

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
*November 14, 2012*

**Attendance:**

Chairman & Road Foreman, Gary Derr, Co-chairman, Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy & Zoning Officer, George Plafcan. Public was represented by John Fenstermacher and 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 10, 2012 made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion approved unanimously.*

**Citizens' Comments:** DG from HA Thompson attended the meeting to review Valley Township Supervisors' insurance including the workmen's compensation. DG reported that EMC is getting out of carrying workmen's compensation as it is becoming very expensive with an increase of 25%. His expectation is that our worker's compensation will probably cost the township \$3,000 for 2013. He is not certain who our carrier will be but will notify us of such once this is settled.

**Reports:**

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Fire Department –There had been 13 incidents reported during October with a larger percentage of these being motor vehicle accidents. There was no representative present from the Fire Department and no financial report. It was noted that there was 375 gallons of water withdrawn from Valley's public water system.

(2)

Planning Commission – At the Planning Commission Meeting on November 7, Randy Shearer from McTish-Kunkel & Associates representing the Angad Sandoo Danville Gas Station/ Convenience Store presented a preliminary/final plan for the gas/convenience store located at the corner of Old Valley School Road and Rt 54. Plans are currently being reviewed by the Montour County Conservation Office, Larson Design Group, Montour Co. Planning Commission and Valley Twp Municipal Authority. A driveway permit request to Penn Dot has not been made at this time. The plans require 3 lots to be combined into one. Judy Achy was asked to check with our solicitor, Robert Buehner, regarding combining the 3 parcels into one individual lot. Mr. Buehner indicated that aside from the charge for the land development, there would be no charge for combining the parcels into one lot.

(3)

Solicitor –Mr. Buehner reported on the combination of the 3 parcels into one individual lot for the Angad Sandoo property attendance. Discussion ensued regarding Gotschall Road abandonment. Walt Rupert had previously spoken with Solicitor Buehner notifying

him that both homeowners (Joe Kinn and Mr. & Mrs. Penman) were in agreement to abandon the road. At the October Supervisors Meeting the decision was made to abandon the section of Gotschall Road beginning at the guiderail as far as Joe Kinn's drive. Mr. Buehner recommended that we have a surveyor so that this is what would be documented at the court house after the abandonment. ***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to hire Wayne Hildebrand for this project and motion passed unanimously.*** After this surveying is complete, Mr. Buehner will draw up the necessary paperwork.

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Zoning Officer –George will be stopping by again @ Ellsworth Gass' property regarding the stockpiling of various articles in his open yard. This needs to be rectified.

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Municipal Authority –Mr. Buehner reviewed the possible regionalization of the sewer authority. He indicated that they need to develop a uniform set of regulations so that when (and if) the pipe goes through, that all regulations are the same. A flow study was done but the results are still pending. If the decision is made to regionalize, our plant would become a collection system only. The Municipal Authority will keep us notified.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that they have grading roads, cold patching, ditch cleaning and berm work getting ready for winter weather. The hydraulic tank is leaking on the T tag so this will be addressed.

(7)

SEO – Nothing to report from Jim Sanders.

#### **Old Business:**

Wayne Hildebrand did the surveying @ the Wetzel property so that we can obtain an easement from the Wetzels in order to place new guide rail. Per Mr. Buehner, we need to have a deed of easement from the Wetzels to the township.

Judy brought up the question of where the Board stands on reimbursing Sunnybrook Park \$10,089 of operating expenses for 2012. Walt Rupert asked that this be put off until we have all of the financial information from the park before making a decision. Review of the township minutes showed that in early 2001 the board of supervisors agreed to set aside \$10,000 yearly for the next three years toward pumps and filters. With the exception of Walt Rupert, the current Board of Supervisors were all told when they came on the Board that \$10,000 yearly is set aside for Sunnybrook Park but according to the research, this commitment should have been completed no later than 2004. This will be addressed at the upcoming meetings. Their FEMA monies of \$2,897.98 will be sent.

#### **New Business:**

The Board received a request from the Montour County Planning Commission to adopt the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Montour County. This is a five-county comprehensive plan which will meet the needs of Montour County and its residents for the next ten years. ***Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt to adopt the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Montour County and motion approved unanimously.***

Gary reported on the Pennypacker rip rap project @ Meadowbrook Road. Valley Township in itself will not have any monies into this project as this will come from both the Federal and State Funds but we will need to put this project out to bid to be opened at the meeting of December 12. Paul from the Conservation District @ Lightstreet will be the one taking care of the specifications. ***Motion by Gary to advertise in the local newspaper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion approved unanimously.***

There was discussion of a 30 inch gas main line coming through Valley Township. Apparently it is coming south from Sullivan County and is scheduled to cross @ Sugar Camp Road over Bald Top Road in Mahoning and then on to the suburbs of Philadelphia. Mr. Buehner indicated that it had been discussed at the Derry Township Supervisors Meeting this past Monday. Once the location is finalized, we need to get pictures of the roadway prior to any excavation and to be sure that it is restored to its original condition.

Walt asked that it be noted that Valley Township had a fantastic turnout for Election Day. He also wanted to thank Karl Achy, a resident on McCracken Road, for having such a nice display of military flags for Veteran's Day.

We had received information regarding our Pennsylvania One Call System whereby we get an electronic ticket when there is any digging going on in that area. We also received application for mapping which will alleviate receiving notification of all tickets unless we would have storm drains or culverts in that specific area. ***Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to go forward with this system and motion approved unanimously.***

**Approval of Bills:**

***Motion to pay the bills made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion passed unanimously.***

**Adjournment:**

***Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 8:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy  
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary