

**West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors**

**April 17, 2023 7:00 PM**

Attendance: Bernie Couris, Chair; Sara Shick, Vice Chair; Dana Alan, Member; John Granger, Township Manager; Mark Thompson, Township Solicitor; Christina Casey, Assistant Township Secretary.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve the minutes of March 20, 2023; second by Mrs. Alan. There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Police Report:** Chief Swininger gave the report. Report acknowledged as received.

**Bills List:** **MOTION** by Mrs. Alan to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$559,542.93; second by Ms. Shick.

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road, the Open Space (\$171,000 expenditure) he could not identify who was paid.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Granger read the report.

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road, shared his opinion on how the fund balances were laid out. Mr. Eldridge also asked if the results of the \$25,000 forensic audit were ready. Mr. Couris said the results should be available by the next Board meeting. Mr. Eldridge also had a spreadsheet regarding the fund balance that he was looking for assistance with understanding variations, which both Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Couris agreed that it would not be tonight. Mr. Eldridge also did not see value in the January through March comparison offered on the reports. Mr. Eldridge also noted that he is still looking for insight into the Open Space Allocation. Mr. Granger offered an explanation which included the role of our Township tax collector and the anomaly of people who do not \*live in WVT but do \*work in WVT, and the Open Space Tax Collector is audited annually. Finally, Mr. Eldridge referenced the style of the current reports to the style of previous reports and stated his opinions on the differences. Mr. Granger said the style of the Treasurer's Report is evolving and will continue to evolve.

**Manager's Report:** Mr. Granger gave his report and noted that he's been working with the Highway Department on the Roads Program; finalizing 12 easements within the Township for the Road Construction Project and the Fellowship Trail Project; moving forward with the Opalanie Park project; and working through administrative tasks like payroll as the Township switches payroll companies.

Ms. Shick also noted that the June 5, 2023, BOS Workshop will feature the Clean Energy Transition Team Plan.

- **Library Report:** Kelly Quigg, Community Engagement Librarian for Chester County Library, wanted the community to know about two new programs. 1.) ChesCo Library System has added a free movie streaming service called Canopy Plus (250-300 titles). And 2.) Maker-in-Residence Program is with Megan Greenholt. Weekly open studio hours offer two hours of hands-on maker experience, where you will create your own embroidered textile collage. Once monthly weekend workshops offer 90 minutes where each participant will create two indigo dyed and patterned fabric pieces, a bandana to take home and a strip of fabric that will be incorporated into a textile banner sewn by Megan and displayed in the Exton Library and area branches.

#### **Old Business:**

- **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to accept bid from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC in the amount of \$317,093.18 for the 2023 Road Program; second by Mrs. Alan.

Barry DiLibero, 1012 Pottstown Pike, asked what is the Roads Program. Mr. Granger noted it relates to micro-surfacing that will be performed on various scheduled roads throughout the Township.

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

- **MOTION** by Mrs. Alan to add an item to the agenda regarding changing the location of Community Day to Evans Park from Opalanie Park; second by Ms. Shick. There being no comments or questions, motion carries unanimously.
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#### **New Business:**

- **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to **Adopt Resolution 10-2023 - Escalator Clause for Road Projects**; second by Mrs. Alan.

Mr. Granger explained that this is for the ongoing road projects and is typically enacted when oil used in making asphalt is in fluctuation. It is standard procedure.

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

- **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to **authorize advertisement of Road Materials Bid**; second by Mrs. Alan. There being no further comments or questions, *motion carries unanimously.*
- **MOTION** by Ms. Alan to **appoint Chris Taylor to Sustainability Committee for the term ending 12/31/25**; second by Ms. Shick. There being no further comments or questions, *motion carries unanimously.*

- **MOTION** by Ms. Shick to approve Contribution of \$1,000.00 to French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust; Mrs. Alan abstains; second by Mr. Couris. This is an annual contribution. There being no further comments or questions, *motion carries 2-0*.

Mrs. Alan noted previous years' controversy regarding painting of signage. This year, the race will use biodegradable arrows stuck to the ground that will disappear. There will be no more painting on the roadways.

- Mr. Couris acknowledges Zoning Hearing Board Application- 1245 Schoolhouse Lane - Lipton

### Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Barry DiLibero, 1012 Pottstown Pike, asked for information regarding a previously planned urgent care next to his property. The Board noted that the project is still in planning mode but the administration believes that the urgent care is no longer being considered and is now going to be a self-storage facility.
- George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road, asked for more information about the Zoning Hearing Board application for 1245 Schoolhouse Lane. It was noted that this information will be shared on the website as it moves through future processes within the Township.

Mr. Dulchinos also mentioned that he has not been receiving any website emails with Township updates. When asked, he noted that had not checked his SPAM folder. Mr. Granger said he would mention this to Maria Cantarero tomorrow morning.

- Isaac Reddinger, 19 Red Rock, read from a typed statement asking the Board to consider enacting a more urban-driven noise ordinance and disturbing the peace ruling since he believes the township will move from rural to urban status by 2030. This is being driven by gunshots coming from his neighbor's property during mid-afternoons and evenings which disrupt his dog and will impact his unborn child's sleeping schedule.

Mr. Couris did note that the Township does have a noise ordinance that starts after 10pm, but he noted that the Township is working toward updating that ordinance.

- Beth Intoccia, 1024 Linden, leads the Litter Lifters of West Vincent. She had been under the impression that her group was voted by the EAC to be a subcommittee of the EAC in May 2020. She said she recently found out that a resolution did not happen. She would like the Board to consider making Littler Lifters an official subcommittee of EAC and asked how long that process could take. Ms. Shick mentioned that it is not a quick process because it involves scheduling an Executive Session, and she instead asked Mrs. Intoccia to think about what benefits the group would receive with the resolution that the group doesn't receive now without that status. Ms. Shick asked Mrs. Intoccia to report that back to the Board with that information. Mrs. Intoccia also asked and received confirmation that the liability & risk waivers used by the Litter Lifters for projects within West Vincent were sound per the Township solicitor.

- Dorothy Lynn, 714 Sun Valley Court, was at the meeting to support the Litter Lifters and the work that Mrs. Intoccia has done.

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 7:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christina Casey  
Assistant Township Secretary