

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING
729 SAINT MATTHEWS ROAD, CHESTER SPRINGS, PA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, 7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Alan at 7:04pm.

ATTENDANCE

Dana Alan, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bernie Couris, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jim Wendelgass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Chair Alan announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on October 9 to discuss matters of personnel, in specific the Chief of Police recruitment process, and non-uniform collective bargaining agreement negotiations.
- Chair Alan recognized the 1st Annual West Vincent Township Sustainability Summit, held on October 15.
- This evening’s meeting will be recorded for rebroadcast.

REPORTS

- Sergeant Austin Russell provided an overview of Police Department activities during the prior month.
- Jeff Kimes, Ludwig’s Corner Fire Company, provided an overview of Fire Company activities during the prior month.
- Written reports of previous month activities were provided by Fire & EMS, the Finance Department, the Public Works Department, the Building & Zoning Department, and the Library.

PUBLIC COMMENT, AGENDA ITEMS

- John Eldridge, West Vincent Township, commented on the Finance Department report, General Fund net income year-to-date, proposed 2026 Budget, and contributions to the fire and ambulance companies.
- Jamie McVickar, West Vincent Township, commented on contributions to the fire and ambulance companies, and on the proposed 2026 Budget.

- George Dulchinos, West Vincent Township, commented on fire and ambulance company fundraising campaigns.
- Deborah Hollinger, Kimberton Fire Company, commented on the Company fundraising campaign.
- Keith Johnson, Uwchlan Ambulance, commented on the Company fundraising campaign.
- Mr. Kimes commented on the Ludwig's Corner Fire Company fundraising campaign.
- Jay Pollinger, Kimberton Fire Company, commented on Company apparatus funding.

ACTION ITEMS

monthly reports – Mr. Couris made a motion to approve the monthly reports for September 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelgass.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

meeting minutes – Mr. Couris made a motion to approve the October 6, 2025 Meeting minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelgass.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Public Hearing – At 7:42pm David Onorato, Township Solicitor, opened a Public Hearing as to Act 172 tax credits for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency responders. Mr. Onorato provided an overview of the proposed tax credits.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Onorato closed the Public Hearing at 7:43pm.

Ordinance 218-2025 – Mr. Couris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-2025, to establish certain tax credits for volunteer fire personnel and volunteer ambulance personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelgass.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Public Hearing – At 7:44pm Mr. Onorato opened a Public Hearing as to a Declaration of Taking for property in fee and a temporary construction easement. Mr. Onorato provided an overview of the right-of-way and temporary easement presently sought.

Mr. Eldrige commented on a prior bridge structure, and on the right-of-way and temporary easement presently sought.

There being no additional public comment, Mr. Onorato closed the Public Hearing at 7:48pm.

Ordinance 219-2025 – Mr. Couris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2025, to authorize the filing of a Declaration of Taking for the acquisition of property in fee, and a temporary construction easement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelgass.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Resolution 16-2025 – Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, provided an overview of a grant application to replace fencing at Opalanie Park and to install trees at Evans Park.

Mr. Couris made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2025, to authorize submission of an application to the PECO Green Region Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelgass.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

2026 Budget – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Budget. Mr. Ryan commented on General Fund receipt estimates, existing and proposed employee complement, volunteer fire and volunteer ambulance contributions, and local library contribution. Mr. Ryan commented on the operating reserve fund, and on the status of a transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund at year's end.

Mr. Ryan commented on Capital Fund and Open Space Fund receipts, and on estimated Capital Fund interest in the coming year. Mr. Ryan noted the proposed purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Police Department, and a tractor and flail mower for the Public Works Department.

There was general discussion about a fire and EMS tax.

Mr. McVickar commented on previous real estate tax increases.

Barry DiLibero, West Vincent Township, commented on previous real estate tax increases.

Mr. Dulchinos commented on a fire and EMS tax.

solar panels – The Members considered the installation of additional solar panels at the Municipal Complex and in Evans Park. A consultant is available to assess the viability of, and to estimate the cost of, the additional installations.

Mr. Dulchinos commented on consultant expenses and scope of work.

Mr. Couris made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to investigate the installation of additional solar panels at the Municipal Complex and in Evans Park, and to execute a memo of understanding with a consultant, conditioned on the consultant's services being offered at no cost to the Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelgass.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

expenditure approval & ratification – Mr. Couris payroll dated September 24, for the pay period September 8 to September 21, in the amount of \$67,371.93; payroll dated October 8, for the pay period September 22 to October 5, in the amount of \$68,867.67; General Fund list of bills, dated September 16 to October 17, in the amount of \$296,091.07; Open Space Fund list of bills, dated September 16 to October 17, in the amount of \$11,369.61; Capital Road Fund list of bills, dated September 16 to October 17, in the amount of \$17,957.50; Capital Project Fund list of bills, dated September 16 to October 17, in the amount of \$3,739.85; Capital Equipment Fund list of bills, dated September 16 to October 17, in the amount of \$63.38; and, Escrow Fund list of bills, dated

September 16 to October 17, in the amount of \$50,642.79. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelgass.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Dulchinos commented on the conditions of a Conditional Use Approval Order.
- David White, West Vincent Township, commented on the conditions of a Conditional Use Approval Order, and on correspondence sent to the Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chair Alan announced the Board of Supervisors will next meet on Monday, November 3, at 7:00pm, at the Township Building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager