

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors**

March 21, 2022 7:00 PM

Attendance: Bernie Couris, Chair, Sara Shick, Vice Chair, Dana Alan, Member, John Granger, Township Manager, Mark Thompson, Township Solicitor, Kathy Shillenn, Township Secretary, Ed Latshaw, Township Engineer

Chairman Couris called the Meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Mr. Couris announced that an Executive Session was held on March 17, 2022 at 9:00am to discuss Real Estate and Legal Matters

MOTION by Mrs. Alan to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 and March 7, 2022; second by Ms. Shick.

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

Police Report – Sgt. Russell gave the report. Report acknowledged as received.

Bills List - Discussion and motion at the end of meeting. See public discussion.

Treasurer's List – Mr. Granger reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Report acknowledged as received.

Manager's Report – Mr. Granger gave his report and announced that beginning April 1, 2022, all Committee and Board meetings will be held in person. Masks are optional. Also, May 14, 2022 from 10:00am to 3:00pm is the date for the Township's Community Day at Evans Park. Report acknowledged as received.

Old Business - None

New Business

Final Escrow Release for Weatherstone Commercial – Wawa – **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve the escrow release for Weatherstone Commercial – Wawa in the amount of \$22,759; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Approve Resolution No. 13-2022 – Mr. Thompson explained that there were some revisions that will be made to the resolution. **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve Resolution No. 13-2022, Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for 613 Saint Matthews Road for a Five-Lot Subdivision; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Approve Resolution No. 14-2022 – MOTION by Ms. Shick to approve Resolution No. 14-2022 authorizing the amicable acquisition of 1925 French Creek Road at a cost of \$420,000; second by Mrs. Alan.

King Graver, 1281 Green Lane, asked what is an amicable acquisition?

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road asked who the agreement is with and if there was any payment to the buyer.

Tommi Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road asked if any of the supervisors consulted anyone from any of the committees or commissions?

Julie Braendel, 2472 Flowing Springs Road asked why the township did not approach the seller before the property was under contract. How will the township market the sale?

Hans Buitendijk, 906 St. Matthews Road stated that he is hearing that the township is deciding on purchasing a lot, but we do not know what the total budget is.

Barry DiLibero, 1012 Pottstown Pike stated that a couple of things concern him. Sara did not mention eminent domain. The minutes lately are void of information and the video was not up. The minutes are spotty and are not that good. They are non-existent. Mr. DiLibero voiced other concerns about the purchase of the French Creek property.

Wendy Buitendijk, 906 St. Matthews Road is concerned about crime. Bryn Coed Park has cars broken into and keyed. Concerned about bringing in more crime.

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

Authorize Administration to Obtain Bids for the Purchase and Relocation of the House located at 1925 French Creek Road – MOTION by Mrs. Alan to authorize obtaining bids for the purchase and relocation of the house located at 1925 French Creek Road; second by Ms. Shick.

Hans Buitendijk, 906 St. Matthews Road stated that it is not clear what part the township is trying to get a bid for and what the cost is.

Barry DiLibero, 1012 Pottstown Pike asked if the resolution could be re-written to be clearer.

Julie Braendel, 2472 Flowing Springs Road suggests the township find out how much it would cost to relocate the house, put the home on land in the township and then sell it.

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

Approve Resolution No. 15-2022 – Update County Hazard Mitigation Plan – MOTION by Mrs. Alan to Update the County Mitigation Plan; second by Ms. Shick.

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

Replacement of Front Doors at a Cost of \$9,355 – MOTION to approve the purchase of front doors for the township building from Shank Door Company in the amount of \$9,355; second by Mrs. Alan.

This item is being tabled until the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Authorize Bid for Equipment Rental – MOTION by Ms. Shick to authorize advertisement for bids for the Annual Equipment Rental; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Accept Bid from Asphalt Maintenance Systems in the Amount of \$359,307 for the Paving of Streets in the Weatherstone Development – MOTION by Mrs. Alan to accept the bid from Asphalt Maintenance Systems in the amount of \$359,307 for the paving of streets in the Weatherstone Development; second by Ms. Shick.

Jim Deisinger, 1030 Linden Lane commented that last summer the crew marked drains in the streets, and they have never been repaired, is this part of the bid?

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

Accept Bid from Cedar Hollow Recycling for Road Materials – MOTION by Ms. Shick to accept the bid from Cedar Hollow Recycling for road materials; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Accept Bid from Asphalt Maintenance Systems in the amount of \$1,081,369.24 for the Paving of Kimberton Road, Hilltop Road, Shady Lane, and Sheeder Mill Road – MOTION by Mrs. Alan to accept the bid from Asphalt Maintenance Systems in the amount of \$1,081.369.24 for the paving of Kimberton Road, Hilltop Road, Shady Lane, and Sheeder Mill Road; second by Ms. Shick.

Carys Eagan, 1912 Kimberton Road stated that part of the road was paved by East Pikeland. Will this be for the rest of Kimberton Road? Ms. Eagan would like the police to have more presence on the road after paving is complete.

Also, Ms. Eagan has a question about the next item regarding how long the road will be closed for the construction of the Kimberton Road Bridge.

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

Accept Bid from Workforce Construction in the Amount of \$94,980 for the Repairs to the Kimberton Road Bridge – MOTION by Ms. Shick to accept the bid from Workforce Construction in the amount of \$94,980 for the Repairs to the Kimberton Road Bridge; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Request Speed Limit Study of 25 mph on Horseshoe Trail – MOTION by Mrs. Alan to request a speed limit study for Horseshoe Trail; second by Ms. Shick.

Ms. Alan feels that a traditional speed study will work for that road. The township should bring in LTAP. Ms. Shick feels that the township should bring in PennDOT, since it is a township road, then a state road and back to a township road.

Ken Alan, 21 Ivy Lane is suggesting changing the speed study to a line-of-sight study.

This request has been tabled until the township receives a response from PennDOT.

Appoint Paul Logan as Special Counsel for the Public Safety Building Project – MOTION by Ms. Shick to appoint Paul Logan as Special Counsel for the Public Safety Building Project; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Accept Resignation of Jen Hillegas from the Park and Recreation Board – MOTION by Mrs. Alan to accept the resignation of Jen Hillegas from the Park and Recreation Board; second by Ms. Shick.

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

Appoint Elisabetta Sheehan to the Environmental Advisory Council with the term Expiring on 12/31/2024 – MOTION by Ms. Shick to amend the agenda to include an added item to appoint Elisabetta Sheehan to the Environmental Advisory Council with the term expiring on 12/31/2024; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

MOTION by Ms. Shick to appoint Elisabetta Sheehan to the Environmental Advisory Council with the term expiring on 12/31/2024; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Discussion of Proposed Use of American Rescue Funds – Mr. Granger discussed the Use of American Rescue Funds. Final regulations were issued about a month ago. This is a highly regulated program.

Mr. Granger is recommending using the rescue fund money for the storm sewer project on Kimberton Road for about \$550,000. Also, use as a one-time investment into the community not to reduce operating expenses. Mr. Granger would like to have direction from the Board of Supervisors on projects that the Board would like to spend money on.

Ms. Shick is suggesting giving the four (4) Emergency Responders a one (1) time special donation. These organizations took a real hit in fundraising donations during COVID.

King Graver, 1281 Green Lane wants it to be known that he is not saying that his ideas are valid or crazy. The intention of the money was to provide some type of relief for the impact the pandemic had on its citizens. What would the process be to gather ideas from the residents?

Carys Eagan, 1912 Kimberton Road asked if Mr. Granger could speak a bit more about the storm sewer work.

Julie Braendel, 2472 Flowing Springs Road asked if it makes sense or not that the storm sewer and paving could be completed simultaneously.

Barry DiLibero, 1012 Pottstown Pike asked if cost increases were allowed to be put into the contract. Will the storm sewer be one or a multiple point discharge? Did DEP approve of this?

King Graver, 1281 Green Lane went to the Chester County website and Franklin County to see what they are going to do with the money.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Julie Braendel, 2472 Flowing Springs Road asked if she could speak to an item she forgot to ask earlier.

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road asked if we stopped posting videos. Will you read the bills list?

Barry DiLibero, 1012 Pottstown Pike asked when acquiring properties does the township use open space fund or general funds.

Megan Emery, 1506 Sheeder Mill Road commented that she sensed a significant amount of tension regarding communications and processes used to get decisions as a group of supervisors.

Julie Braendel, 2472 Flowing Springs Road stated that you could put a cell phone on a tripod and video tape the meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Couris to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$109,457.08; second by Ms. Shick.

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road stated that the bills list is supposed to be posted on the Friday before the meeting. Comment on detail – it would be nice to have detail like LTL detail for legal bills.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Shillenn
Township Secretary