

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors
Virtual Meeting**

April 20, 2020 7:00 PM

Attendance: Mike Schneider, Chairman; Bernie Couris, Vice-Chairman; Sara Shick, Member; Bryan Kulakowsky, Township Engineer; Kathy Shillenn, Township Secretary

Chairman Schneider called the Meeting to order and announced Virtual Meeting Procedures at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Schneider announced that an Executive Session was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM to discuss Personnel.

MOTION by Mr. Couris to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020; second by Ms. Shick.
With no comments or questions, *Motion carries 3-0*

Bills List: **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$318,711.74; second by Ms. Shick.
With no questions or comments, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Announcements:

Announce Hiring of New Road Master, Mike Hogga – Mr. Schneider announced that Mike Hogga will be the new West Vincent Township Road Master with a starting date of May 1, 2020.

Announce Posting on Website of Anti-Discrimination Ordinance with a 2-Week Comment Period – Mr. Schneider stated that there will be a comment period of 2-weeks; residents should send comments or questions into the township either by email at office@westvincenttp.org or by regular mail. Ms. Shillenn stated that it will be posted tomorrow morning. Ms. Shick wanted to clarify that the township is taking comments on the ordinance itself; the concept of having the ordinance has already been discussed.

Brian Curry via telephone asked where the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance will be posted on the website. Ms. Shillenn stated that it would be posted under Notices.

Correspondence: None.

Presentation: None.

Subdivision/Land Development: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Approval of Appointment of John Granger as Interim Township Manager – **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve the appointment of John Granger as Interim Township Manager; second by Ms. Shick.

Brian Curry via Telephone asked if the township had any other potential candidates for that position. Ms. Shick stated yes. Mr. Curry asked if she could tell us who they were. Ms. Shick stated no, but they have done their due diligence. Mr. Schneider stated that there was no problem revealing other candidates; he had an offer from Arro to get Cary Vargo as Interim Manager. Ms. Shick stated that she has also pursued other avenues; she couldn't find anyone as qualified as John Granger.

Mr. Curry stated that he did some looking on the internet and stated that John was let go from Exeter Township, but it sounds like that there were some financial issues that local people were upset with. It sound likes the same thing happened at Towamencin Township. Are we going to be looking at that very carefully with him in this position? Ms. Shick stated again that the Board has already done their due diligence in hiring Mr. Granger as interim manager. Mr. Curry asked if it was a unanimous decision to hire Mr. Granger as interim manager. Ms. Shick stated yes.

With no questions or comments, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Bryn Coed Farms Dairy Complex Demolition - Payment Recommendation #4 - MOTION by Mr. Couris to approve the Bryn Coed Farms Dairy Complex Demolition Payment Recommendation #4 in the amount of \$207,970.58; second by Ms. Shick.

Ms. Shick asked how much is still left to be paid. Mr. Kulakowsky stated that there is \$261,905.47. Mr. Schneider asked if Mr. Kulakowsky felt comfortable that this amount will get us to the completion. Mr. Kulakowsky stated that there is probably a couple of thousand dollars in tippage and less than a week's worth of work for change order #3, which is the asbestos. They would have been finished this work but for the shutdown. There is about two to three more days of field work before they are finished. Arro has been on site monitoring what has been going on to make sure things are good when they submit for their payments. This payment is through March 19th. The contract is currently suspended and will be re-opened when we go back to work.

With no questions or comments, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Approve Letter of Support for Natural Lands DCNR Grant Application - MOTION by Mr. Couris to approve the letter of Support for Natural Lands DCNR Grant Application; second by Ms. Shick.

Brian Curry, via Telephone asked what grant is Natural Lands going for. Mr. Couris stated that it is for a bridge and boardwalk that is going over the wetlands that will tie in with our park. Ms. Shick commented that Natural Lands is not asking for any money, just a letter of support. Mr. Curry said that he is curious about the amount of money natural lands is looking for from DCNR. With no other questions or comments, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Mr. Couris was in touch with Natural Lands last week realizing there is some sensitive land area in the wetlands; right now the farmers will be spreading round-up. The farmers will be putting signs up that round-up is being used so that people on the trail can steer clear.

Approval of the Phoenixville Region Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement for Regional Planning - MOTION by Mr. Couris to approve the Phoenixville Region Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement for Regional Planning; second by Ms. Shick.

Brian Curry via Telephone asked what the agreement says. Ms. Shick stated that the document is in support of the revision that is incorporating West Pikeland into the region. It's a continuation of the township's commitment to be in regional planning with the other municipalities. Mr. Schneider stated that there is a lot more to it than accepting West Pikeland. We also have a grant from the County because we have to revise the comp plan to include West Pikeland. With no further questions or comments, *Motion carries unanimously.*

French & Pickering Creek Trust's Request for Sponsorship for Iron Tour Bike Event June 2020 - **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve \$1,000 for French & Pickering Creeks Trust's Request for Sponsorship of the Iron Tour Bike Event June 2020, if held, or French & Pickering Creek's Trust may hold the Sponsorship Donation until the next scheduled Iron Tour Event; second by Ms. Shick.

Mr. Schneider said he doesn't understand the second part of the motion; why give French & Pic the money. Ms. Shick said that we are giving it to them for the next Iron Tour when it is held. Mr. Schneider feels that the motion should state approve \$1,000 for the French & Pic Iron Tour Bike Event June 2020, if held.

MOTION is amended by Mr. Couris to approve \$1,000 for French & Pickering Creek Trust's Request for Sponsorship of the Iron Tour Bike Event June 2020, if held; second by Ms. Shick. With no questions or comments, *Motion carries 2-1 with Mr. Schneider voting no.*

Approval of the Police Chief's Contract - **MOTION** by Mr. Couris to approve the Police Chief's Contract; second by Ms. Shick.

Brian Curry via Telephone asked if both the Police Chief's and the AFSCME contracts will be posted on the website. Ms. Shillenn commented that all of the signed contracts, AFSCME, Police Union and when signed, the Police Chief's contract will be posted on the website under notices. With no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Ms. Shick commented that Ms. Shillenn has agreed to host the committee meetings in the evening via Zoom. It will be available to the committees should they chose to meet.

Mr. Couris wanted to express his appreciation to the entire staff; they've really come through going over and above in these difficult times. Mr. Schneider and Ms. Shick agreed also.

Ms. Shick also mentioned that Mr. Granger attended the meeting today and she wants to welcome him to the township. She is excited to have someone with his level of experience coming on board.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Shillenn
Township Secretary