

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

April 13, 2016

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, & Solicitor Attorney Robert Buehner. Public was represented by David Fox, Joe Harvey & 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 March 9, 2016 made by Walt, 2nd by Mike and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: None offered.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 9 incidents up until March 4 but none throughout the rest of the month which included 2 MVA, 4 forest, woods or wildland fires, 1 natural or LPG gas leak, and 2 building fires, not in Valley Township.

(2)

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission held their meeting on April 6, 2016. Joe Harvey presented a plan for the McCracken property to make it at the present time a parking lot. The E&S plan was still being reviewed by Montour County Conservation and was unavailable. The plan was not signed off by Montour Planning Commission and there were not enough copies of the plan presented. Mr. Harvey indicated he will have everything requested for the next meeting. The commission also requested that screen planting would be required per Section 506 of the Zoning Ordinance. A motion to table the review was made by Tom with a 2nd by Dan, motion passed.

(3)

Solicitor – Bob submitted a resolution as requested by the supervisors to be included in Subdivision and Land Development that when plans are submitted by any person, engineering fees and solicitor fees in addition to fees already paid to the township (\$150 for 1st lot and \$75 for each additional lot) must be paid prior to any plans receiving final approval. The supervisors could only grant conditional approval until all fees received.

Motion by Mike, 2nd by Walt to approve Resolution #1 of 2016 and Resolution approved unanimously.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Advertisement was placed for a Zoning Officer for Valley Township and the township received paperwork from 5 or 6 interested candidates of which 3 were interviewed. Out of those three candidates, ***motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to hire Suzanne Kuziak as Valley Township's Zoning Officer, 2nd by Gary and motion approved with Walt abstaining. She will begin effective 4/15/16 without benefits @ \$500 monthly and she will be on a six-month probationary period.***

(5)

Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported that the sewer will be flowing into Danville quite soon and well within budget. He reported that Greenland has been excellent as their contractor. The Valley Township plant will be decommissioned and closed by November. This will happen within 60 days of the sewer fluid going directly to Danville.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that the last hopper is now off; hopefully we are finished with the snow. They have been sweeping tar and chip from roads and ditch clearing. They have also worked with Sunnybrook Park on their playground equipment.

(7)

SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

Old & New Business:

There was discussion of the Conditional Use Permit for Key Trucking and the Supervisors went through the previous conditional use for Key Trucking and updated it which was granted for a year from the date of the Conditional Use Meeting of March 30, 2016.

Walt reported on the cat situation within the township. He reported that he knows that the township has no responsibility whatsoever with this but he indicated that one woman who was feeding the cats took 6 or 7 of them to be neutered through PA cats at a cost of \$35 each. He asked the supervisors their opinion on offering 10 vouchers @ \$35 each to have 10 cats that could be trapped and taken to an upcoming clinic to be spayed or neutered. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to go forward with this @ a potential cost to the township of \$350 and motion passed.***

No word on tire collection through Montour County for 2016. Valley Township's Dumpster Day will be Saturday, May 14 from 8 to 12. Any freon product will be a \$25 charge and car and pickup tires \$3.00 charge. Only 2 pick-up truck loads will be accepted with no loose materials (loose materials must be bagged). The township has the right to reject any load that they deem unacceptable.

There was discussion of the rain gutters and downspouts in that the gutters are inadequate and need modification in order to get the rain away from the building. The gutters will be increased to 6 inches from five and ***motion from Walt, 2nd by Gary to do the entire building for a cost of between \$1,000 to \$2,000 and motion passed.***

Approval of Bills: ***Motion by Mike to ratify the bills, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.***

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 7:55, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary