

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

December 13, 2017

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Solicitor Bob Buehner, Zoning Officer, Suzanne Kuziak & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Betty and Marvin Sassaman, Gerald and Sue Buckley 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.

Executive Sessions: An executive session was held on November 30 to discuss pending litigation regarding the 54/80 Partner lawsuit and another session was held on December 8 to discuss legal review of a proposed contract.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017 as well as the financial statement made by Mike, 2nd by Gary and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: None offered

Reports:

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Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull reported that there were a total of 13 incidents in November including 8 vehicle accidents, 2 EMS assists, 1 carbon monoxide incident, 1 liquid spill and 1 vehicle fire.

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Planning Commission – Mike reported that there was discussion of the current treasury being returned to the Township's general fund and the Township Treasurer would issue any checks the Planning Commission would require which would resolve the issue of transferring the treasurer from Glenn to Dan as Glenn has resigned. Mike has already discussed this with Valley Township Treasurer, Bruce LaMotte and he will pay the secretarial fee monthly. Also Mike reported that the commission made a request to have all plans reviewed by the township engineer prior to approval; thereby being certain that no discrepancy would occur. This has always been true for commercial plans but effective January 1 of 2018, the commission asked that any and all plans to be reviewed by township engineer. The cost will probably be in the range of \$300 - \$400. Mike told the Commission that he would ask the Supervisors to consider this proposal.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner had nothing to report.

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Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak submitted her activity log for November, 2017 at which time she reported that she spoke with Krystal Krick and neither Krystal nor Suzanne have heard anything on the registered courtesy letter sent on October 16 to

Pirian Sivakkumar, owner of Days Inn even though they expected to following his return to the Country on November 14. Walt has asked if we could keep Days Inn on the front burner as it certainly is a health and safety issue. If Suzanne hears nothing by weeks' end, she and Bob Buehner will draft a very strong letter to Mr. Sivakkumar.

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Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported that there is nothing new on the bridge renovation by Perkins to report other than he understood that UGI and Danville Borough had signed an agreement back in the 60's with regard to same bridge that in the event this high pressure gas line would have to be moved, that it would be the financial responsibility of the Danville Borough to do so probably in the range of \$100,000. If Danville Borough goes forward with this bridge, it certainly would be an unplanned, unbudgeted expense to the Valley Township Municipal Authority.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that all snow removal equipment is installed and ready to go. The berms of the Welliver Road Project have been completed and they met with Tyler from the Conservation Office regarding the Welliver Project. All equipment in good condition.

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SEO – Judy reported that Jim Sanders sent his quarterly report to the township.

New Business: Motion to approve the 2018 Budget with no tax increase was made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously. The proposed budget was available for inspection since November 13, 2017. As of 10/30/17, Act 42 was passed by the PA General Assembly which authorizes the placement of ten Category 4 casinos in the Commonwealth and each municipality has a window open only until 12/31/17 to pass a resolution stating their desire to prohibit Category 4 casinos inside their municipality. **Motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to exercise that option and Resolution No 6 of 2017 was approved unanimously stating that the Supervisors of Valley Township, Montour County prohibit the location of a Category 4 licensed facility within the township.** A copy of this resolution is being delivered to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

Sue and Jerry Buckley attended tonight's meeting to voice their opposition to the roundabout that the State is planning on installing on Rt 642 East. After a fairly heated, lengthy conversation, the outcome was that this is a state decision and no matter if the supervisors approve of this plan or not, the decision will be handed down from the state. Mike reportedly felt that the roundabout addresses all of the safety concerns. There will probably be another informational session in January and Mike was hopeful that more courtesy would be extended to this group of engineers.

Gratitude to Valley Township Tax Collector: Betty and Marvin Sassaman were invited to attend tonight's meeting in order to recognize and honor Betty for her 22 years of service as Valley Township Tax Collector as she retires. A plaque was presented to her from the Valley Township Board of Supervisors and cake and coffee was shared by all following the meeting.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 8:25, 2nd by Walt and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary