

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

August 9, 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, Surveyor Wayne Hildebrand, Barb Osenkarski 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 July 12, 2017 as well as the financial statement made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Wayne Hildebrand presented a subdivision plan on behalf of Paula Quick in which the Planning Commission had conditionally approved the plan upon DEP approval. After discussion, motion ***by Mike, 2nd by Walt to grant conditional approval upon receiving DEP approval and motion carried unanimously.*** Mr. Hildebrand was notified that as soon as that DEP approval comes in, the supervisors will not need to sign off at an official meeting because the conditional approval was granted.

Barb Osenkarski asked when the road signage would be put up and Mike indicated that should be taken care of within three weeks. He told her that in the meantime, there would be no difficulty finding a location with the new addressing system in place.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were a total of 8 incidents in July including 4 vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle fire, 1 smoke detector activation with no fire, 1 wrong location and 1 public service. Mike reported that the 8th Annual Fire Camp started this morning with 65 children in attendance and runs through Friday, 8-11-17. Mike also mentioned that the community lost Jack Reilly last month who had been a past president and member of the Valley Township Fire Department as well as a State Wide Fire Instructor and personal mentor to Mike. Jack's passing was a huge loss for all of Danville.

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Planning Commission – Mike reported that the Commission continues to ask about the next step in getting a nuisance ordinance passed since Kathi Hunter retired. Judy will reach out to Doug Hovey who Kathi suggested. The only other action was to grant conditional approval to the subdivision plans for Paula Quick.

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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 July, 2017 at which time she took calls about permits.

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Municipal Authority – John Fenstermacher reported that Steve Traub received a call from Larson Design indicating that the Continental Bridge between Beaver Place and Continental Fire Department is being replaced. Larson Design is the engineer for the State Bridge Inspections. John will keep us updated.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that the road crew have spent a fair amount of time getting ready for the tar and chipping and this has all been completed. Welliver Road will take a lot of preparation in getting that road ready including installation of new piping. The T-tag oil pan is leaking again and Gary received a quote from Gerber's for \$2000 as they need to drop the motor. He was told to get it repaired.

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SEO – No word from Jim Sanders other than we received his monthly report.

Old 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 which was addressed at the July 12 meeting and the supervisors asked this to be tabled to the August meeting asking for further information. After review of the additional information Betty provided including that Montour County will not be involved with collecting this tax in 2018 and the entire cost would fall onto Valley Township. In view of the fact that this would negatively affect the Valley Township Tax Collector and the total collection would be less than \$6,000 for the township, ***Motion by Mike, 2nd by Walt to discontinue the collection of per capita bills beginning in 2018 and motion approved unanimously.***

New Business: Notice of a flood risk review meeting to be held on 8-17 was received and the supervisors confirmed that this meeting would have nothing to do with them.

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

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary