

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

March 8, 2017

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Zoning Officer Suzanne Kuziak, Solicitor Robert Buehner. Public was represented by David Fox, Danville News Reporter Karen Blackledge, Press Enterprise Reporter Chris Kerpich, Ken Holdren, Ang Sandhoo, Gurie Sandhoo, Barb Osenkarski, Mary Sudo, Jim and Annette Hagenbuch, Sharon Reeder, John Fenstermacher, Ernie Wright and John Derr.

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 February 8, 2017 as well as the financial statement made by Mike 2nd by Gary and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments:

Jim and Annette Hagenbuch and Ernie Wright were in attendance to discuss the condition of the property at 30 Bull Run Road in their neighborhood. There is a vehicle that has been parked at the edge of the road for a long time with no current registration. They also had concerns about the overgrowth of vegetation and accumulation of "junk" and upholstered furniture sitting outside. Mr. Buehner discussed the difficulties of a municipality legally enforcing junk vehicle ordinances. The Township will confirm if the vehicle is sitting in the road right of way and request that the vehicle be moved if it is in fact in the roadway. Our Zoning Officer will contact the homeowner about the other conditions of the property. Mr. Buehner also advised the residents to document the presence of vectors on the property as that is a key component required for the Township to take enforcement actions.

Barb Osenkarski asked the Board when Dumpster Day would be held. It is scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in May, the 13th.

Sharon Reeder spoke to the Board about Welliver Road. The road has been heavily travelled recently by numerous logging trucks that she believes are coming from a property in Hemlock Township. The Board will try to determine where the logging trucks are coming from and look into requiring a Bond for the road from the Logging Company. Mike informed her that the Road Foreman had just met with the Conservation District this morning to pursue funding from the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program or the Low Volume Road Program to make necessary repairs to Welliver Road. We expect to hear back from them later in the month on whether the project is approved. If approved, a joint venture between the Township and the Conservation District will begin making improvements to the road.

Reports:

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Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 6 incidents in February including 3 MVA, 1 Wires Down and 2 Building Fires.

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Planning Commission – No business conducted.

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Solicitor – Ken Holdren asked if there were and updates from the 5480 Partners litigation. Mr. Buehner stated that he could not comment on the case as it is currently ongoing.

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Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak submitted her activity log for February, 2017 with emails, phone calls and other actions. Mike informed the Board that PSATs is going to be holding a new class for Zoning Officers at the Convention this year and Suzanne will be attending it. The cost of the class is \$125.

(5)

Municipal Authority – John Fenstermacher reported that someone contacted DEP about a small leak in the Municipal Authority pipe line that crosses Mahoning Creek in Danville Borough. Work had been recently done on the line and the contractor failed to reconnect some heat tape to a portion of the line. The issue was quickly taken care of. John also reported that the Municipal Authority has not received any complaints or concerns regarding the recent rate increase for Authority customers in the Township.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that there were no major equipment repairs. There has been only a minimal amount of snow removal recently. He also reported that we will need two more loads of salt delivered to fulfill our contract for the year and that there should be enough room to store it when it arrives. He also reported that road patching of potholes and other winter damage to the roads will begin as soon as we get some warmer weather.

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SEO – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- (1) Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer Request. A hearing was conducted at 6:30 regarding a request to transfer a Liquor License from Danville Borough into Valley Township for the Danville Mobile Convenience Store. No one was in attendance from the public to make any comments opposed to the transfer at the hearing held at 6:30 PM.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Gary to approve by Resolution 01-2017, the transfer of Liquor License No. R-05353 to Sandhoo Inc. in Valley

Township. The motion was unanimously approved.

- (2) Review of Equipment Insurance Coverage. Mike reported that he had followed up with the Insurance Company and all equipment has the appropriate coverage.
- (3) 911 Readdressing Project. A discussion was held regarding the County Readdressing Project. The County has recommended changes to the following existing Township Roads: Gearhart Road, Maple Lane, Roup Lane, Gotschall Road and Quarry Road. Additionally, there is a question of renaming the first portion of Spike Blue Road to Hess Hill Road. The Supervisors will ask the GIS Department to contact residents of Gearhart, Maple and Gotschall to submit recommendations for new road names. Quarry Road will be changed to Old Quarry Road and Hess Hill Road will be extended to Jerseytown Road. Per a request received from a resident of Roup Lane, the Township will select a name for that Private Road. The Township will also make contact with residents on the remaining Private Roads that have not yet submitted names to the County.

John Fenstermacher asked County Commissioner's Chairman Ken Holdren again about whose responsibility it will be to purchase Private Road signs. Ken said the issue was still undecided but that the State is only providing funding for the upgrades to the 911 Communications Equipment, not for Private Road signs. Gary restated that in the past, the Township has not purchased Private Road signs.

- (4) Key Trucking Land Development Plan. A Consistency Letter has been received from the Township Engineer and the Amendment to the Land Development Plan for Key Trucking was signed.

New Business:

(1) Cable Franchise Agreement. A discussion was held regarding the Cable Franchise Agreement with Service Electric Cablevision. Mr. Buehner explained how the Cable Franchise Agreements work.

A motion was made by Walt, seconded by Gary to approve the Cable Franchise Agreement with Service Electric Cablevision. The motion was passed unanimously.

(2) Request for Occupancy Permit. A discussion was held regarding a request for an Occupancy Permit for a home on Litterer Road. Mr. Buehner explained the request to the Board and that the proposed use was not considered a Group Home per our Ordinance and that it would be a permitted use in that Zoning District. Walt questioned how these types of uses were regulated and Mr. Buehner confirmed that everything is regulated by the State.

A motion was made by Walt, seconded by Mike to direct Mr. Buehner to send the requested letter to the petitioner. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kull, Valley Township Acting Secretary