

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

*January 5, 2015*

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer Mike Kull & Solicitor Robert Buehner. Public was represented by Helen Appleman, Matt & John Derr, Robert Hess, Amy Felegie, David J. Fox, Barbara Osenkarski, Mary Sudo, Edward Sudo & 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 December 10, 2014 made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy and motion approved unanimously.***

**Citizens' Comments:** None offered.

**Reports:**

(1)

Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 10 incidences during December with a total of 134 calls for service throughout the year.

(2)

Planning Commission has not met since our last Supervisors Meeting (scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 7). Judy notified the supervisors that she sent a note of thanks to Richard DiGiacomo for his many years of service and dedication as a member of the Planning Commission from the Valley Township Supervisors.

(3) Solicitor – Bob Buehner indicated he really had nothing to report.

(4) Zoning Officer – Mike Kull reported that there were two permits no permits issued over the past month with one being for a new home and the other for home improvements.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner that they are working on obtaining easements for the sewer line to go to Danville.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported all machinery is good and they have the snow equipment ready to go. They have new tires on the backhoe. They also placed a new windshield in the truck. Besides some snow removal, they have been cutting brush and doing berm work. Gary also reported we are good on our salt supply.

(7)

SEO – Judy reported that she had sent a note to Jim Sanders asking him again to check on the progress/ if any @ 5 Columbia Hill Road as the weather again is turning cold and we could have ice build-up on Jerseytown Road as we did last year where it caused an accident.

**Old Business or New Business:**

Walt shared with those in attendance his views on the closure of the portion of Hess Hill Road that has been discussed over the past several months. Some of the suggestions that the Hess Hill Residents made were checked into and legally we cannot use speed bumps, stop signs or one way road. This has all been verified with our Municipal Services Representative, Barry Garverick. Walt indicated that if Gary Derr were not a sitting supervisor, it would be a whole lot easier to take care of the situation and vacate this road because it is a definite safety issue and hazardous situation. Walt reported that we had to close a road at the other end of the township and this was done without any concern whatsoever. Even though Bull Run Road has had a great deal of work done, the residents attending tonight's meeting from Hess Hill were concerned about travel of Bull Run during the winter. Walt felt that to take that kind of money (possibly as much as \$300,000) out of the general fund to put a new road across was not good use of the taxpayer monies as it would not take care of everyone in the township; it would only take care of those living in that vicinity. There is only so much money allotted from the liquid fuels monies annually and this certainly does not go very far. With the promise of continuing to look at avenues (grant monies) to try to put a new road from the top of Hess Hill Road to Camelton, ***motion was made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to enact Ordinance #1 of 2015 to vacate a portion of Township Road No. 377, also known as Hess Hill Road, a total distance of approximately 780 feet. This ordinance shall become effective as of February 16, 2015 adoption. Gary abstained in this motion as the affected property owner. Walt also made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1 Of 2015 that we will continue to look ahead about a road access seeking grant monies and update Bull Run Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy and motion passed unanimously.***

Walt also asked that we need to be labeling the tax monies once known as Occupational Tax to what it is now called which is LST Tax of which 25% of these monies needs to be shared with the community's emergency services. Judy will notify Bruce and our Betty Sassaman of the need to change the labeling of this to LST Tax. (Judy will contact them). Walt also noted that there is a small pile of aggregate outside of the Valley Township Municipal Building if any of the residents has a need of a couple of buckets, help yourself.

***Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt to have Helen Appleman sit in as a clerk in Judy's absence and Judy will take care of her compensation (not through the township) and motion approved unanimously.***

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

**Adjournment:**

***Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 9:10, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy, Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary