

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

*July 9, 2014*

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer Mike Kull & Solicitor Robert Buehner. Public was represented by John Derr, Jean Seroski, 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.

**Citizens' Comments:** Jean Seroski came to the township to share her concerns regarding Hess Hill Road. With the exception of in front of the Jones' Farm, she feels it is a "mess". Road is coming apart. She indicated that the thunder mountain entrances washes out all the time and she wondered about the placement of piping. She indicated that at the entrance of the Hess Park which sits on a terrace the road water runs off there and she wondered if a larger road pipe would be helpful in that area. She was also concerned about the trees hanging out over the road especially at the Derr Farm area where the school buses must travel on the opposite side in order to avoid the tree overhang. Jean also wanted the township to know that Gary Derr is a very conscientious worker.

**Approval of Minutes:**

***Motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014 made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy and motion approved unanimously.***

**Reports:**

(1)

Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull indicated that he did not have a report from the fire department. He did mention since we met with the PennDot people last month, there have been two additional accidents @ McDonald's light.

(2)

Planning Commission – There was no reportable business at the Planning Commission Meeting on July 2, 2014.

(3)

Solicitor – Bob Buehner indicated that he met with Jerry Ward this morning regarding the PennDot approval concept for the lighting @ 642 & 54 and the updating of the light @ McDonald's.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Mike Kull reported on the Zoning Hearing Board approval of the Beyer Farm. Mike also indicated that Lake Randall is the engineer for Joe Harvey. Mike also reported that Ken Piestrak is no longer involved with the Zoning Hearing Board so the township will need to make an appointment for that seat. Also we should probably also appoint an alternate for that board as well. Mike will be issuing a building permit tomorrow for Lot 22 on Wintersteen Acres and there are two or three more lots that can

be developed. There are no indications of any stormwater problems at this point and because of the area being less than an acre, cannot require stormwater engineer report. John Fenstermacher lives in that area and is quite concerned about the water coming across his driveway now and with another house going in, it is only going to get worse.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Mr. Buehner reported that they signed 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. The engineers are finalizing the drawings to go to the plant. They will be scheduling a meeting with the school board as they need to do a bore hole across Rt. 11. They will also be meeting with Geisinger and the Housing Authority. The Board is currently waiting for the final agreement to come back from the Danville Municipal Board. It was also noted that there is an open seat @ the Municipal Authority Board.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that they have been cleaning up after all of the storms. Core sampling has been done on McCracken Road and they will be meeting with Wayne from Recon Asphalt Reclamation soon regarding McCracken Road. The mower tractor had to go to Deerfield for some repairs. Wayne from Bassett Engineering adjusted the hydraulics but the electrical issues with the new truck are still unresolved. Gary also reported that Bennett Road will need road work done as they have been trying to keep the potholes fixed but more definite roadwork needs done there.

(7)

SEO – There has been no word from Jim Sanders.

**Old Business or New Business:**

Valley Township has had an unofficial policy for residents to acquire non-skid for their driveways. Walt reported that he feels this is an unsafe practice. They have also noted that stone product is also missing. This is a huge liability issue with having non-employees in this area when equipment could be moved. ***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to take security measures by locking the gate to keep anyone from the aggregate area and motion approved unanimously.*** An automatic closer gate will be looked into.

***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to have John Derr as a temporary road worker laborer and motion passed with Gary Derr abstaining.***

**Approval of Bills:** ***Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt to pay the bills and motion passed unanimously.***

**Adjournment:**

***Motion by Walt to adjourn @ 8:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy and motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy, Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary