

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

*November 9, 2011*

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Mike Kull, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer George Plafan, SEO William Toth, Municipal Authority Member Judi West and Road Foreman Frank Lehman. Public was represented by Bob Dailey, Walt 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 12 was made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy and motion approved unanimously.*

**Citizens' Comments:** Nothing to report.

**Reports:**

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Fire Department – Nothing to report.

(2)

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, November 2 and it was their recommendation to the Valley Township Supervisors not to approve Sensening Application and to reject their plans.

(3)

Solicitor – Tom Leipold was not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

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Zoning Officer – George reported that he had issued two permits within the past month. Thanks were extended to George for covering Recycling on Friday, 11/4 a.m.

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Municipal Authority – Judi West reported that the band has been lifted in Valley Township on additional hook-ups so there are EDU's available. MaryAnn Gray's term will be expiring with the Municipal Authority effective January 1 and the Authority was not aware if Maryann desired to continue. Judy Achy will check to see if she is interested in serving if appointed. Judi reported that apparently the loss of the swale at the Romano property was not because of the sewer construction and this will be discussed with Cheryl Romano at their meeting on Monday, November 21.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Frank reported that there was minimal snow removal. There was grading on performed on Roup Road. There was shoulder building and pipe installation on Spike Blue Road and there was a 6 inch pipe installed on Sugar Camp Road. There was a culver fixed @ Brookside Road today. They will be replacing rip rap on Hendrickson Road tomorrow. There was a 48 inch pipe replaced below Indian Run Social Hall on Indian Run Road. There is some gradall work to be done on Indian Run, Bull Road, Artley and Brookside Roads.

(7)

SEO – Bill Toth attended tonight’s meeting. He reported that the Stigerwalt Property @ 5 Columbia Hill Road is currently empty and is for sale. He indicated that Mr. Stigerwalt is being very up front with potential buyers of having a septic failure. Bill indicated that this property has been approved for an elevated sand mound. Bill also reported that the groundwater is still too high to check the status of the property at the end of Trump Road where there is an obvious failure.

Bill also is quite concerned about the Sensening application and the fact that it does not get deemed approval because of the clock running out. Mike Kull had attended the last Planning Commission Meeting and indicated that the Supervisors’ clock actually begins November 2, 2011 and we will have 90 days in order to go forward and make any decisions. Bill reported that Mahoning Township denied this application in October. Bill felt that it should be disapproved as it is not in compliance with our Zoning Ordinance. Mike reported that actually this time they submitted, the lots are wide enough as it now shows easements and they are in compliance. Bill is concerned that according to the SEO regulations, a project has to be “doable” and if this project should get by the Supervisors, Valley Township will be responsible for this. Bill wonders about the ingress and egress (will these be preserved during construction) – could this impede access to the property owners. Bill commented “is it possible to deny in that the plan is not technically or administratively able to be implemented”. Bill also wondered if this can be denied by Valley Township in that Mahoning Township has already denied. Bill is checking into this with our Solicitor, Tom Leipold and will get back to us.

**Old Business:**

The Klein Road project should have been completed by August 31, 2011. Gary had a discussion with our Solicitor, Tom Leipold and Tom indicated it would be up to us if we wanted to give to Mr. Williams the opportunity to complete this project in the spring. The bid bond was for \$14,500 and there is no way according to Frank that the work that is yet to be completed would cost less than \$14,500. Gary, Judy and Mr. Williams met on October 31. The only thing additionally that the township would be paying for above the bid pricing would be the changes that were added to the road. Mr. Williams was to have to the township an invoice outlaying all of this information. We are still expecting this information. (Judy is sending a note to Mr. Leipold as requested by Gary asking in that it is costing more than the bond, can we hold those extra monies in addition to the \$14,500 of bond monies in our payment to Mr. Williams).

**New Business:**

Judy will place advertisement for review of the proposed 2012 budget to hopefully be approved @ the December 14 Supervisors’ Meeting without any tax increase.

Walt Rupert indicated that Roxie Shrawder has agreed to fill an auditor’s spot and Judy will send her a note requesting this.

*Resolution by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Kull to have Gary Derr as our contact person with FEMA and resolution carried.*

**Approval of Bills:**

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

**Adjournment:**

*Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 8:25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy  
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary