

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

October 1, 2018 7:00 PM

Attendance: Chairman, John Jacobs, Vice Chairman, Mike Schneider, Bernie Couris, Member, Erica Batdorf, Township Manager and Kathryn Shillenn, Township Secretary

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

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the September 17, 2018 minutes as submitted; Mr. Couris seconded the motion. *Motion carries unanimously.*

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the September 18, 2018 minutes as submitted; Mr. Couris seconded the motion. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Reports:

Manager's Report: Ms. Batdorf gave her report. She touched on several items, including the Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan presented to the Planning Commission; Chester County House Tour on 10/6/18; the Parks & Recreation Commission is holding a Fall Festival on 10/27/18; Election Day, in which the township office will be closed on November 6, 2018, the 2019 budget is in progress and the French Creek Culvert work will begin on approximately 10/15/18. She was also appointed to the Chester County Tax Management Committee, and attended a PennDOT meeting with West Pikeland Township a plan replacement of bridges in the region. Department reports were also given. The township paving projects are progressing. There were a few comments from the residents regarding the manager's report.

Bills List: **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the Bills List dated October 1, 2018 in the total amount of \$275,711.29; second by Mr. Couris. Mr. Couris questioned why the township is still incurring bills for the sewer sale. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Announcements: None

Correspondence:

Request from Owen J. Roberts School District - Facilities Planning Steering Committee - Ms. Batdorf explained this request; Mr. Schneider was chosen to represent West Vincent Township at the Facilities Planning Steering Committee.

Thank You to Chief Swinger & Officer Shane Woodrow from Film Crew for Photo Shoot - Ms. Batdorf explained this thank you note, which was a video shoot for Peco that took place in the township.

Presentation: None

Subdivision/Land Development:

Request for Extension – Weatherstone Commercial Plan Phase II – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the Extension Request for Weatherstone Commercial Plan Phase II; second by Mr. Couris. Ms. Batdorf stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the plan and received a unanimous vote for recommendation of approval by the Commission. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Request for Extension – Maxwell Subdivision – 1830 Saint Matthews Road – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the Extension Request for the Maxwell Subdivision – 1830 Saint Matthews Road; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Old Business:

Request of Open Space Advisory Committee for Property Appraisal – Glen & Bridget Hill, 1692 Hollow Road – Mr. Jacobs stated that he would like to delay this until the next meeting; over the weekend he received a whole new set of evaluations and the rankings were updated. He would like to get together with the Board of Supervisors and the Open Space Committee to talk about the evaluations and rankings and get on the same page. Mr. Couris asked why that would matter. The residents just want approval of \$2,500 for an appraisal. A discussion on this request ensued. Ms. Batdorf will reach out to the Open Space Committee to set up a meeting with the Open Space Committee and the Board of Supervisors. There were a few comments from the residents, no action was taken and the discussion was closed.

Award of Snow & Ice Removal Bid – Ms. Batdorf discussed this. This bid was put out for a second time; one bid was received and the bidder did not meet the requirements. We are recommending to reject the bid. According to Second Class Township Code, the township can now contract with a provider should the provider be willing to provide the supplemental services. **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to reject the Snow & Ice Removal Bid; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Sewer Sale Proceeds Discussion – Board Members each discussed their thoughts regarding the use of the sewer sale proceeds.

Mr. Couris stated that he reached out to many people since the monies have become available; and the vast majority would like to see more open space purchased. He also feels that there are certain urgencies in the township such as the township building which needs to be renovated, Jaine Lane which needs repair urgently. He would like to see \$1.5 million directed to roads, such as Jaine Lane. Mr. Couris also stated he would like open space monies used for land, not tearing down buildings.

Mr. Schneider stated that he has a different view; the road improvement balance right now is \$403,000; the 5-year road program has identified \$5.3 million for the road projects. Mr. Schneider feels that \$5 million of sewer sale proceeds should be put into the 5-year road projects and \$800,000 should be put into the capital fund for things such as township complex repairs/additions. Open Space has its own funding through a specific tax. The township roads are the main infrastructure and as such, should be the focus.

Mr. Jacobs stated that he can see both sides of the argument. He gets that open space is very important. Looking at the 10-year road program that was done two years ago, it shows \$10 million for road repairs. The roads are not going to get any better, they'll just deteriorate further. He feels if the township took \$5 million from the sewer sale proceeds and \$450,000 from the operating account for the next 10 years to repair roads, culverts, bridges, they would be repaired without any tax increase. He feels that the primary concern is the roads; if something changes than monies could be put back into other funds such as open space. Also, money should be put into a capital account to save for upgrades to the township building.

Many township residents shared their thoughts as to how the proceeds of the sewer sale should be spent. Several residents voiced their support for use of sewer sale proceeds for open space, in addition to several residents voicing their support for the use of sewer sale proceeds for road improvements. After much discussion with the residents, a motion was brought forward.

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to move \$5,000,000 from the sewer sale fund and reserves into a designated road improvement fund and \$769,976.41 into a designated capital fund; second by Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Couris votes nay. *Motion carries 2-1.*

New Business:

Ordinance Authorizing Advertisement of First Amendment to Intermunicipal Agreement with Upper Uwchlan Township - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to authorize the township manager to advertise the ordinance authorizing the Board of Supervisors to enter into the First Amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement with Upper Uwchlan Township and the Upper Uwchlan Municipal Authority which amends the Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in Ordinance No. 121-2003 adopted on September 29, 2003; second by Mr. Couris. Ms. Batdorf explained that the amendment allows Upper Uwchlan Township to now own certain land as part of the sewer treatment process serving the Byers Station development. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Sustainability Committee - Accept Resignation of Sam Cantrell, Member - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to accept the resignation of Sam Cantrell from the Sustainability Committee; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Flint Road Paving Project - Change Order Approval - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve Change Order #1 the installation of additional storm water facilities work to Flint Road in the amount of \$7,760.00; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane commented on the previous repair on Flowing Springs Road and PECO being overzealous with spraying herbicide under their wires.

Barry DiLibero, Business Owner in Township commented regarding the Township's Open Space expenditures over the year and not hearing a thank you for saving \$75,000 as part of the 16 Years, LLC project.

Jim Bergey, 1443 Birch Run Road commented on Jaine Lane when PennDOT came out to take a look at it.

Jamie McVickar, 407 Blackhorse Road thanked the board for saving \$75,000 in open space money during the 16 Years LLC project. Mr. McVickar also commented about the minutes and agendas being emailed to residents and requiring addresses be listed in the minutes.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adjourn was brought forward.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn
Township Secretary