

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
September 14, 2016

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Solicitor Attorney Robert Buehner, Zoning Officer, Suzanne Kuziak & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by Commissioner Ken Holdren, David Fox, John Fenstermacher & 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 August 10, 2016 made by Walt, 2nd by Mike and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Commissioner Ken Holdren from Montour County and Tim Murphy with Columbia County GIS came to the Valley Township Meeting tonight to discuss with the supervisors a resolution updating addresses in Valley Township. The commissioners and Tim have been approaching all of the townships requesting this resolution especially because of the merger between Columbia/Montour 911 Centers. Tim indicated that it is now time to start digging into Montour County. Commissioner Holdren asked that whenever a new road is formed in the future, please check with Tim Murphy before naming that road even though the Supervisors of Valley Township will continue to be responsible for naming all roads and streets. There will no cost incurred by the township as the cost will be included in the PEMA Grant application. They know that people will be upset by the need to changing their address but it is necessary in order to be certain that emergency personnel can locate the specific home necessary.

By the end of April. 2017, they will be in a position to issue new addresses. It is important that everyone be kept in the loop including sending information sheet together with their notice of how to go about updating their addresses for registration and license and the fact that the person will incur no additional expense as you just need to note that it is due to the 911 center. United States Post Office will continue to deliver mail for up to a year even with an old addressed noted. (Rational explanation – when one dials 911, it is going to be based on math – 52.80 feet – Mapquest is not used as it is not routinely updated). ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Mike to adopt Resolution # 2 of 2016 granting Montour County permission to take over addressing for the said purposed of having accurate address information for all 911 emergency responders and motion passed with Gary's nay vote.***

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that August was a very busy month with a total of 15 incidents including 11 vehicle accidents, 3 building fires, and one medical

assist. Mike reported that the 7th annual fire department summer camp was quite successful with lots of kids attending.

(2)

Planning Commission – At the Planning Commission Meeting held on 9/7/16, all of the updates and changes were sent to Tim Murphy for the township map.

(3)

Solicitor – Bob Buehner reported that a Right-To-Know request regarding 54/80 was received and responded to within the 5-day time allotted notifying them that we have also been working with obtaining information from Valley Township former solicitor. Bob has suggested involving Attorney Anthony McDonald and ***motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to allow Bob to retain Attorney Anthony McDonald as solicitor for the 54/80 project and motion approved unanimously.***

(4)

Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak reported that she visited the home of Richard Snyder to evaluate whether or not he needed a zoning permit. Responded to emails and emailed an application out to a requester.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported that all holding tanks have been demolished and the site was leveled. The Authority is currently reviewing the rate schedule. Since this project has been completed, Walt reported that road work needs to be done on the road that leads to the authority after all of the heavy equipment did damage to this road and asked Bob if there would be any funding available to better this road and Bob was going to check on the availability of funding.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported the box work was finished on the Mac. The Dodge pick-up quit and is currently at the garage. The tar and chipping project has been completed. LRJ will be paving the end of Hendrickson Road where it meets up with Rt. 54 at a cost of \$12,500.

(7)

SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

New Business: Discussion ensued about the purchase of a 2013 chipper from Bestline that has many safety features @ a cost of \$9,500 and after discussion, ***motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to purchase the chipper and motion approved unanimously.***

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 8:10, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary