camphill Kimberton Hills Cemetery; second by Mr. Couris.

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

New Business:

Acknowledge Receipt of Minor Subdivision Application for Lot Line Change between 1972 and 1830 St. Matthews Road - Board of Supervisors acknowledged receipt.

Adopt Resolution No. 22-2020 - Chester County Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan - MOTION by Ms. Shick to adopt Resolution No. 22-2021, Chester County Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan; second by Mr. Couris.

Mr. Granger explained that this plan is prepared by the County and identifies any hazards; two potential hazards in West Vincent Township are Buttonwood Lane Bridge and Bertolet Road Bridge.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 23-2021 - Designating Bernie Couris as the Township Representative to Execute PEMA Reimbursement Funding Documents for Hurricane Ida Emergency Expenses - MOTION by Ms. Shick to adopt Resolution No. 23-2021, Designating Bernie Couris as the

township representative to Execute PEMA Reimbursement Funding Documents for Hurricane Ida Emergency Expenses; second by Mr. Schneider.

Brian Curry commented that he does not remember anything like this happening in the past.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 24-2021 – Approval of Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivisions for 2330 Horseshoe Trail – Twaddell – MOTION by Ms. Shick to adopt Resolution No. 24-2021, Approval of Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision for 2330 Horseshoe Trail subject to the conditions noted in the township engineer’s July 9, 2021 review letter; second by Mr. Couris.

Brian Curry asked what the conditions are.

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

Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Building Code to further define when permits are required – Mr. Granger discussed this.

MOTION by Ms. Shick to authorize advertisement the Ordinance to make changes for adoption; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Accept Engagement Letter from Barz, Gowie, Amon & Fulz for Accounting Support – MOTION by Ms. Shick to accept the engagement letter from Barz, Gowie, Amon & Fulz for accounting support; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Ms. Shick commented that you can sign up on the township website to read the township newsletter electronically. Also, tomorrow night the Historic Resources Committee will have a presentation about Frederick Sheeder.

Ted Mollegen, 1201 Davis Lane commented about an article regarding another township switching from internal combustion engine vehicles to Tesla vehicles. The township should take a look at this.

John Eldridge commented about solar panels and battery backup. By storing your own electricity and using it you can save five cents kW transmission charge. People now sell electricity to PECO for two cents and buy it back for seven cents. It would be good to have a battery backup by the charger and you would not use PECO electricity.

Brian Curry stated that batteries also have maintenance; batteries are not cheap and there is a lot of labor moving them in and out plus the maintenance.

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 8:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Shillenn
Township Secretary