

**West Vincent Township
Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
Board of Supervisors
December 12, 2024 7:00 PM**

Attendance: Dana Alan, Chair; Jim Wendelgass, Township Manager; David Onorato, Township Solicitor; Christina Casey, Township Secretary; **Via Phone:** Bernie Couris, Member; **Missing:** Sara Shick, Vice Chair.

Mrs. Alan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Alan noted that Sara Shick has served this township in many ways for a long time, and we appreciate her service.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF SARA SHICK - MOTION by Mrs. Alan accept the resignation of Sara Shick from the position of Township Supervisor effective immediately; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Mrs. Alan acknowledged that the township had nine (9) people who put themselves forward for consideration in filling the supervisor position. The remaining supervisors need to make a decision on what is best for the township.

APPOINT NEW SUPERVISOR - MOTION by Mr. Couris to appoint Charlene Briggs as supervisor to complete the remainder of the open term ending 12/31/25; second by Mrs. Alan.

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

MOTION by Mrs. Alan to appoint Bernie Couris as Vice Chair of the Board; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Judge Paige Simmons administered the Oath of Office to Charlene Briggs.

Mr. Couris ended his phone call.

Public Comment:

Julia Braendel mentioned the possibility of expanding the Board of Supervisors from 3 members to 5 members given the recent events of our township. A discussion continued with how this would be accomplished.

Certia Silan (1225 Schoolhouse) agreed with Ms. Braendel regarding the expansion of the board to five (5) members. Ms. Silan shared her opinion of the inefficiency of the current Board. She

also questioned why Ms. Shick was no longer serving. Mr. Onorato said that it was a personal decision and she was unable to perform the functions of the position.

Donna Delany (2147 Beaver Hill) wanted to thank Mr. Couris & Mrs. Alan who she noted were elected by people who wanted certain things, and she thinks that their choice of Charlene means the wishes of the voters will be respected and followed. Ms. Delany knows Ms. Briggs, and her values are completely in line with the majority of voters in West Vincent.

Mr. Onorato noted that a 5-member Board referendum would need to be on the ballot thirteen (13) Tuesdays before municipal or general elections. It can be placed by a resolution of the BOS or by petition signed by 5% of the registered voters of the township.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina Casey
Township Secretary