

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

October 14, 2015

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer, Mike Kull & Solicitor Attorney Robert Buehner. Public was represented by Matt Gum, David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Dr. David & Andrea Feinberg & 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 September 9 made by Walt, 2nd by Judy and motion approved.

Citizens' Comments: Dr. and Mrs. David Feinberg came to the meeting to address their concern with the intersection of Gotschal Road and Kaseville High Road. There is no sight distance to the left and even though a mirror was placed in that area about 8 years ago, Gary reported that the mirror is not helpful in the least, especially during the day. Judy had already been in touch with the Feinbergs via email notifying them that Gotschal Hill Road was a township road that intersected with Kaseville Hill Road which was a state road. Bob Buehner indicated that this has been a long standing problem in this area but that the state would never put stop signs on a through road such as Kaseville Hill Road for the Gotschal Road as it would be even more dangerous especially in the winter. Bob did wonder if a sensor could be placed in the road (on the Mahoning Township side) causing a yellow light to signal. Another issue to be considered would be to excavate and level the knoll off somewhat. Mike Kull, Valley Township Fire Chief, indicated that there has been no reportable accidents in that location. Judy told the Feinbergs that the Montour County Officials Association Convention was being held tomorrow evening (Thursday, October 15) and she could discuss this with Don Free and Barry Garverick from PennDot Municipal Services. She also was expecting Senator John Gordner to the convention and she could also mention this to him. The Feinbergs thanked the board for anything that could be looked into in order to resolve the concerns of this dangerous intersection.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 10 incidents which included 6 MVA, two building fires, a passenger vehicle fire and a public service call. Mike also reported that Fire Prevention Week was this past week and the fire department would be visiting the Liberty Valley Intermediate School tomorrow. While attending the Fire Company Association Meeting, everyone is having issues with manpower. Mike asked the supervisors if the property that is owned by Valley Township along Old Valley School Road could be used in the spring of 2016 for a Firefighter for a Day Event. This event will be open to the public and anyone 14 and older will be able to get into gear and

use equipment like the firefighters do. The hope is that it will appear neat to many of the young people and generate interest into becoming involved in the volunteer fire departments. Mike Kull and East End Fire Department Chief Leslie Young will be serving as co-chairs for this event. Walt felt that this was a very good move and permission was granted for them to stage this @ the Old Valley School Road property.

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Planning Commission – Mike reported that there was a plan presented by Wayne Hildebrand for the subdivision for Christine Fishburn @ 30 Klondike Road. The parcel contains 1.06 AC with a residual of 7.57 AC. The DEP sewage module was signed for Wayne to send for approval. Preliminary approval was passed and final approval will be granted once the sewage module and E&S plans have been reviewed.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner reported that he is urging municipalities in Montour County to ask the commissions to vote to put the Joint Rail Authority run by Seda-Cog up for sale. He indicated that the Township Municipal Authority needs to pay the joint rail authority \$900 yearly for going under 12 feet of track and the Authority will never disturb the railroad tracks. Bob reported that he is still working on the proposed Nuisance Ordinance prior to it being advertised.

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Zoning Officer – Mike reported that a letter was sent to a homeowner in Mausdale that the property must be cleared. Mike reported that the conditional use permit for Key Trucking expired as of October 8. This had previously been recorded at the courthouse and will need to come off the books. ***Motion by Judy, 2nd by Gary to revoke the conditional use permit issued 6/10/15 due to expiration on 10/8/15 and to authorize the township solicitor to file the appropriate document at the office of the Recorder of Deeds at the courthouse and motion passed unanimously.***

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Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported that the pipe line is all in the ground and parts have been ordered for the pumping station near the Valley Township Sewage Treatment Plant. Depending on the weather, that work may not be completed until early 2016 as these parts needed to be made special for this project.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that all equipment has been readied for winter. He ordered a chain for one hopper and that one chain cost around \$900 which is absolutely necessary as it is the drag chain in the bottom of the hopper. Judy reported that only one quote came through to replace the damaged guiderail due to a vehicle accident on McCracken Road from Green Acres @ a cost of \$11,020. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to approve the Green Acres quote and motion passed unanimously.*** Judy is following up with Erie Insurance Company hopefully to retrieve these monies as she has a state police report with the information on the driver. Gary also reported that work is under way to take the corner off of Hess Hill and Bull Run Road. Gary reported that Richard Wells & Sons who had been notified to pave the end of Hendrickson Road has not yet completed the work. Judy also reported that the billing from HRI for the pavement of McCracken Road was \$249,658.86.

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SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

New Business:

We received a request asking for a donation to the Danville Parade and *motion by Judy 2nd by Walt to donate the same as prior years (\$100) and motion passed unanimously.*

Walt reported that the Little League was open to the donation from Valley Township of utilizing in-kind work.

Motion to adopt Resolution No 3 of 2015 that the township agrees to increase the township's quarterly contribution to the pension plan to six hundred dollars per member made by Walt, 2nd by Judy and motion passed with Gary abstaining.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 8:00, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary