

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
November 9, 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, Jerry & Susan Buckley, Antony Knight & 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, 2016 made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Susan Buckley came to address the supervisors regarding their concerns about the proposed roundabout for the 54/642 project. She had contacted Senator Gordner and Representative Masser after her pleas to PennDot went unheard on July 28. Senator Gordner indicated that he was not in favor of the roundabout and tasked Susan with finding alternative revised plan. On October 4, she had a conference call with Senator Gordner and Representative Masser and they were acceptable of the jug handle proposal. Senator Gordner indicated he was on the Pennsylvania Transportation Committee. He then advised Susan to get as many signatures as she could on a petition and then get it directly to his office so that he can go forward with the jug handle proposal.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 9 incidents in October including 5 MVA, 2 vehicle fires, 1 grass fire and 1 rubbish fire.

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Planning Commission – No Planning Commission action at their meeting of November 2, 2016.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner had nothing to report.

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Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak submitted her activity log for October, 2016 with no unusual activities.

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Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported that the Authority has been working with Danville on their accounting system. They have also been working with Larson Design to calculate rates for 2017 and will probably have those rates established at their monthly meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that the Dodge has had four new tires replaced and is now ready for inspection. They have already had two other trucks inspected. They have used the new chipper which worked good as well as all other equipment appears to be in good working order. Three cross pipes were replaced on Indian Run Road and they have been working on ash trees leaning over roadways. No snow equipment has been put on as yet.

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SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

New Business: Advertisement was placed in the Danville News only on 10/25 and 11/2/16 seeking bids for a 1986 Ford L8000 single axel dump truck and an older 300 CID Ford gasoline power unit with the stipulation that the Valley Township Supervisors could accept or reject any and all bids and we received the following bids:

Gaudino Brothers, Freedom, PA - \$236 for Ford engine

Antony Knight, Danville, PA - \$1,003 for Ford engine

Mike Veneziano, Bellefonte, PA - \$20 for Ford engine and \$500 for Ford dump truck.

Motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to reject all bids on power unit as well as all bids on truck and motion passed unanimously. Mr. Knight was under the assumption that the wood chipper went with the power unit and the supervisors had decided at their meeting in July that they were going to dismantle the wood chipper because of lack of any safety features. At that point, Mr. Knight pulled his bid back for the Ford engine. The supervisors extended their apology for any misunderstanding.

HA Thomson would be represented at the December meeting and we will ask their representative to meet at 6:30 on Wednesday, 12/14 prior to the regularly scheduled supervisors meeting. The board asked Judy to look into the franchise agreement with Service Electric. Walt reported that he will take the stone billing to Sunnybrook Park meeting tomorrow evening.

Approval of Bills: ***Motion by Mike to pay the bills, 2nd by Walt and motion passed unanimously.***

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 8:00, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary