

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

November 10, 2010

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Mike Kull, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Solicitor Tom Leipold, Zoning Officer George Plafan, Zoning Hearing Board Chair Judi West and Road Foreman Frank Lehman. Public was represented by Walter Rupert and 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 October 13, 2010 was made by Judy, 2nd by Gary and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments:

Walter Rupert reported on the status of the last recycling day on November 5 indicating that it went very well and they were busy. He also wanted to thank the township employees are bringing stone to the site to get them out of the mud as it was quite nasty.

Reports:

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Fire Department – Mike Kull reported that October had been a very slow month only receiving three calls. He also reported that they are going to be replacing their heating system with propane and getting rid of the electric heat which can be quite expensive at times running as high as \$500 monthly.

(2)

Planning Commission – Tom Bedisky not in attendance at tonight's meeting but according to their minutes, there was no business conducted @ their meeting of 11/3/10.

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Solicitor – Tom Leipold reported that he checked into Valley Township's Stormwater Ordinance and because ours is as stringent as Montour County's ordinance, there is no reason for Valley Township to adopt the county stormwater ordinance. Tom also reported that he sent a note to Mary Oakley @ 45 Kindt Road notifying her that several of her large bushes are actually in the public right-of-way and may be causing a safety hazard obstructing the view of motorists.

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Zoning Officer – George Plafan reported that he issued 7 permits including 3 building inspections. He has received another call regarding the sewage problem at the corner of Creek & Trump Road. He understands that the homeowner's name is Close and lives @ Whitehall. George will contact Bill Toth directly.

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Municipal Authority – Minutes from their past meeting were dispensed to the supervisors.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Frank Lehman reported that the culvert work was completed on McCracken Road and some asphalt work was done on McCracken, Trump, Hess Hill and Gotschall Roads. Frank and Gary helped Sunnybrook Park to install the pool cover.

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SEO – No word from Bill Toth.

New Business:

Judi West, Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board, notified the supervisors that she has been in touch with Attorney Hill and he will go forward and file a brief for the township in the Sensening Property appeal. She has pulled together the information regarding the last two zoning hearings and she will get with Bruce LaMotte to pull together the costs. Our Solicitor, Tom Leipold will then draw up a resolution to increase the reflected costs of the past two hearings.

Judy reported that there is a Regional Water and Sewer Meeting to be held on Thursday, November 18 @ 7 p.m. @ the Danville Elks that the supervisors need to attend.

Mike Kull opened discussion regarding the possibility of increasing the EMS tax but there were no motions made to go forward with any increase at this time. Judy will notify our treasurer to be absolutely certain that 25% of whatever is collected needs to be turned over to emergency services (Valley Township Fire Department). The 2011 budget is scheduled to be adopted on December 8, 2010.

Approval of Bills:

Motion to radify payment of the bills made by Mike, 2nd by Judy and motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 8:20, 2nd by Mike and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Achy
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary