

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

*January 7, 2013*

**Attendance:**

Chairman & Road Foreman, Gary Derr, Co-chairman, Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Solicitor Robert Buehner & Zoning Officer, George Plafcan. Public was represented by Mike Kull, Valley Township Fire Chief, Randy Shearer from McTish, Kunkel & Associates, Gurie and Angad Sandoo and Danville News Reporter, Karen Blackledge.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Gary Derr called the meeting to order @ 7:15 p.m. with all in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

***Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2012 made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion approved unanimously.***

**Citizens' Comments:**

Randy Shearer from McTish, Kunkel & Associates representing Gurie & Angad Sandoo in their plans to open a gas station/convenience mart in the area across the Valley School Road (previous Jim Blue property) from McDonald's presented Preliminary/Final plans to the supervisors. Their hope is to have their business open 16 hours daily and to have unleaded gasoline fuel islands as well as diesel fuel islands and a kerosene island. A Penn Dot Highway occupancy permit was presented as well as approval letter by Valley Township Municipal Authority with approval of 4 EDU's. Mr. Shearer reviewed the items reviewed by Larson Design Group (Valley Township's Engineer). He also presented a cost estimate for improvements as well as proof of ownership. Randy also noted that a DEP permit for underground tanks will be issued post construction. He noted that the plans had been signed off by Montour County Planning. Valley Township's Planning Commission approved these plans at their meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. ***Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to waive the filing of preliminary plans as well as approve the final plan contingent upon receiving an irrevocable line of credit in the amount of \$196,000 as well as the developer must enter into a storm water management agreement with the township and motion passed unanimously. These issues need to be finalized within 60 days (March 7).***

**Reports:**

(1)

Fire Department –Mike Kull reported that they have been quite busy with 14 incidents reported during December with six of those calls being motor vehicle accidents. Mike shared a statement of financial income and expense from January through December, 2012 with the supervisors. Mike reported that they have been notified that they will be receiving \$10,000 state grant as well as a Forestry Grant in the amount of \$5,000. They are currently working with a wrecker service that hopefully they will be able to work out the details to get some reimbursement from being tied up with large rig accidents on the

interstate. The fire company netted close to \$13,000 from their fund drive. They are working with a CPA and will have available a Financial Review but this will not be forthcoming until after the income tax filing date.

(2)

Planning Commission – At the Planning Commission Meeting on January 2, Randy Shearer from McTish, Kunkel and associates presented the plans from the Angad Sandoo Gas Station together with much of the necessary paperwork to include: Proof of ownership was presented. Approval by the Valley Township Municipal Authority was received (4 EDU's approved). Cost estimate for improvements received. Penn Dot highway occupancy permit presented. Plans signed by Montour County Planning. DEP permit for underground tanks to be issued post construction. Motion to accept the plans as presented was approved by the Planning Commission. A request for supervisors to set the amount for the financial assurance bond required prior to supervisor approval was mentioned to Judy and she will be in touch with township solicitor regarding this request.

(3)

Solicitor –Mr. Buehner reported that he sent letter to Bill Toth requesting all of the SEO paperwork and a copy given to the township.

(4)

Zoning Officer –George Plafcan had no report. Judy reported that she received a call of concern from a township resident regarding a property on 642 (LaDouca) that is becoming a real eye sore. George will look into this.

(5)

Municipal Authority –Mr. Buehner reported that the collection activities have been strong. He also reported that there is a significant problem with the bus barn on McCracken Road in that they have been emptying their buses' affluent into the sewer system and they also have an open pit. He said that this is a "junk yard" and requested George Plafcan, as our zoning officer, to be very strong in enforcing the zoning law.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that they have fairly busy over the last couple of weeks with snow removal. He also reported that a drag chain came apart on one of the spreaders and he is asking to have this replaced. He talked with Annville Equipment and they have one in stock so arrangements will be made to pick it up. Gary feels that a new hopper will need to be purchased sometime but he did not see it as urgent at this point. He will also check with Annville Equipment for hopper pricing. Over the last snow storms, they have had four trucks on the road instead of three that normally were used. Walt reported that the road crew did a fabulous job in keeping our roads open.

(7)

SEO – Nothing to report from Jim Sanders.

**New Business:**

Bids were advertised to be opened at tonight's meeting on the Zoning Officer's F-350 truck with notification that the township had the right to accept or reject all bids. Bidders and bids were as follows:

Charlis Used Cars:                   \$3,000

Mike Gerst	\$2,009
Sulli Motors	\$4,030
Mike Veneziano	\$1,802

*Motion to accept the highest bid of \$4,030 by Sulli Motors made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion carried unanimously.*

**Approval of Bills:**

*Motion to pay the bills made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment:**

*Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 8:35, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy  
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary