

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
March 20, 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 Matt Derr, Valley Township road crew member 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 February 13, 2013 made by Judy, 2nd by Gary and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments:

Judy extended her appreciation to Walt Rupert for helping to take care of her secretarial responsibilities for the township during her absence.

Reports:

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Fire Department –A report from Mike Kull revealed that there were 8 responses during the past month, mostly vehicle accidents.

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Planning Commission – There was no business conducted at their March 6 meeting.

(3)

Solicitor – Bob Buehner reported that he has been trying to obtain signature from the Wetzels for the right of way on Creek Road in order to put in the guiderail and Gary said he will stop by the Wetzels in order to pick it up from them.

Bob also reported that there was a subdivision question from one of the Valley Township residents on the Speedex properties so he stopped to check on the signed plans at the courthouse that had been signed by the Planning Commission and Supervisors in 1994 and those plans matched the unsigned copy that the resident had available.

Bob reported that all is now in order to abandon part of Gotschall Road and he will take care of advertisement for public comment at 6:45 preceding the April 10 Supervisors Meeting.

Bob also discussed with George and the Board of Supervisors the need for George to follow-up on five property clean-ups that had zoning ordinance violations which included the bus barn, Weaver, LaDouca, James and Degree properties. The James house has been taken care of now because of the fact that it started to fall over so now it was demolished and cleared. Walt had previously drawn up an incident report form for George to utilize

so George will complete these forms and get them to Bob so letters can be drafted to address the violations. George will also be certain to have photos available.

(4)

Zoning Officer –George Plafcan reported that he had a call from Drew Barton from Larson Design regarding McDonalds. Apparently they are doing some renovation and will be placing new signage. George also reported that Cornerstone (new owner of Speedex Development is taking over the road maintenance and also wanted to establish a homeowner’s association.

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Municipal Authority –Mr. Buehner reported that the Municipal Authority needed more financial information from the Danville Authority in order to move forward with the plans for our waste to go to Danville and he would be talking with Paul Krizan.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Matt Derr reported that they have been continuing to clean up the Maintenance Shed and taking care of routine maintenance of the trucks and broom. They also started road sweeping. Both Gary and Matt Derr attended the Flagman Course today which the certification is now good for three years. This will be their monthly safety training required by our insurance carrier. Gary reported that piping needs to be changed on both Roberts and Spike Blue Roads. Walt reported that the equipment needs to be evaluated and with consideration of a new truck down the road. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to place advertisement for the necessary aggregates and motion passed unanimously.***

There was discussion of which roads will be looked at for upgrading for 2013 and Gary will contact Barry Garverick to look at both Meadowbrook and McCracken Roads. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

(7)

SEO – Nothing to report from Jim Sanders. Judy will send an email to Jim to notify him that the information from Bill Toth is now available to be picked up.

New Business:

There was only one bid received on the snow blower from Penn Hazle Equipment Company in the amount of \$1,688 and ***motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to reject the bid because it was too low and motion passed unanimously.***

Dumpster Day will be Saturday, May 11 between 8 and 12. There will be a charge of \$3 for tires and \$15 for Freon appliances.

Sunnybrook Park – Walt reported that the Sunnybrook Board had a need to take the walls down from the Five-A-Side and residents from the township took care of that need. Walt also reported that the Board has decided to “give back” to the Valley Township Residents by offering them a 10% reduction in family membership and will also offer them a pavilion on the weekends at the weekday rent which is currently \$35.

Walt also reported that the Board is applying for CDBG monies to have an ADA compliant ramp (0 depth entry) put into the pool and Jamie Shrawder was fairly certain

they may be granted approval. They paid for the engineer study out of their funds. Their clean-up day is April 20. An appreciation sign will be erected for Art Peters.

Approval of Bills:

Motion to ratify the bills made by Judy, 2nd by Walt and motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt to adjourn @ 8:25, 2nd by Judy and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary