

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
***July 13, 2016***

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Solicitor Attorney Robert Buehner, Zoning Officer, Suzanne Kuziak & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Bob & Mary Snyder, Attorney. Robert Davidson, Wayne Hildebrand & 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 June 8, 2016 made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike and motion approved unanimously.***

**Citizens' Comments:**

Wayne Hildebrand was in attendance representing Doug Milks' Plan who had received conditional approval from the Planning Commission at their meeting on July 6 pending a letter from DEP which was received by the township on Saturday, July 9 which also had ENS approved plan. The plan showed that there was an add-on lot to his property close to Straub's Church and ***motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to approve the plans as submitted and motion carried unanimously.***

Attorney Rob Davidson was in attendance at tonight's meeting representing Bob & Mary Snyder asking for changes to the zoning map which he indicated should have happened in 2008. Bob Buehner's position was that because there was nothing in the official minutes from 3/08, there was nothing done regarding this. He reported that those official minutes were approved in April, 2008 without any changes. Attorney Davidson indicated that because it did not show up in the official minutes, does not mean that it did not happen. He indicated that it was reported in two local newspapers the following day, 3/13/16, that the zoning was changed to reflect 54/80's request. Mr. Buehner reported that there was no representation from anyone connected with 54/80 at that March 2008 meeting and there has been no correspondence or phone calls from 54/80 asking if approval was granted at that March of 2008 until June of 2016. Mr. Davidson asked for a copy of the transcript from the February Hearing that was conducted at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church and Mr. Buehner reported that he would see that a copy of this entire transcript was shared with Mr. Davidson. Mr. Davidson asked why that March 2008 meeting did not start until 7:30 where the meetings normally start at 7:00 and Mr. Buehner reported that an executive session was held that evening to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Buehner reported that he is looking into all of the aspects as he was not the solicitor for Valley Township at that time and he was going to meet with Mr. Tom Leipold who was the solicitor for Valley Township in 2008. Also in 2008, Attorney Chuck Zaleski represented the 54/80 group. Attorney Rob Davidson is asking for resolution ASAP as

54/80 now wants to use their property and Mr. Buehner reported that he would be meeting with all of the parties at an executive session yet tonight.

Resident John Fenstermacher asked about the mowing protocol and Gary and Walt responded to his questions. Secretary Judy Achy reported that Doug Weaver had taken care of mowing along the road on a large part of McCracken Road and the supervisors gave approval for a note of thanks to be sent to him.

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 7 incidents for the month of April including 2 vehicle fires, 2 car accidents, 2 fire alarms and 1 control burn. Mike reported that the annual fund drive is ongoing and in addition to the donations, some very nice comments have been included.

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Planning Commission – The Planning Commission held their meeting on July 6 at which time approval was granted for the Doug Milk's plans as well as a 90 day extension was granted to Key Trucking for the planning process. Cody Lytle presented a final plan for the Valley Mini-Storage for approval with the understanding that the plan still needed to be reviewed by Larson. These plans were tabled until the township engineering firm can complete their review.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner had nothing further to report.

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Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak reported that June was slow but July is picking up.

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Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported that the sewage is now flowing to Danville. Demolition of Valley's sewage plant is to begin on Monday, 7/18 with Greenland which will conclude the entire project. Mr. Buehner reported that the authority will be watching the billing closely to see what, if any, changes are necessary in the billing. The electric bills will decrease, less need for operators, no sludge hauling and no more testing or discharging into Maus Creek. The 2015 Audit is being finished up now (6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that the Ford 550 water pump started to leak but other than that, all equipment working well. They have been changing some road pipes, cold patching and mowing.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that the pressure plate blew apart on the leaf vacuum but it was repaired and working fine now. The mower tractor quit steering on Hess Hill and it was discovered that the shaft was broken & Deerfield estimate was for \$1300 for repair. It was taken to a machine shop and got it repaired for \$300. They are currently mowing the more traveled roads. They are tarring cracks in the roads that are going to be tarred and chips. Gary reported that Trump Road would be closed on Monday and Tuesday (July 18 and 19) as two pipes need replaced.

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SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

**New Business:** Mike reported that he has had no further word from Larson Design regarding the MS4 and he will follow-up with them again. Walt reported that there is

excess equipment at the shop which he feels needs to be put out to bid. One article is the Ford f8000 and the other is the tree chipper which is a real safety concern. It was decided that because of there being such a safety issue with the tree chipper, the power unit only would be put out to bid. The other parts of the chipper would be scrapped. ***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to go forward with the bidding process and motion carried unanimously.*** (Judy asked Gary for help with the write-up). Walt reported that there has been such a problem with the lighting inside the office and conference room and asked about getting these problems corrected and having the lights replaced with LED's which would be much more cost effective. He reported that he was given a quote of \$1362.17 for the 8 interior lights and Mike asked if the outside lighting could also be upgraded to the energy saving lighting. ***Motion then made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to place the dollar amount of \$2500 on upgrades to the lighting system of the building and motion passed unanimously.***

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

At 8:15 the Supervisors then went into Executive Session to discuss potential 54/80 litigation. The Valley Township Supervisors Meeting was reconvened at 8:50.

***Adjournment:***

***Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 8:51, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary