

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
February 10, 2016

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Solicitor Robert Buehner. Public was represented by Josh Seidel, David Fox, Roxy Shrawder, Ken Hartman, Bob Beishline, Joe Harvey 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 January 4 made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 13 incidents which included 7 MVA, 1 vehicle fire, 4 building fires and 1 grass fire.

(2)

Planning Commission – A plan for a subdivision off of Fairland Drive was submitted to the Planning Commission. Plan was reviewed by Planning Commission, is complete and approved. Supervisors reviewed the plan. ***Motion made by Walt, 2nd by Mike to approve the Beishline Subdivision, motion approved unanimously.***

(3)

Solicitor – Nothing to Report.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Nothing to Report.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Bob reported that the pipeline was substantially complete. The connection at the Danville Sewer Plant is made. A pit for the pump in Valley Township is being completed. The pump has been ordered and is currently being manufactured. The pump will be installed when the weather breaks. The plant will be decommissioned and extra expenses for the Authority should be reduced after the connection is complete.

Walt expressed the gratitude of the Board to the Authority for making this project happen. Walt felt that the cooperation that took place to complete this project should be an example to others in the area.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported they have been busy plowing snow, cutting brush and placing cold patch, along with other general upkeep and maintenance.

Walt suggested that the Township invest in some equipment for use in the Township Shop such as a wire feed welder, a cut off saw and other equipment to use for upkeep and maintenance of the equipment. Walt and Gary will follow up with this at a later date.

(7)
SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

Old Business:

Gotschal Road Intersection Study:

Mike presented a report from PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program regarding the intersection of Kaseville Road and Gotschal Road that resulted from concerns addressed to the Board by local resident Dr. David Feinberg. The report presented two options to improve the safety of the intersection. The first would be to remove and lower the grade of the top of the hill. This option is not feasible due to the major expense and logistical concerns. The second option was to improve signage on the approach to the intersection.

Mike also presented a letter that was sent to Dr. Feinberg from PennDOT. The letter informed all parties concerned that PennDOT would be implementing the second option from the previous study by improving signage for the intersection and forwarding a copy of the letter to the Pennsylvania State Police regarding the concerns about traffic speed in the area.

New Business:

Conditional Use Application / Hearing:

The Township received an application for a Conditional Use for Key Trucking for their property on McCracken Road. This application is the same as the previous Conditional Use that was granted and subsequently expired.

Motion made by Walt, 2nd by Mike to set a hearing date of March 30, 2016 at 7:00 PM, at the Valley Township Municipal Building, with a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to immediately follow, for the purpose of ruling on the Conditional Use application, motion approved unanimously.

Municipal Retirement Ordinance:

The Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System sent a new contract for the Township to approve as an Ordinance for participation in the Municipal Retirement System. This Ordinance will be advertised for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors on March 9, 2016. A copy of the proposed Ordinance was provided to the newspaper.

Dirt and Gravel Roads Program:

Gary will be attending a required training program for the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program on March 29 and 30, 2016. This training will make the Township eligible for the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Grant Program.

Stormwater Waiver for PennDOT I80 Project:

Mike presented a letter from McTish, Kunkel and Associates, consulting engineers for PennDOT's project on SR0080. They are requesting a consistency letter for Act 167 Storm Water Management or a waiver from the Township's Storm Water Management program for this project.

Motion made by Walt, 2nd by Gary to waive Storm Water Requirements for this project, contingent with the project being consistent with any County Regulations, motion approved unanimously.

Zoning Officer:

A discussion was held regarding the position of Zoning Officer for the Township. Mike felt that the position should be advertised in the newspaper. Walt expressed legal concerns about advertising the position without a complete Job Description and list of Duties. Bob informed the Board that while advertising the position is not legally required, it would be in the Boards best interest to develop a Job Description and formal advertisement for the position and suggested that he and Mike sit down and prepare the information.

Motion made by Mike, 2nd by Gary to have Bob and Mike develop the necessary paperwork and advertise the position, motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Gary, 2nd by Walt to ratify the payment of Bills from DEC 2015, motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by Gary, 2nd by Walt to ratify the payment of Bills from JAN 2016, motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt to adjourn @ 7:55 PM, 2nd by Mike and motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kull
Valley Township Temporary Secretary