

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

December 17, 2018 7:00 PM

Attendance: Chairman, John Jacobs, Vice Chairman, Mike Schneider, Bernie Couris, Member, Joe McGrory, Township Solicitor, Kathryn Shillenn, Township Secretary

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

Mr. Jacobs announced an Executive Session on December 10, 2018 at 12:00 PM to discuss Personnel, an Executive Session on December 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM to discuss Real Estate and an Executive Session on December 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM to discuss Real Estate

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the December 3, 2018 minutes as submitted; Mr. Couris seconded the motion. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Reports:

Bills List: **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to approve the Bills List dated December 17, 2018 in the total amount of \$82,199.44; second by Mr. Couris.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked about the entry for Morgantown Auto Parts. This was a battery for the gator. Is the gator on an automatic battery charger?

Davey Waters, Malehorn Road questioned the 18 signs for the Festival in the Park; was that for the October festival? Is that in addition to the \$400 that was in last month's bill?

Motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Schneider reviewed the report.

Announcements: None.

Correspondence: None.

Presentation: None.

Subdivision/Land Development: None.

Old Business:

Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 186-2018, Authorizing West Vincent Township to Expand the Regional UCC Board of Appeals to Include Warwick Township - Solicitor McGrory opened the Public Hearing to expand the UCC Board - Ordinance No. 186-2018. Mr. McGrory introduced all exhibits and explained this ordinance.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked if there was any cost sharing involved or is just expertise sharing?

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked who the other municipalities involved are.

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to adopt Ordinance No. 186-2018, Authorizing West Vincent Township to Expand the Regional UCC Board of Appeals to Include Warwick Township; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Adoption of the 2019 Budget – **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to adopt the 2019 Proposed Budget in the form presented to the Board of Supervisors, consisting of the General Fund Revenue Sections entitled Taxes, Building Department, Culture/Recreation, Unclassified Operating Revenue, Other Income, Public Safety/Inspections, in the total amount of \$4,410,850.00, and Expenditures Sections entitled Administration, Governing Body, Buildings and Plant, Community Development, Culture/Recreation, Data Processing, Debt Service, Engineering Services, Unclassified Operating Expenses, General Government Administration, Public Safety, Code Enforcement, Emergency Management, Fire Companies, Planning and Zoning, Police, Public Works, Winter Maintenance, Secretary, Solicitor/Legal Services, Tax Collection, Treasurer, in the total amount of \$4,367,160.00 with a total net income of \$43,690.00. The Open Space Revenue in the total amount of \$1,498,000.00 and a total expenditure of \$1,498,000.00. The Liquid Fuels Revenue in the total amount of \$253,720.00 and a total expenditure of \$253,720.00. The Sewer/Water Fund Revenue in the total amount of \$55,000.00 and a total expenditure of \$55,000.00. The new Capital Fund Revenue in the total amount of \$1,600,000.00 and a total expenditure of \$1,500,000.00 with a net income of \$100,000.00. With a total of 11 pages inclusive; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Sandy Malamed, 1789 Hilltop Road stated that she sent a lengthy letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding her concerns with the police not having a contract. How can a budget be approved when the police contract has not been settled?

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane stated that she doesn't understand the Open Space Fund page; is all the revenue being spent?

Resident stated that she noticed for the Fire Company that the numbers in the old budget were showing \$180,000 and now the new budget is showing only \$80,000. Is there a reason?

New Business:

Resolution No. 29-2018, Setting the Tax Rate for 2019 – Mr. Jacobs discussed this resolution. There will be no tax increase for 2019.

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve Resolution No. 29-2018, as submitted, Setting the Tax Rate for the Calendar Year 2019 on real property within the Township made taxable for general township purposes be and hereby is levied at the rate of two and nine one-hundredths mils (.00209) or, in other words, at the rate of no dollars and twenty and nine-tenths cents (20.9 cents) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of taxable property; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

French Creek Arch Culvert Replacement – Payment Recommendation No. 1 – Mr. Couris gave an update on the French Creek Arch Culvert Replacement.

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve Payment Recommendation No. 1 to Veteran Construction Company for \$8,569.89 for work completed through December 7, 2018; second by Mr. Couris.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked if there is an estimate of the completion for the culvert. *Motion carries unanimously.*

18 Yr. Grant Request – **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to authorize advertisement of a Public Hearing on January 21, 2019 for the expenditure of Open Space Funds for Tax Parcel 25-4-113.1 (15.65 acres) and Tax Parcel 25-4-114.1 (36.98 acres); second by Mr. Schneider. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Pam Brown, French & Pickering explained the purchase of the conservation easement on the 18 Yrs. Tract, which will eliminate 18 of the 20 development rights attached to this property.

Ms. Brown also commented that there was a landowner appreciation dinner in which Mr. Couris attended for the township. The township was presented with an award.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Sandy Malamed, 1789 Hilltop Road stated that she came tonight to support the police department and she feels the township should cover the extra \$750 for their insurance.

Harriet Stone, 1645 Birchrun Road commented that because of the wacky weather we've been having lately she doesn't know when the amphibians will migrate. She will consult with the Police Chief.

Meryl Joblin, 2120 Flowing Springs Road commented that she agrees with everything that Sandy said. How much will arbitration cost?

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane commented that it's too late to stop the arbitration. What is the cost estimate of arbitration? How often is the municipality successful in arbitration?

Tommie Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road commented that she did research and checked out police salaries in Northern Chester County. The average salary is \$55,000 to \$60,000. West Vincent Township is about \$80,000. Tredyffrin Township tops out at \$84,000 and the police pay something towards their healthcare. She feels that it should go to arbitration.

Mr. Couris discussed moving the Board of Supervisors meetings from two meetings a month to one meeting a month. He did some research of the surrounding 20 municipalities. There are five total that have two a month. 25% have two meetings a month and 75% have one meeting a month. Mr. Jacobs still feels that the township should have two meetings a month and Mr. Schneider likes the idea of one meeting but feels the township still needs to have two meetings a month.

MOTION by Mr. Couris to have one Board of Supervisors Meeting a month starting in 2019; no second. *Motion fails 1-2.*

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 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn
Township Secretary