

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

July 11, 2012

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Solicitor Robert Buehner, Road Foreman, Frank Lehman, Fire Chief, Michael Kull and Zoning Officer, George Plafcan. Public was represented by Richard Vognetz 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 June 13, 2012 made by Judy, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments:

Richard Vognetz, a resident of Leer Lane, came to the township with a concern regarding the drainage ditch at his residence. He indicates that he has an artesian well on his property so consequently has additional water runoff to his drainage ditch because of it. He has standing water and he came to the township meeting to see if the road crew would be able to dig it somewhat deeper so there is a flow. He had the opportunity to talk with the road crew a couple of days previously and they told him that when they have the opportunity, they will stop by his property but they also made it very clear that it is impossible to dig this as deep as he would like. Mr. Vognetz appeared appeased by the assurance that his property is on the road crew's agenda.

Reports:

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Fire Department – The supervisors received an activity report from Mike Kull, Chief of the Valley Township Fire Department noting that they have had 6 incidents throughout the month of June, 2012 to include motor vehicle accidents with injuries. Make also presented a statement of financial income and expense report for January thru June, 2012.

(2)

Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

(3)

Solicitor – Mr. Robert Buehner reported it appears that there has been no response from Mr. Gass on the certified letter that was received by him (signed 6/21/12) regarding the condition of his property on McCracken Road. Bob is also concerned about the trailer that has been on Jim Blue's property (across from McDonald's) for at least 15 years. This should have required a temporary permit that should have been issued for one year, no more than three years and he asked George to look into it as Valley Township Zoning Officer. He also mentioned that the steel work from the sign that was at one time the location of the Colonel Chicken's business is still on the Jim Blue property and that business has been closed since the 1980's.

(4)

Zoning Officer – George Plafcan reported that he will be doing his tour of the township tomorrow. George reported that there is an abandoned building ordinance that could be enacted upon a property that is out toward Washingtonville but still within Valley Township limits that is quite dilapidated and he will check on this on his tour tomorrow.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Judy dispensed copies of the previous meeting minutes. The supervisors have been asked to attend the Municipal Authority Meeting on Monday, July 16 as requested by Bill Seigel of SEDA-COG regarding information of the CDBG monies.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Frank Lehman reported that they have been working on sign maintenance and sign installation as well as stone hauling and clearing trees from high winds. They swept stone from Klein Road. The Charlene Drive paving is to begin tomorrow by HRI. *Motion by Judy, 2nd by Gary to approve an extension of the bid awarded to HRI, Inc. for the Charlene Drive paving project to include approximately 700 feet of Cherokee Road from Columbia Hill Road at the same per tonnage rate as the Charlene Drive paving project and motion approved unanimously.* A change order to the original contract awarded to HRI to include the additional paving will be taken care of through our Municipal Services Representative, Barry Garverick. There was discussion regarding replacement of guiderail on Creek Road as well as adding guiderail to a section of the bottom of the hill on Creek Road. Gary and Frank will be looking into this and getting the information for advertising.

(7)

SEO – Nothing to report from Jim Sanders.

Old Business:

Walt Rupert reported that the locks have not been changed @ the MV site as yet. Walt also reported that he cleaned the gutters out at the Municipal Building.

New Business:

Walt wanted to thank the Sunnybrook Board for offering the seasonal pass to the supervisors.

Approval of Bills:

Motion to pay the bills made by Judy, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Gary to adjourn @ 8:05, 2nd by Judy and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judy Achy
 Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary