

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

*May 10, 2017*

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Solicitor Attorney Robert Buehner, Zoning Officer, Suzanne Kuziak & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by Planning Commission Member Ernie Wright, David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Randy Horne, Dave Bowser & Barb Osenkarski.

**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 April 12, 2017 as well as the financial statement made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion approved unanimously.***

**Citizens' Comments:** Barb Osenkarski questioned who would take care of the signage for the changes that Montour County is establishing this year and Gary Derr told her that the township would take care of any sign changes initially but if for any reason that sign became damaged or stolen, it would be up to the residents on the private roads. She also wanted assurance that the trailer court lanes were also being affected.

**Reports:**

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were a total of 5 incidents in April including 4 vehicle accidents and 1 structure fire not in Valley Township.

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Planning Commission – Nothing to report from the May 3rd Planning Commission meeting.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner had nothing to report.

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Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak submitted her activity log for April, 2017 at which time she delivered several permits.

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Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported that there has been an increase in the storm water infiltration because of all of the rain and the authority is concerned of where this infiltration is occurring so that it could be corrected. Bob also reported to the supervisors that the Authority would like them to review the possibility of adopting an ordinance to have residential property owners who sell have a camera run through their laterals to be certain no problems exist; and if any problems would be found, that homeowner would be responsible prior to the sale of the property. Bob will get a sample ordinance.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that the T-tag has been repaired (bad turbo). The road crew has been cleaning ditches and pipes. Two pipes were

changed on Indian Run Road and very soon the road crew will be placing the asphalt. Gary reported that Montour County has agreed to help pay for tire removal which was reported by a walker who was on the walking trail that comes out from Hess Field to Mausdale. There are hundreds of tires that were discarded at the site close to Mausdale and Gary reported that they have obviously been there for years and gone unnoticed. Valley Township Road Crew is gathering them prior to the Montour County tire day on June 3, 2017.

Gary met with Barry Garverick regarding the 2017 road projects which will include Spike Blue Road and Indian Run Road where there will be a wearing course and seal coat placed. Also Bull Run Road will also have a seal coat. Barry's estimate (which normally is high) for these projects is \$98,792.85. ***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to put these projects out to bid and motion approved unanimously.*** Welliver Road was then discussed which will hopefully be paid for through the Dirt and Gravel Program. Welliver will require 5,000 feet in length with 20 feet in width of compact 2A Subbase. Contractors cannot begin or schedule this project without talking with Gary Derr, Road Foreman as there is preparation work needed 1<sup>st</sup>. ***Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to put this project out to bid contingent on the receipt of Road and Gravel Monies and motion approved unanimously.***

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SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

### **New Business**

Ernie Wright who sits on the Planning Commission came to the Supervisors Meeting tonight representing the Commission as they wanted the status of the nuisance ordinance and they had requested at their meeting on May 3 that it be placed on the Supervisors agenda for discussion at tonight's meeting. This has been an ongoing issue that was initially discussed when the township officials were having meetings all year with Kathy Hunter to update the ordinances. At that time Bob Buehner reported that he and Mike Kull who was the sitting Zoning Officer, would work together to see what they could come up with. Bob Buehner reported that he felt that this nuisance ordinance dealing with junk cars would be very difficult to enforce and may be thrown out of court unless the township could prove that it adversely effects the township neighbors health and safety; such as roaches, mosquitoes, etc. Judy reported that she feels unless this is addressed, the problem will metastasize throughout the township. Danville Borough is regulating and fining those who abuse their regulations so we have had some residents who moved to the township from the borough where they know that there is no enforcement. Bob reported that there is a difference between township and borough code. Ernie Wright asked that this be kept on the agenda and not placed on "back burner".

Walt shared with the supervisors the financial report from Sunnybrook Park. Their audit will be kept with the Valley Township Audits. Because of the generous bequeath from Mr. Art Peters to Sunnybrook Park, which they must use for capital expenses only, they now have hired Herring and Roll to take care of their audit. There were multiple praises for Bob Kirkner who basically takes care of the park's maintenance. Bob and his brother, Dick Kirkner, recently removed 13 tree stumps from the park which was quite a laborious task.

**Approval of Bills: Motion by Walt to pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjournment: Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 7:55, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary