

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

April 9, 2014

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer Mike Kull and Solicitor Robert Buehner. Public was represented by John Fenstermacher 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 March 26, 2014 made by Walt, 2nd by Judy and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: None offered.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department –Mike Kull offered the Valley Township Fire Department Incident Report from the preceding month which showed that there were 18 calls during the month of March, very busy month. Mike reported that the Montour County Commissioners signed a resolution on Monday, April 7 placing a burning ban in effect throughout the county throughout the next 30 days.

(2)

Planning Commission – A check in the amount of \$150 had been issued to the Planning Commission to complete the \$400 that was noted at the Organizational Meeting in January as a check last month in the amount of \$250 was given to them previously. There was nothing to report from their March meeting.

(3)

Solicitor – Bob Buehner indicated that the Municipal Authority will seek bids for a 2.4 million dollar loan that would repay the current PennVest tax-free loan balance of 1,000,000 and then the balance of the loan would be put toward the construction to run the sewer line to Danville Plant. This loan would be repaid over the next 30 years. The hope would be that this loan could be obtained at a much lower interest rate than the previous. Mr. Buehner requested that Ben Ried of Harrisburg be used as the bond counsel. Mr. Ried has worked with Larson Design on other projects from the area. His fees would come from the borrowed monies. These monies are necessary over and above the \$900,000 grant that was previously awarded to Valley Township. Valley Township would be charged a connection fee of \$1174 per EDU and there is approximately 500 Valley Township EDU's. ***Motion to appoint Attorney Ben Ried as bond counsel for the borrowing of the monies made by Judy, 2nd by Walt and motion passed unanimously.***

(4)

Zoning Officer – Mike Kull reported that there are no new major projects going on at this time.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Mr. Buehner reported that at the meeting with Danville Authority on March 27 there was a very amicable negotiating session. There is now a tentative agreement to go directly to the Danville Plant and avoid having to pay a good part of the connection fee and we would not have to pay for expanding the lines that the Danville Authority was requesting if we hooked on at the Wendy's site that was originally discussed. It appears that the monthly cost to our Valley Township users is much closer to their current rate. The collection system will continue to be looked at; maybe a cooperative agreement with Danville and/or Joint Authority. The next meeting between Danville Municipal Authority and Valley Township will be May 5, 2014.

Because of the increased cost associated with delinquent accounts to the Valley Township Authority, Mr. Buehner asked that the Valley Township Supervisors approve a resolution to charge an additional \$50 for a collection letter to be sent to a delinquent ratepayer by its legal counsel. This is not done unless the ratepayer is more than two (2) months in arrears. If filing of a Municipal Lien against a delinquent ratepayer by its legal counsel becomes necessary, the VTMA is authorized to charge the sum of two hundred (\$200) which would be added together with any required filing fees to the amount of the delinquent arrearage. He also indicated that a 10% per year interest would be attached. ***Motion by Judy, 2nd by Walt to approve this Resolution #2 of 2014 and motion passed unanimously.*** This will affect very few ratepayers as most of the VTMA ratepayers are very prompt in payment. See attached resolution.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported they had all of the plows off and then had to put them back on again for “another snow storm” and hopefully the last. The snow equipment is again off of all of the equipment and in addition to sweeping cinders from the roadways, they have been filling some potholes with cold patch. They also have had the need to take care of some sign repairs. There has been issues with the new Ford pick-up and Bradco has been made aware.

(7)

SEO – Judy met with Jim Sanders and he indicated that the property owner of 5 Columbia Hill Road is talking of moving ahead with connecting to public sewer.

Old Business or New Business:

Judy reported that she heard from Marvin Shrawder regarding an old house trailer that sits close to his property owned by Ambrosino that is empty and in deplorable condition; not fit for human habitation. He indicated there is only a dirt floor in one area and the ceilings are falling down. He is concerned that maybe it is being used as there has been activity from a person walking down the hill from the trailer.

Valley Township had advertised for bids on stone, road oil and diesel fuels for which we received numerous bids (8) and the results are as follows:

Midland AsphaltHammaker East, LTD.

10,000 E2 Road Oil	2.44 - \$24,400 *	2.45 - \$24,500
10,000 MC 30 Road Oil	3.68 - \$36,800 *	3.79 - \$37,900

Motion by Judy, 2nd by Walt to award the bid to Midland Asphalt Materials Inc. as low bidder for 10,000 gallons of E2 Road Oil and and as low bidder for 10,000 gallon of MC-30 oil and motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Barletta's</u> <u>FOB/Del</u>	<u>Corson</u> <u>FOB/Del</u>	<u>Eastern</u> <u>FOB/Del</u>	<u>Hanson</u> <u>FOB/Del</u>	<u>Sokol's</u> <u>FOB/Del</u>
2-A Stone		6.35/11.05	7.50 /13.47	7.50/11.50	12.45
#4 Ballast		8.10/12.80	8.25/14.22	9.50/13.50	
1B (Approved)	11.50/16.00		14.00/19.97	13.50/25.50	
2B	9.75/14.25	9.90/14.60	10.00/15.97	9.50/13.50	14.25
2RC		5.50/10.20	5.25/11.22	6.50/10.50	11.45
AntiSkid		9.00/13.70	11.00/16.97	9.50/13.50	14.50

Motion by Gary, 2nd by Judy to award the bid for 1B Stone Contract to Barletta's as the low bidder and motion passed unanimously.

The awarding of the other stone products bid tabled until the May 14, 2014 meeting.

Leighow Oil Company

#2 Diesel Fuel	12.4 cents over wholesale cost
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Only one diesel fuel bid received which was from Leighow Oil Company and motion by Gary, 2nd by Walt to reject this bid but calls will be made to three contractors for phone bids when diesel fuel is needed and Leighow Oil Company would be one of those three contractors and motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Motion by Judy, 2nd by Gary to pay the bills and motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 8:40, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary