

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

June 11, 2014

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer Mike Kull, Solicitor Robert Buehner and Montour County Commissioner, Jerry Ward. Public was represented by PennDot Representatives, Matt Swartz, Bill Houpt, Jonathan Lietzke, Jill Fillman & Mike Bender. Also in attendance was resident, 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 May 14, 2014 made by Judy, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Reports:

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Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull indicated that there was nothing to report from the Valley Township Fire Department.

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Planning Commission – There was no reportable business at the Planning Commission Meeting on June 7, 2014.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner indicated that there was nothing to report as solicitor.

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Zoning Officer – Mike Kull reported that he had one building project at this time which is Southland Log Homes on McCracken Road

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Municipal Authority – Mr. Buehner reported that they will be signing off on the 2.4 million dollar loan in order for the sewer to run directly to Danville at the Municipal Authority Meeting on Monday, June 16, 2014. This loan was obtained through the Muncy Bank and Trust at a fixed rate for 30 years. Immediate payoff will be taken care of for the PennVest Loan (approximately 1.2 million). The fees for this loan were approximately \$6,000 less than expected.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that the equipment is all in good order and recently inspected. Mowing has started over the past couple of days in the township. Walt wanted to be certain that we had a notation in the minutes that we are still experiencing troubles with the new dump truck, both electrical and hydraulic. The truck was purchased through Bradco Supply. Bradco has been made aware on several occasions of the ongoing issues with this new vehicle.

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SEO – There has been no word from Jim Sanders. Judy will be in touch with Jim about the status of 5 Columbia Hill Road as the homeowner indicated that he was going to hook onto the public sewer but there does not appear to be any work started.

Old Business or New Business:

There is still ongoing discussion and testing being done on McCracken Road to see about the possibility of reclaiming this road. Gary and Walt met with a representative regarding milling and refilling and the representative suggested digging some more test sites on McCracken before making any decision.

Motion by Judy, 2nd by Walt to give a monetary donation of \$250 to the Danville Fire Police for all they do for our community and Fire Department and motion was approved unanimously.

Motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to give a monetary donation in the amount of \$250 to the Valley Township Fire Department to take care of filling Sunnybrook Park on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14 and motion was approved unanimously.

Rt. 54 & 642W Discussion:

The PennDot Representatives discussed the possibility of adding a new traffic signal @ 642W and Rt 54. The PennDot Reps presented this project to the Valley Township Supervisors as approval by the municipality was necessary in order for this project to go forward. Thru traffic traveling west toward Washingtonville on 54 will not be affected by the light as it will always be green. The new signal for those turning left off of 642 W going toward Washingtonville will be very similar to the setup @ Winfield on Rt. 15. Some of the supervisors felt that the most problematic intersection was at Rt 54 and 642 East and the Reps were hopeful that installing this light would help alleviate the backlog coming off of 642E as it will allow a break in the traffic. These changes will be paid for through a federally funded project as well as updating the traffic flow and light at the intersection of McDonald's and Rt 54. Montour County will maintain the light and pay for the electricity as it does at the McDonald's light. Commissioner Jerry Ward indicated that this would help with the safety issue at both of the lights.

Motion by Walt, 2nd by Judy to go forward with this lighting installation and motion passed unanimously. An agreement with Montour County will also be signed by the Valley Township Supervisors as Montour County will be paying for the upkeep and electricity of both of these lights.

Adjournment:

Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 8:45, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judy Achy
 Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary