

The Wilmington Township Mercer County Board of Supervisors met on February 13, 2013, at the township building. The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by Chad Taylor, with John Richardson and David Rhodes in attendance. Guests present are on attached sign in sheet. The pledge to the flag was given.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 reorganizational meeting, seconded by Mr. Richardson. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Richardson. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes.

Public Comment: All public comments are in regard to VCC development.

Ms. Diana Caiazza voiced her concern of possible Section 8/HUD Housing and made recommendations she would like to see with the Victory Christian Center Development.

Ms. Suzanne Bruno stated her concern in regards to security and the VCC development.

Mr. Ozhang Karimi stated he is concerned of Wilmington Township becoming like an inner city in regards to children/grandchildren moving into the development and not being monitored.

Mr. Bruno stated his concern with a family coming into the development and not being able to get them out.

Mr. Brian Caiazza stated his concern of the development becoming/run like New Castle developments his family was associated with.

Mr. Caruso questioned what the community would need to do and suggested a petition.

Mr. Richardson stated that there is nothing the Board can do at this point since the church has only brought ideas before the Board. He also stated that the church would need to go through the proper channels, yet would still be limited on what they could do by law.

Mr. Caruso questioned why VCC would get first chance on the sewer project. Mr. Taylor stated that VCC had purchased taps in the past but gave them back to the township.

Mr. Engelsiepen stated that VCC had a deposit on taps and returned it to the township. He further stated that VCC had plans brought to the Board in the past and never had a definite direction in which they were going. He also recommended looking at the multi-municipal plan.

Ms. Carlee Caiazza Webb stated that their business had restrictions and that within a phase of the development, VCC is considering a three story structure connected to the church which would require the fire department needing a ladder truck. She also voiced her concern as to who would be in charge of the development.

Mr. John Fauzey quoted minutes from the January 7, 2013 meeting and questioned what the benefits of the development would be.

Mr. Richardson stated that there is a thirty-five foot height restriction in the zoning ordinance and that this and many other items would need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for considerations. He further stated that all the comments were valid comments and encouraged everyone to put them in writing and submit them to VCC in order to have them answered at their April meeting.

Ms. Sally Cummings questions the separation of church and state regarding to the church's funding and whether Trek would be paying taxes on the development.

Mr. Rob Cypher, VCC pastor, stated that he wished the community would come to him with their questions/concerns but has not met with anyone.

Mr. Paul Smith stated that the project was not proposed in Coitsville, was not shot down in Coitsville, and has always been a focus of VCC in New Wilmington.

Mr. Cypher stated that the village has always been a dream and a desire to have affordable housing for the elderly. He also stated that the church is looking at a tax credit and the development would not be HUD/Section 8/government subsidized housing. Mr. Cypher stated that there was a misunderstanding when Sprucewood was mentioned at the last meeting; that this was mentioned to note the quality only of the homes but because Sprucewood is a HUD development; it was assumed that the VCC development would be the same. He made note that VCC has slowed the project down due to sewage needs and the upset of the community. VCC plans to have a public meeting in April that will be in the newspaper and the entire community is encouraged to attend. He stated that VCC is not committed to Trek. Mr. Cypher made note that VCC wants a quality and proper development and that the development is near his home too.

Communications

Mr. Taylor reported that Time Warner Cable sent a list of networks that have been added/expired, also a letter detailing price changes for various levels of services.

Mr. Taylor reported that Amerikohl Aggregates sent a letter regarding their services for providing aggregate.

Mr. Taylor reported that Lawrence-Mercer Recycling sent a 2013 Electronics Recycling Guide.

Mr. Taylor reported that MCATO sent an invitation to the March seminars.

Township Reports

Mr. Taylor reported on the MPO meeting: Penn DOT is looking into using roundabouts in Mercer County and gave a quick summary of some of the items in the Governor's proposed budget.

Mr. Taylor reported that there was nothing to report from the MCRCOG, MCRPC, and EIT meetings.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Taylor reported that there was nothing new to report on the brine permitting.

Mr. Taylor reported the first letters were sent out regarding the 911 lane signs. The township is waiting on the approval to proceed with the remaining few lanes as well as a couple house numbers.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to permit MCRPC to wait on updates until further information is received from the state regarding oil/gas, seconded by Mr. Richardson. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes.

Mr. Taylor reported that there will be a sewer meeting February, 26, 2013, 7 p.m. and that comments from DEP regarding the Act 537 Plan would be discussed.

New Business

Ms. Diana Caiazza reported that the Planning Commission acted on a subdivision and a sewage facilities module.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to extend the contract with Tri-County Industries for an additional year, through December 2014, with all terms and conditions of the contract remaining the same, seconded by Mr. Richardson. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to participate in the Costars Salt Contract at 100 tons, seconded by Mr. Richardson. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the MCRCOG bids for the following: limestone from Quality Aggregates, cold patch from Dunbar, culvert pipe from Lane Enterprises, diesel fuel from Reed Oil, and anti-skid from Conneaut Lake Sand & Gravel, seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Civic League graciously donated \$1200 to the township for a power washer which had been purchased.

Mr. Taylor reported that spring clean-up would take place on April 12.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to appoint the secretary/treasurer as the designated representative to sign the Management Representation Letter during the 2013 Liquid fuels audit, seconded by Mr. Richardson. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adopt resolution 2013-3 Disposition of Records, seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes.

Mr. Taylor reported that the supervisors are working on a deal with Penn DOT to resurface and ditch Brenneman Road and that if Penn DOT decides to use Brenneman Road to train their employees, they will give the township a 50% discount.

Public Comment

Mr. McKissick requested looking at a recycle bin for additional plastics.

Mr. Engelsiepen questioned the status of the sewage on the south side of his property and whether the SEO had been on the property. Mr. Taylor stated that it was turned over to the SEO but would try to get an answer.

Mr. Karimi thanked the Board for allowing the community to express their opinions and requested that the Board look at the project with respect to the impact it would have on the community.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to pay the bills and payroll, Mr. Richardson seconded. Roll call vote: Chad Taylor – yes, John Richardson – yes, David Rhodes - yes

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Richardson.

Cindy Black, secretary