

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

November 11, 2015

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer, Mike Kull & Solicitor Attorney Robert Buehner. Public was represented by B.J. from HA Thomson, David Fox, Wayne Hildebrand & Danville News Reporter, Karen Blackledge.

Call to Order:

Chairman Gary Derr called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with all in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of October 14 made by Walt, 2nd by Judy and motion approved.

Citizens' Comments: B.J. from HA Thomson attended tonight's meeting to review all of the insurance coverage for the township. As soon as we have finalized the 2016 budget, a copy will be sent to Pat Trevisan and Mike will forward a copy of the Valley Township Fire Company Roster to Pat.

Wayne Hildebrand was in attendance regarding the Fishburn Subdivision which was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission @ their meeting on November 4, 2015. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to approve the subdivision as presented and motion passed unanimously.***

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 9 incidents which included 4 MVA, one building fire, one fuel burner/boiler malfunction& fire confined, one public service and one assist police or other government agency and one extrication of victim from machinery. Mike also reported that the date has been set for the Firefighter for a Day Event and it will be on the 3rd Saturday in May, May 21, 2016 which will be held @ the property owned by the Valley Township Supervisors along Old Valley School Road. There was discussion regarding rental of a port-a-potty for this event as well as possibly having it in place for the prior Saturday, May 14 which is Dumpster Day.

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Planning Commission – Mike reported that there was a plan presented by Wayne Hildebrand for the subdivision for Christine Fishburn @ 30 Klondike Road. The parcel contains 1.06 AC with a residual of 7.57 AC. The board granted their approval.

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Solicitor – Bob reported that he is still investigating the proposed Nuisance Ordinance prior to it being advertised.

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Zoning Officer – Mike reported that he received a call from Kathleen Shuler from the Assessment Office and apparently they were doing a drive around through Valley Township and there were agricultural buildings that the county knew nothing about. Mike reported to her that these buildings do not require zoning permits and she indicated that the Commissioners would be quite upset because of the loss of tax dollars. He mentioned that the only thing she could do is discuss this with Crystal Krick who does our building permitting through the COG and Kim Leshock from the Conservation Office because even though we recently updated our ordinances, agricultural buildings are still exempt. Mike also reported that with him stepping in as Valley Township Supervisor in January, a new zoning officer must be appointed

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Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported that the pipeline has been completed. He indicated that Greenland has been exceptional to work with and they have started the basics for the pump station which hopefully will be completed within 90 – 120 days depending on the weather. He also thanked each of the supervisors for their help in obtaining easement signatures and all of the signees have been quite pleased.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that all equipment has been readied for winter. They are now working on grading the dirt roads. He is contacting LRJ about the paving of Hendrickson Road as Richard Wells & Sons have never completed the work. Most of the potholes have been repaired.

(7)

SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

Old & New Business:

No old business to discuss. Walt asked that we consider a storage covered facility for the antiskid which out in the open can be frozen fast. There is a 1-year old 60 foot long, 31 foot tall and 12 foot wide covered facility that he has seen for sale at a cost of \$32,000 which is half what a new building would cost at \$63,000 just for the building. He will look into this further as this would need to be put out for bid at this cost.

The 2016 budget has been advertised and will hopefully be adopted in December. Judy reported that Betty Sassaman has paid for the tax payer certification and will be asked to submit a letter to the township including her receipts in order to be reimbursed.

Approval of Bills: *Motion by Judy, 2nd by Gary to pay the bills and motion passed.*

Adjournment:

Motion by Gary to adjourn @ 8:00, 2nd by Judy and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary