

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

*April 8, 2015*

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy & Solicitor Attorney Angela Mattis. Public was represented by David Fox, Robert Beishline, Robert Hess & 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 25, 2015 made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy and motion approved unanimously.***

**Citizens' Comments:** Bob Hess questioned about the grant money that may be available to build a new road across Gary Derr's ground since part of Hess Hill Road was closed. Bob also wondered about Gary Derr's crop if in fact the grant monies would be helpful in covering the cost of putting a road through.

**Reports:**

(1)

Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull was not in attendance at tonight's meeting as he was attending the Montour County Meeting regarding merging the 911 centers. No report available from the fire department.

(2)

Planning Commission – Planning Commission met on 4/1/15 where Robert Beishline presented his final plan for an add on subdivision, Lot #1 which contains 16.35 acres to be added to Parcel 1 (Deed Book 213, Page 1094) containing 15 Acres is owned by Robert C. and Diane Beishline. The plan contains a non-building waiver and did not require a sewage module. The plan was approved by the Montour Planning Commission and also was approved by the Valley Township Planning Commission.

***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to accept the Robert Beishline add-on as presented and motion accepted unanimously.***

The commission would ask the supervisors to require three stipulations for Key Trucking or any future owner of the property before approval of the conditional use application and they are: (1) No trucks turning right out of the property toward the residential district; (2) No outside open storage of tires or vehicle shells and (3) no break retarding (Jake Breaks) along McCracken Road. These are items the land development plan may not address but can assure the residents in this area the integrity they have and deserve.

(3)

Solicitor – Angela Mattis attended in place of Bob Buehner and she indicated that Bob Buehner is in the process of filing a complaint against Rudy's Mart for not hooking onto the public sewer.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Mike Kull was not in attendance at tonight’s meeting due to a conflict with a Montour County Meeting. It was noted that the 4x8 contractor’s sign on Kaseville Hill is still there even though Mike was to be in touch with them to notify them that their sign is too large for Valley Township’s Ordinance. He will be asked to readdress this problem.

There was much concern about the condition of the Gass Property on McCracken Road. Judy spoke with the bank that purchased the property on 1/28/15 but they told her that until they can evict any occupants of the property, it is not their responsibility to clear the mess. There is paperwork reflected in the township as far back as 4-13-13 that Mr. Gass was notified by former zoning officer, George Plafcan that he had to clear six different violations. George talked with Mr. Gass’ son on 4-23-13 and again on 5-17-13 noting these violations. The last correspondence was sent 12/30/14 at which time a return receipt was received back at the township noting 5 violations. ***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to request solicitor to notify the bank of the need for clean-up and Angie took the name and address to follow through with them.***

(5)

Municipal Authority – Angie reported that they are still working on obtaining a couple of easements.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that all snow equipment has been removed except for one truck and they have now been doing routine maintenance work including sweeping of the cinders from the roads and doing some cold patch work. Walt wanted to extend the township’s appreciation to the road crew during such a difficult winter.

(7)

SEO – There has been no word from Jim Sanders but Judy will get in touch with him again regarding 5 Columbia Hill Road as the raw sewage continues to be an issue there. Sunnybrook Park has granted the homeowner an easement but it is only good through the second week of April which has come and gone. Jim Sanders sent a message to all on April 9 stating that by the end of the month (April), this should all be taken care of.

**Old Business or New Business:**

The Valley Township Supervisors discussed the conditional use application of Key Trucking located @ 180 McCracken Road. There was no representation present from Key Trucking. ***Motion by Walt to grant conditional use with the 13 noted stipulations which protects the township and the property owner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Derr and motion approved.***

Penn Dot Municipal Representative Barry Garverick met with Gary and Judy on Thursday, April 2 and Barry strongly suggested that we should have an engineer prepare the mix design for reclaiming the road so that any bidder would have the same mix design. Gary will get estimate from Larson Design prior to having this done.

The township has a need to replace the 1998 or ’99 backhoe and Gary and Walt have

talked with representatives from CAT and JCB and it was apparent that the better deal was offered by CAT. ***Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt to purchase the CAT backhoe for \$61,550 which also includes \$25,000 trade in for our old backhoe and motion approved unanimously.*** Gary and Walt were both amazed at the trade-in value that we received for our old backhoe.

***Approval of Bills: Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to approve the bills and motion passed unanimously.***

***Adjournment:***

***Motion by Walt to adjourn @ 8:20, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy and motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy  
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary