

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
November 12, 2014

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer Mike Kull & Solicitor Robert Buehner. Public was represented by Amy Felegie, Robert Hess, Scott Nichols, Arlene Derr, Joe Granier, Jon Granier, Tiffany Gum, Matthew Gum, Barbara Osenkarski, Mary & Ed Sudo, David J. Fox, Matt Derr, Pat & Don Fasold, Doug Ree, BJ of HA Thompson Insurance & 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 8, 2014 made by Judy, 2nd by Gary and motion approved.

Citizens' Comments:

Robert Hess asked if the township had acted on his suggestion at the township meeting on October 8 to look into putting a road across the top of Gary Derr's property going from Hess Hill Road to Camelton Hill Road. Gary and Solicitor Bob Buehner responded that the township requested our municipal services PennDot representative, Barry Garverick, to study the site and come up with a projected cost and it was decided that this would be nothing less than \$200,000 in order to move forward with this construction. Mr. Buehner indicated that all avenues are being looked into by the supervisors and everyone must keep in mind that the portion of Hess Hill Road that is being considered for abandonment is not only dangerous to the public but to the homeowner as well. Barbara Osenkarski asked if the Danville Area School District and PennDot have been notified of the possibility of this abandonment and Gary told her that both have been told of this issue. Judy Achy indicated that no rash decision would be made without looking at all options available. Walt Rupert was unable to attend tonight's meeting so a motion to table the proposed ordinance could not be made at tonight's meeting as Gary Derr will be abstaining from voting on this issue.

BJ of HA Thompson Insurance attended tonight's meeting to review our insurance policies as they are the insurance carrier for the township. There were no additions or deletions to the highway equipment throughout 2014. The largest expense is the Workers' Compensation which for 2015 will probably be in the range of \$80,000 due to our Valley Township Fire Department. A copy of our 2015 budget was given to BJ and Judy will forward a roster of all volunteers including their date of births to Pat Thompson. The insurance renewal date is March 3 yearly.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that October was a slow month with only 5 calls for service.

(2)

Planning Commission – Zoning Officer Mike Kull reported that the Planning Commission met on November 5 where Wayne Hildebrand presented a subdivision for the 54-80 partners to convey a parcel labeled Lot #1 containing 1.008 Ac to be conveyed to Tim and Kristen Karr. Motion by Scott & 2nd by Tom to accept the plan as presented and motion passed unanimously. They probably will be adding more storage units to this additional acre. ***Motion by Judy, 2nd by Gary to accept the subdivision as presented and motion carried.***

(3) Solicitor – Bob Buehner indicated he really had nothing to report.

(4) Zoning Officer – Mike Kull reported that there were no permits issued over the past month.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner that they are working on obtaining easements for the sewer line to go to Danville. Bob also reported that the Sandhoos came to the Municipal Authority requesting a waiver for the outside grease trap as it was missed during construction. This waiver was granted as they have a grease trap on the inside and they will monitor the situation. Dean Diehl is the newest member to the Municipal Authority and he will fulfill Mary Ann Gray's term.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported all machinery is good and they have the snow equipment ready to go.

(7)

SEO – There has been no word from Jim Sanders.

Old Business or New Business:

The 2015 budget is ready for inspection and will probably be adopted at the December meeting.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 7:25, 2nd by Gary and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary