

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
December 14, 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, Judi West & 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 November 9, 2016 as well as the financial statement made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: None offered.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 9 incidents in November including 6 MVA, 1 vehicle fire, 1 controlled burn and 1 brush fire.

(2)

Planning Commission – No Planning Commission action at their meeting of December 7, 2016 other than they signed off on the Key Trucking Plans.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner had nothing to report.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak submitted her activity log for November, 2016 with quite a few phone calls and emails but no permitting for the month.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner requested a loan on behalf of the Valley Township Municipal Authority from the Valley Township Supervisors in the amount of \$200,000 with a 10 year amortization but to be paid off within 5 years. This shortfall actually started in the beginning as the Authority requested \$200,000 from the Community Block Grant with the Montour County Commissioners approval but unfortunately that never came through. Back when the Municipal Authority signed the agreement with Danville, the agreement was to pay for 500 EDU's at a cost of \$1125 per EDU. In July there were 417 EDU's used and in August, 433 EDU's were used with travelers utilizing the region's hotels. At the one year anniversary date which will be in July, Valley Township and Danville Municipal Authorities will come up with a more accurate number at which time, Valley Municipal Authority should receive a refund which would be placed against the principal of the loan if the supervisors would be in agreement to offer the loan.

Bob reported that Danville has been quite cooperative in working with the Valley Township Municipal Authority. Walt indicated that his concern is to the rate user and Mike noted that his concern was that this would be using tax monies from many that does not utilize the services of the Municipal Authority. They both commented that the township is in a position to help out financially and the loan from Valley Township would be more reasonable @ 2% than what it would be through a bank. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Mike to grant the loan of \$200,000 to the Valley Township Municipal Authority @ 2% interest rate with a 10 year amortization with a total payback hopefully in five years and motion passed unanimously.*** Bob Buehner will draw up the agreement, executed by the Valley Township Authority which the township will hold until the loan is paid in full. The authority will be charging sufficient rates to guarantee payment of the loan.

It was also noted that Danville Authority has increased their water rates 10% to their bulk users of which Valley Township is a bulk user. The Valley Township water and sewer rates will more than likely be increasing in February but the Authority wanted time to get information of this increase out to their users. The increase is not what it would have been had the decision been made to upgrade the Valley Township Sewer Plant.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that there were no major breakdowns or repairs. Up until we had the first of the winter weather, they were cold patching and grading.

(7)

SEO – Judy reported to the Supervisors that she was in touch with Jim Sanders asking for the information that she needed in order to take care of end of year reports.

New Business: HA Thomson representative was in attendance prior to the start of tonight's meeting for the annual review of the township's insurance. Bob reported that he was in touch with the folks from Service Electric regarding updating the franchise agreement. ***Motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to approve the 2017 budget and motion passed unanimously.***

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Gary to adjourn @ 7:40, 2nd by Walt and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary