

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
July 12, 2017

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Zoning Officer, Suzanne Kuziak & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, 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 June 14, 2017 as well as the financial statement made by Walt, 2nd by Mike and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: David Fox reported that the patch work transition on Hess Hill was terrible of which HRI was the contractor. David felt that today's work force takes no pride in their work.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were a total of 10 incidents in June including 3 vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle fire, 1 building fire (not in Valley) 2 grass fires, 2 gas leaks and 1 public service.

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Planning Commission – There was no business to report from the July 5 Planning Commission Meeting. Judy reported that she contacted Kathi Hunter from Land Plan and Kathi has retired indicating that everything that she had, she shared with Bob Buehner and the group. The supervisors indicated that we really do not need Land Plan to go forward with a nuisance ordinance.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner not in attendance at tonight's meeting due to a health issue.

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Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak submitted her activity log for June, 2017 at which time she took calls about several permits as well as a Right To Know request.

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Municipal Authority – John Fenstermacher reported that there have been ongoing talks between Bob Buehner for the Authority and Shannon Berkey for Danville. Walt reported that he attended the June Authority Meeting where there was discussion of the ordinance that was requested of having inspections mandated when the home sells versus other options and Walt felt that the Municipal Authority was open to discussion of "things outside of the box". Walt reported that studies indicate that infiltration is not coming from laterals. In that there are not that many homes on the public sewer, the percentage of the homes being sold with infiltration problems from laterals would be almost nil.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that the road crew have spent a fair amount of time getting ready for the paving and new inlets have been placed on Klein Road and Valley Green Road. They did have to pay \$300 to repair a broken pole saw.

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SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

Old Business: A request from the Montour County Council of Governments to adopt a resolution establishing penalty fees to be imposed on any person who commences work requiring a building permit before obtaining the necessary permits was tabled at the June meeting to be discussed at the July 17, 2017 meeting. Following discussion, motion ***by Walt, 2nd by Mike to adopt this resolution which was passed unanimously and this is Resolution #2 of 2017.*** Judy will forward a copy of this onto Penny Rishel, COG secretary.

Also under old business, back in March of 2017 there was a hearing at Valley Township whereby transfer of a liquor license into Valley Township to Sandhoo's (Danville Mobil Gas Station) was approved by the Valley Township Supervisors without the signing of a resolution so ***motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to approve Resolution #3 of 2017 and motion was approved unanimously.***

New Business: There was a request from our Tax Collector, Betty Sassaman to request that the supervisors consider stopping the collection of per capita bills beginning in 2018. She indicated that starting in 2018, the township would have the total cost of the printing of the tax bills, the total cost of the envelopes and postage to mail them out which currently they only pay half & the county picks up the other half. Montour County discontinued having the per capita tax because it was too expensive. The Board of Supervisors requested that further discussion be tabled until August 9 after getting answers from Betty on the following: 1. How is mailing currently done – is it sent in conjunction with another tax bill? 2. Cost of going to collection when not paid? 3. Estimate of what it cost now?

Approval of Bills: ***Motion by Mike to pay the bills, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.***

Adjournment:

Motion by Gary to adjourn @ 7:45, 2nd by Mike and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary