

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

April 14, 2010

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chair Mike Kull, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Solicitor Tom Leipold, Road Foreman Frank Lehman, Planning Commission Chairman Tom Bedisky and Zoning Officer, George Plafcan. Public was represented by Representative Belfanti's aide, Wilbur Kelley, 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 January 4, 2010 (last supervisors meeting) was made by Mike, 2nd by Judy and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: None offered.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department – Mike Reported that they have received their new truck and they were able to get rid of their old one. Mike also reported that Montour County has a Communications Advisory Board and they normally have representation from each fire department in the county. Mike indicated that he was not reappointed to this board despite a letter from the Valley Township Fire Department recommending his reappointment. He reported that Walt Peters, Montour County Emergency Management Director, recommended his approval but he was rejected by the Montour County Commissioners. There was prior correspondence between Walt & Mike and Walt was concerned that Mike was disrupting the dispatchers while on duty. Mike reported that he was trying to correct a problem with a new computer dispatching system whereby the Valley Township Firefighters were not receiving their pages & he was very concerned about the health and welfare of the Valley Township residents. Mike will be following up on this issue and our solicitor, Tom Leipold, asked Mike to forward to him a copy of the by-laws of the Communications Advisory Board.

(2)

Planning Commission – Tom Bedisky reported on their meeting of April 7, 2010. Tom reported that Tim Wentz attended their meeting on behalf of the Sensening development to change the current zoning from R1 to Open Space but their request was denied. It was recommended to Mr. Wentz to reconfigure the lot sizes to the required size for open space and Mr. Wentz was taking this request back to Mr. Sensening and would follow up with the supervisors at their next meeting. Tom also discussed a letter from STV for three waivers for the armory concerning storm water management and these three waivers were granted from the Planning Commission. The Act 537 was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Mike, 2nd by Judy to grant the requested waivers concerning storm water management for the Armory and motion passed unanimously. There was no representation from the John Sensening Development that came to the Valley Township Supervisor Meeting on April 14, 2010.

(3)

Solicitor – Tom Leipold reported that he has the paperwork to file for the right of way acquisitions for the Meadowbrook Bridge to be replaced. Mike reported that he heard from Penn Dot that it would be up to Valley Township to purchase these right of way easements. Judy will check into this with the Montour County Commissioners as this bridge belongs to Montour County and not Valley Township.

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Zoning Officer – George reported that his summer hours will be on Wednesdays from 9 to 4:00. George also reported that he spoke with two homeowners on Columbia Hill Road as one has goats and another has miniature horses. He told both that this livestock would not be allowed in a residential area.

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

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Frank reported that they have removed the snow equipment. They have been doing patch work on Klein, Bogart, Hendrickson, Sugar Camp, Spike Blue & McCracken Roads. They have also been doing pipe and ditch cleaning throughout the township. Judy reported that the salt contract for 2010-2011 has been signed requesting the same amount as in prior years. There was discussion regarding our paving needs for 2010. Both Gary & Frank will talk with the residents on Klein Road about the needs of the township in acquiring additional right-of-way. Barry Garverick (municipal services representative) will be notified of the outcome of the conversations with the Klein Road residents so that he can reassess.

(7)

SEO – No word from Bill Toth.

Old Business:

Judy reminded the supervisors of the Montour County Tax Collection Committee and the fact that she is the appointed person to attend from Valley Township with Mike Kull being the alternate.

Mike discussed PA One Call and the possibility that maybe the Valley Township Supervisors would not need to continue to be a member because we have no underground utilities. Mike will follow-up on this.

New Business:

Mike made a motion for resolution (Resolution # 02-10) to adopt Act 537, 2nd by Judy and motion approved unanimously.

Advertisement for bids for stone and oil needs for Valley Township will be placed to be opened at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

There was discussion to replace the piping that has collapsed on McCracken Road.

Gary reported that Harry Stuess has resigned as auditor after donating many years and we, the supervisors, will need to appoint a 3rd auditor to work with Walt Rupert and Norman Jones. Karen Blackledge of the Danville News was asked to notify the residents that if anyone was interested in being appointed to contact our secretary.

Motion by Gary, 2nd by Mike to approve the Milton Harvest Festival Bike Race to be held on September 11 and motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Ratification to pay the bills made by Judy, 2nd by Gary and ratification passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 8:55, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Achy
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary