

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

*May 9, 2012*

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer George Plafan, Solicitor Robert Buehner and Road Foreman, Frank Lehman. Public was represented by John Fenstermacher, Roger Meyers, Tony Pepper 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 April 11, 2012 made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion approved unanimously.***

**Citizens' Comments:**

Mr. Roger Meyers and Mr. Tony Pepper came to this meeting as they are interested in merging with Walt Laubach's business on Rt 642 and they were interested in obtaining definitive information regarding the size of the signage for that area. They would like to have signage much larger than what the ordinance allows which is approximately 2 square feet in an R-I area. Our township solicitor, Bob Buehner, suggested that they may want to apply for a variance which would go through the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Meyers and Pepper made the decision to go forward and will apply for a zoning variance.

**Reports:**

(1)

Fire Department – The supervisors received an activity report from the Valley Township Fire Department dated through April 28 which indicated they have had a total of 51 responses.

(2)

Planning Commission – Meeting of 5-2-12 - Steven Beattie-representing Geisinger ISS Solutions, submitted the application and fees for an Amendment to Zoning Ordinance for the property at 109 McCracken Rd to change the current R-1 residential portion of the property to C-2 Highway Commercial. Motion to accept the request made by Glenn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, motion passed. George will submit letters to all adjacent property owners 30 days prior to June supervisors meeting and post the property 7 days prior. Motion passed.

(3)

Solicitor – Bob Buehner suggested that a ***resolution be made to adjust hearing fees to increase to \$500 (zoning or conditional) as well as any requests for a map change. In addition to the fee increase, if a hearing stenographer is required, half of that cost would be paid for by the applicant and half by the township. If anyone wants a copy of that transcript, the person requesting the copy would be responsible for payment (applicant and/or township). Judy Achy made a motion for the above mentioned resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt Rupert and resolution passed unanimously.***

Mr. Buehner will draft a letter to be sent by George to Mr. Elwood Gass on McCracken Road regarding the uncovered junk in his yard.

(4)

Zoning Officer – George Plafcan had nothing to report.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Judy dispensed copies of the previous meeting minutes.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Frank Lehman suggested that Valley Township may be interested in vacating Gottschall Road which it was abandoned as a roadway but never officially vacated. The process to vacate a road is that all parties must sign off. Walt offered to go to the court house and review the tax assessment map to check on the property owners.

(7)

SEO – Nothing to report from Jim Sanders.

**Old Business:**

MW Manufacturing Superfund Site – Walt Rupert reported that Valley Township was the sole bidder on this property and acquired the property for virtually \$55 which was for filing the deed. EPA meeting is scheduled for May 22 @ 11:00 which is really a meet and greet meeting between the Valley Township Supervisors and the EPA. Walt will be posting “Do Not Trespass” signs and will get a copy of the deed for our insurance company.

**New Business:**

**Bid Results of Charlene Drive**

We had bids from the following companies and their bid was as follows:

Eastern	\$83,640
Gutelius	\$104,270
HRI	<b>\$79,978*</b>
Meckley’s	\$82,431.05
Schuylkill	\$122,750
Robert C. Young	\$92,915

***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to award bid to HRI as the low bidder @ \$79,978 and motion approved unanimously.***

**Approval of Bills:**

***Motion to pay the bills made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.***

**Adjournment:**

***Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 9:00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
 Judy Achy  
 Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary