

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors**

July 18, 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

Chairman Couris called the Meeting to order at 7:05 PM

MOTION by Ms. Shick to approve the minutes of June 20, 2022, as corrected; second by Mrs. Alan. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Reports:

Police Report: Chief Swininger read the report. Report on file.

Bills List: MOTION by Ms. Shick to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$735,632.49; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Granger read the report. Report on file.

Manager's Report: Mr. Granger gave his Mid-Year Report. All the construction projects that were budgeted are underway. The Weatherstone Road Project is completed; the bridge repairs on Kimberton Road Project are almost completed. The Kimberton Road Drainage Project has been started and will wrap up by the 1st of August. The paving of Kimberton Road, Shady Lane, Sheeder Mill Road, and Hilltop Lane will begin late July/early August. The Kimberton Road Bridge Project should start within the end of the month. Opalanie Park conceptual design will be presented to the Board in August/September. The Police Department will receive their new vehicle sometime this month. Public Works should get their vehicle which was ordered last August by the end of September.

Old Business:

Adopt Ordinance No. 199 to Modify the Compensation of the Board of Supervisors for those elected to office after 1/1/2022 – MOTION by Ms. Shick to modify the compensation of the Board of Supervisors for those elected to office after 1/1/2022; second by Mrs. Alan.

Mr. Granger stated that none of the existing supervisors are affected by this change; the change is the result of the increase in the population changes from the last census.

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

Accept Proposal of Davidheiser Construction Services in the amount of \$18,500 for the Demolition of 1925 French Creek Road - MOTION by Ms. Shick to accept the proposal of Davidheiser Construction Services in the amount of \$18,500 for the Demolition of 1925 French Creek Road; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

New Business:

Discussion of Street Trees in Weatherstone Development - Mr. Granger commented that there has been some discussion with the administration and some Weatherstone residents regarding street trees in the development. Some of the residents have cut some trees down. The residents have been replacing trees and a number of residents have been reluctant to replace the trees. Street trees are the responsibility of the property owner, much like that of sidewalks and curbing when they are damaged.

It is noted that residents from Weatherstone attended the meeting but chose not to comment.

Authorization to File Complaints against Honeybrook Properties, LLC for Violations of the Township Zoning Ordinance in the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance - MOTION by Ms. Shick to authorize the Township Manager to file complaints against Honeybrook Properties, LLC for violations of the Township Zoning Ordinance in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance; second by Mrs. Alan.

Peggy Glaser, 2990 Horseshoe Trail asked if it would be possible to explain what the complaints are. Mr. Granger explained that the developer did not do what was shown on the plans to be done, i.e., the developer built five units, four units were approved; the plans do not reflect what is in place regarding the parking and stormwater. The developer installed two sewer pumps inside the structure; they should be installed outside the structure.

Ms. Glaser asked if the developer would just ask forgiveness. Mr. Granger stated these are serious matters and the developer did not respond.

Julia Braendel, 2472 Flowing Springs Road asked what the timeline is for filing the violations. Mr. Granger stated it will be done by the end of the week. Is the house one unit and four units in the barn or are the five units in the barn? Five units are in the barn.

Ms. Shick asked if the amount of the judgment is correct. Mr. Thompson, Township Solicitor stated that ordinance allows for a violation of up to \$500 a day for 24 days. If it is longer than 24 days, there will be another citation issued.

Mrs. Alan asked Mr. Granger to explain why money was given back to the developer last month. Mr. Granger stated that the release of escrow funds that the township approved was for things completed in accordance with the plans.

Appointment of James Dolceamore as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board – MOTION by Ms. Shick to appoint James Dolceamore as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Approve Resolution No. 22-2022, Intent to Follow the Schedule and Procedures for Disposition of Records as Set Forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – MOTION by Mrs. Alan to Approve Resolution No. 22-2022, Intent follow the Schedule and Procedures for Disposition of Records as Set Forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008; second by Ms. Shick.

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road asked what the background on this is. Mr. Granger stated that the records the administration is proposed to be destroyed are records relating to correspondence, studies and excess plans related to subdivision/land developments.

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

Approve Resolution No. 23-2022, Disposition of Township Records as Set Forth in the Municipal Records Manual – MOTION by Ms. Shick to approve Resolution No. 23-2022, the disposition of township records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

Accept Proposal from Carroll Engineering at a Cost of \$81,250 for Civil Engineering Services in Connection with the Proposed Public Safety Building Expansion, this is a fixed fee contract – MOTION by Ms. Shick to accept the proposal from Carroll Engineering at a cost of \$81,250 for civil engineering services in connection with the proposed public safety building expansion which is a fixed fee contract; second by Mrs. Alan.

Karl Brachwitz, Pennsylvania asked if we are putting a contract together to review a building that we do not have a design for yet. Mr. Granger stated that this is a contract for the civil engineering services for typical land development services. Last meeting the feasibility of having an alternate design for the building was discussed and secondly the architect said to have a more complete assessment of the cost of the building and the impact on stormwater management, impervious surfaces, etc. a civil engineer needs to be engaged to determine what improvements needed to be done. Mr. Brachwitz disagrees on having a fixed price on something that has not been defined.

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road stated that this expansion is no expansion. What is the status of the go ahead for this project? Has a commitment been decided? The Board directed the architect to develop an alternate location. The conceptual comments made were to turn the building 90 degrees and demolish the barn. Mr. Granger also explained what a Sallyport is.

Rachel Buck, 240 Windgate Drive asked how relevant that would be since it seems like the crime rate in this township is low. She feels that it is a lot of money to spend. Ms. Buck commented that the township is not Exton or Philadelphia.

Keith Eldridge, 1432 Birchrun Road asked if it must be an indoor structure. Could it be a fence or an automated gate? That would be a fraction of the cost. Is there a point in which you say, you must rethink the cost or is the sky the limit?

Julia Braendel, 2472 Flowing Springs Road as how are we paying for it. Are we borrowing money, or do we have money in our accounts? Mr. Granger stated both. Ms. Braendel also commented about residents thinking they live in a bubble here in the township. We do not live in a bubble.

Wendy Butendiek, 906 St. Matthews Road asked how long these buildings have worked out well for the township. Mr. Couris stated it is not working out. The police station is not certified. She still feels if it were the manager's, supervisors' money you would produce something more efficient. She also commented about the high density approved in this township, then suddenly, we must build a giant building.

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road commented that there were two arrests last month. Have you ever heard of people following the police cars to try to thwart them from bringing prisoners into the building?

Rachel Buck, 240 Wingate Drive commented that she feels the difference is the scale.

Tom Helwig, 2034 Pottstown Pike asked what would be the ramifications if we do not do it. He never heard of a jail break in this area. He would like to know exactly what's driving this. Mr. Helwig questions the need and would like to see facts, figures, and numbers.

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

Public Comment

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road commented that this is a follow-up from last meeting; he feels that all materials are not posted for the meeting.

David Pomento, Blackhorse Road commented that someone surveyed his property and put cement markers. This is in Upper Uwchlan Township.

Julie Foster, 1682 Hilltop Road asked when the Spackman Zoning Hearing will be rescheduled; also commented about information is very hard to find on the website.

Barry DiLibero, 1012 Pottstown Pike commented that he disagrees with Mr. Couris. Information was much clearer on the old website. Access to information was immediate and was put up when asked. There was a lot of information on the old website. It is difficult to search on the new website. He also would like to see the minutes include more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Shillenn
Township Secretary