

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

*April 10, 2013*

**Attendance:**

Chairman & Road Foreman, Gary Derr, Co-chairman, Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Solicitor Robert Buehner, Engineer Paul Krizan & Zoning Officer, George Plafcan. Also in attendance were Municipal Authority Board Members Chad and Nancy Holmes, Maryann Gray, Robert Savidge and Judi West together with Executive Director of Municipal Authority, Steve Traub. Public was represented by John Fenstermacher, Matt LaDouca 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 March 20, 2013 made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion approved unanimously.***

**Citizens' Comments:**

Matt LaDouca attended the meeting for reassurance that the ground that he owns in Meadowbrook area will be reachable even if Mr. Robert Beishline would sell the building lot immediately off of Meadowbrook Road next to the creek. Gary Derr assured Mr. LaDouca that it is unlawful for anyone to build in a right-of-way.

**Reports:**

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Fire Department –A report from Mike Kull revealed that there were 7 responses during the past month of March with four of the seven being vehicle accidents.

(2)

Planning Commission – At the meeting of April 3, Neil and Andy Martz attended to see how to go forward with getting Neil's property along Bogart's road with plot plans stamped "not for development" changed. They were told that Mr. Martz would need a new plot plan from a certified surveyor with "not for development" removed and approval from the municipal authority that approval for sewage is available.

Also Ted Yeager from Villager Realty wanted to review the possibility of a future home builder moving into Valley Township and building a spec home on 2.5 AC Highway Commercial property along McCracken Road. The home can be used as an office but not as a residence. There are still issues concerning sewage to resolve and possibilities are: on lot sewage, holding tank or hooking up to the nearest sewage line. In order for this spec home to ever become a residence in the future, a zoning change to residential from Highway Commercial would need to be applied for.

(3)

Solicitor – Bob Buehner reported that the duly signed and recorded easement of the Wetzel property has been finalized and a copy will be sent to the Wetzel's as well as a copy to the township so that the guiderail can now be installed on Creek Road. Bob will send a note to the Federal Communications Commission encouraging them to take us off of their mailing list. They have continued to send mailings to Alice McCracken (Bruce McCracken was secretary of the township nothing less than 20 years prior) as though it is official business and Jamie Hosterman takes care of our radio license through Keystone Communications. Bob also mentioned to Steve Traub that Earl Robinson of Rudy's Mart needs no approval from the township to start the process of hooking onto public sewer. Conversation also ensued of our good fortune to have the law office of Ray Kessler and Angela Mattis as our Zoning Hearing Board Attorneys.

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Zoning Officer –George Plafcan reported that he has photos of the properties that are in violation of our zoning ordinance. He indicated that some of the buses at the bus barn on McCracken Road are being scrapped and then the buses are being taken to Elysburg. He told the person that is taking shale out of McCracken Road that he needs to obtain a quarry permit from the township and also to notify the Soil and Conservation Office of this shale removal.

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Municipal Authority – All of the members of the Municipal Authority were in attendance at our meeting as they were invited to hear the presentation by Engineer, Paul Krizan on the update of Valley Township connecting to the Danville system which he previously presented to the Municipal Authority at their monthly meeting. Paul gave an in-depth presentation on the process including a \$1,000,000 grant that was received by the township in order to help with the expenses of regionalization. Paul explained that it would be much more expensive to upgrade our own treatment plant in order to keep it usable and in compliance with all regulations including nutrients and Chesapeake Bay cleanup; and we would no longer have the million dollar grant to offset some of the expense. The user rate for our resident users would have to increase in order to maintain our own treatment plant. The projected user rate will stay the same as it is currently by going to Danville. If the plan moves forward to go to Danville, Valley's sewer treatment plant will be demolished. Our township would be like a bulk customer (such as with the water) and we would continue to bill and collect the fees from our users. There are approximately 700 EDU's going into our system now including residential and commercial. A great deal of the commercial is from the hotels.

Mr. Buehner indicated that the township would need to enter into a formal agreement with the Danville Municipal Authority. He also indicated that even though there are some questions to be ironed out, we would be joining with a new plant with less expense and maintenance. Engineer Paul Krizan wanted to gauge if Valley Township was still on board with the option of going to Danville and some of Valley's Authority Members wanted to know where the township supervisors stood on this question. All three supervisors including Gary Derr, Walt Rupert and Judy Achy were in favor of joining with Danville in view of keeping the user fees as reasonable as possible, cost of

maintaining our own plant, question of when we again would run out of capacity and the fact that we have known sewage failures and possibly many more unknown failures.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that the roads have all been swept of the winter dirt and all of the snow removal equipment has been removed from the trucks. The guiderail will be installed on Creek Road beginning April 19. All equipment is in good shape.

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SEO – Mr. Sanders has given approval to Mr. LaDouca that he can go forward with his sand mound system on McCracken Road and that he would be checking the work closely as he goes forward. He also checked the property at 5 Columbia Hill Road and feels that there may be failure of the septic system. He will check with the courthouse to find the name of the current owner which we understand is a Mr. Weaver. The house is a little over 150 feet from the public sewer line so he will have the decision to hook on to the sewer line or rectify the situation by other means.

**New Business:**

**Results of Bids of Stone & Road Oil**

	<b><u>Midland Asphalt</u></b>	<b><u>Hammaker East, LTD.</u></b>
10,000 E2 Road Oil	2.44 - \$24,400 *	2.53 - \$25,300
10,000 MC 30 Road Oil	3.85 - \$38,500	3.79 - \$37,900*

***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to award to Midland Asphalt Materials Inc the contract as low bidder for 10,000 gallons of E2 Road Oil and to award to Hammaker East LTD the contract as low bidder for 10,000 gallon of MC-30 oil and motion approved unanimously.***

	<b><u>Eastern</u></b> <b><u>FOB/Delivered</u></b>	<b><u>Hanson</u></b> <b><u>FOB/Delivered</u></b>
2-A Stone	6.70 / 12.44	7.10 / 11.10*
#4 Ballast	8.30 / 14.04	8.85 / 12.85*
1B (Approved)	12.50 / 18.24	13.85 / 17.85*
2B	8.30 / 14.04	8.85 / 12.85*
2RC	5.00 / 10.74	6.25 / 10.25*
AntiSkid	10.50 / 16.24	8.60 / 12.60*

***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to award the stone materials contract to Hanson Aggregates as low bidder and motion approved unanimously.***

**Leighow Oil Company**

#2 Diesel Fuel  
12.7 cents over wholesale cost  
Today's price is @ \$3.20 and 7/10.  
Antigel can be added at twp's request  
for additional 3 cents per gallon

***Motion from Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt to reject the bid from Leighow Oil Company but calls will be made to three contractors for phone bids when diesel fuel is needed and Leighow Oil Company would be one of those three contractors and motion approved unanimously.***

The supervisors then discussed potential paving projects for 2013. We had our Municipal Services Representative, Barry Garverick, assess these roads and the decision was made to place advertisement asking for bids for paving of Meadowbrook Road. This paving project had been discussed in prior years and it was decided that we should wait until the bridge replacement was completed so now we can move forward on this road that is in very deplorable condition. Our road crew will hopefully be able to mill out the west end of McCracken Road where it has been chewed up and have a binder course put down, depending on the price.

**Approval of Bills:**

***Motion to pay the bills made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt and motion passed unanimously.***

**Adjournment:**

***Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 10:05, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy  
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary