

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

September 16, 2019 7:00 PM

Attendance: Vice Chairman, Bernie Couris; Member George Dulchinos; Joe McGrory, Township Solicitor; Erica Batdorf, Township Manager; Kathryn Shillenn, Township Secretary
Chairman Mike Schneider absent.

Vice Chairman Bernie Couris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to approve the minutes of September 3, 2019; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions on the minutes, *MOTION carries unanimously.*

REPORTS:

Police Report: Ms. Batdorf gave an overview of the Police Report, which was acknowledged as received.

Bills List:

MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to approve the Bills List, dated September 16, 2019, in the amount of \$120,342.34; second by Mr. Couris.

Art Ewell, 972 Fellowship Road asked about the three traffic light repairs under Signal Services; are they all the same or different? Ms. Batdorf stated that the incidents are a result of traffic configuration issues related to the Hankin Town Center development.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked about Bonell Industries; there is a tool for the grader. How does this tool work and what does it do? Ms. Batdorf said that this tool is for prepping for paving. It goes on the side of the grader blade to push soil to the side. Also, for Knox Equipment, there was a coring bit rental. This bores holes into the bottom of the pit in the parking lot. So we are trying to lower the water table under the parking lot and the fresh paving was for the work done?

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

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Batdorf gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report for July. All revenue for the year is on target for expenses; all is trending fine as far as tax receipts. All revenue for the year is on target. Expenses are variable, considering the projects the township is taking on.

Announcements: None.

Correspondence: None

Presentation: U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan Citizen Outreach Presentation - Kurtis Miller, Constituent Advocate for Chrissy Houlahan's office gave a presentation of many of the resources that her office provides and what assistance that she can offer to constituents.

Subdivision/Land Development: 1414 Birchrun Road, Subdivision Extension Request - **MOTION** by Mr. Dulchinos to approve the subdivision extension request for 1414 Birchrun Road for 60 days to expire on 11/14/19. Ms. Batdorf discussed this. This is a 12-lot Subdivision known as the Neff Property; also known as the Auldridge Farm Subdivision. Harry Price, who represents the Neff's, requested that the subdivision application be extended for another year. There is also a different subdivision for the same property, which was acknowledged and processed; this would create two 20 acre lots roughly. This goes before the Planning Commission this Thursday for review. Mr. Couris stated he will not vote on this extension; he would like to table this until Mr. Schneider has returned. Solicitor McGrory stated that with no extension, the subdivision does not go away. It means that they will be subject to the current ordinances. Ms. Batdorf stated that this extension expires for the 12-lot on 9/21/19. *There being no second to the MOTION, MOTION dies.*

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked if this means that nothing further happens.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked that if the 12 lot subdivision still exists, will it have to meet the current ordinance requirements.

Harry Price, Neff's Representative stated that if the two lot subdivision is approved, then the 12 lot subdivision rights would be relinquished.

Chelsea Fitzpatrick Bellay, 972 Jaine Lane asked where the access would be with either the 12 lots or the two lots.

Old Business: None.

PUBLIC HEARING - The Adoption of the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan 2019 -

Solicitor McGrory opened the public hearing by introducing the exhibits. Mr. Ed Theurkauf, the Plan Consultant for the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan gave a brief overview of the plan.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road questioned several statements in the plan. Mr. Curry stated that he has attended many of the meetings regarding the plan and feels that there are things that are just flat wrong. He has a bad taste about this. Hopefully the items can be addressed when West Pikeland enters the group.

Mr. Theurkauf answered some of the questions and stated that with a new member entering this group, hopefully the letter that Mr. Curry wrote can be entertained for review of his comments.

With no other questions or comments the public hearing was closed.

Approval of Resolution No. 16-2019, Adoption of the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan - MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to adopt Resolution No. 19-2019, The Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan 2019; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions, motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - Approval of Application of Christopher and Christine McGowan, 2127 Flowing Springs Road for Addition of 13.6 Acres to the West Vincent Township Agricultural Security Area - Solicitor McGrory opened the Public Hearing by introducing the exhibits. Mr. Christopher McGowan answered questions pertaining to his property. With no questions or comments the public hearing was closed.

Approval of Resolution No. 17-2019, Adopting the Addition to the West Vincent Township Agricultural Security Area - 2127 Flowing Springs Road (McGowan) - MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to approve Resolution No. 17-2019, Adopting addition to the West Vincent Township Agricultural Security Area, 2127 Flowing Springs Road (McGowan); second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions, motion carries unanimously.

New Business:

Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Planning Committee - Request for Letter of Support for West Pikeland Township's Application for Chester County Vision Partnership Grant - MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to authorize the Township Manager to sign the Letter of Support for West Pikeland Township's Application for Chester County Vision Partnership Grant; second by Mr. Couris.

Ms. Batdorf gave an overview of this. West Pikeland is interested in joining the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan Committee and since the Plan was just adopted, it will need to be amended and this takes funding. West Vincent would be committing \$1,665 to the project cost.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked what the Vision Grant would accomplish. Ms. Batdorf stated that the grant is a nice grant opportunity through the county for planning assistance. This grant would be for all of Mr. Theurkauf's work with West Pikeland to go through the process of opening up the plan and to go through the process of being adopted.

There being no other comments or questions, motion carries unanimously.

Award for the Snow and Ice Removal - MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to award the bid for 2019/2020 Snow and Ice Removal to Oz Properties, as submitted; second by Mr. Couris.

Ms. Batdorf stated that the township received one bid. Oz properties increased their cost by 18% overall more than last year.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked what was changed in the contract so that at least we received a bid. Ms. Batdorf stated that the performance bond requirement was taken out of the bid.

There being no other comments or questions, motion carries unanimously.

Certify Township Minimum Municipal Obligation for Police Pension Plan for 2020 for the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System - MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to authorize the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$49,734.02 for the West Vincent Township Police Pension Plan; second by Mr. Couris.

Ms. Batdorf discussed this. This obligation of \$49,734.02 is very close to last year's. State Aid will be received very soon. Then we will come to the Board for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Mr. Couris asked if the pension plan is open for additional funding. Ms. Batdorf stated that this could be discussed at a later date.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road stated that he understands what Mr. Couris asked.

There being no other comments or questions, *Motions carries unanimously.*

Kimberton Hunt Club Request for Parking Access at Bryn Coed Township Park - MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to authorize access for parking to the Kimberton Hunt Club on the first and third Saturday for the months of September 2019 through March 2020; second by Mr. Couris.

Ms. Batdorf followed up to clarify with Kimberton Hunt where they will park their trailers. They will park on the left in the public parking lot. They only want access, they will not use the township park.

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

Appoint a Member to the Park and Recreation Commission for the Term Set to Expire on 12/31/20 - MOTION by Mr. Dulchinos to appoint Belle Holderness to the Park and Recreation Commission for the remainder of the term set to expire on 12/31/20; second by Mr. Couris.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road stated that it's great to have some youth on the Commission. She was out there as part of the trail building crew.

There being no other comments or questions, *Motions carries unanimously.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road had some comments on the Treasurer's Report. Recently we compared this year to last year on the front page; it would be more appropriate to compare this year's activity to this year's budget. Also, if you have revenue and expenses you should have the net at the bottom. He also stated that the revenue is \$3,900,000 and our expenses are \$2,300,000. They seem to be way out of line; it would be more appropriate to comment on that. Things change

so much from year to year. He states that the township has spent 50% of the revenue so far and this seems to be way out of line.

Art Ewell, 972 Fellowship Road asked if the township has expanded the road crew yet.

Belle Holderness, 958 Jaine Lane wanted to let everyone know that she has taken over the fall festival for this year and is in need of volunteers. It will be at the new Bryn Coed Park. There will be a haunted trail. If you are interested, please let her know.

Mr. Couris congratulated the McGowan's for their acceptance in the Agricultural Security Area.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn
Township Secretary