

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

June 13, 2012

Zoning Change Hearing @ 6:45:

Prior to the start of the regular Valley Township Supervisors' Meeting, there was a Public Hearing @ 6:45 at which time the Board of Supervisors was considering a zoning change request from ISS Solutions @ 109 McCracken Road. Representing ISS Solutions were Steve Beattie of Larson Design and Tom Gensemer, Vice President of Facilites @ Geisinger Medical Center. They were asking for a change from R-I Residential to C-2 Highway Commercial. Notices had been sent out to all of the surrounding neighbors, advertisement of the Public Hearing was accomplished through the Danville News and the property had been posted. Motion was made by Judy, 2nd by Walt to change their property in its entirety to C2 Highway Commercial and motion passed unanimously. All three supervisors (Gary Derr, Walt Rupert and Judy Achy) were in attendance.

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Solicitor Robert Buehner, Road Foreman, Frank Lehman, Zoning Hearing Board Chair, Judi West and Fire Chief, Michael Kull. Public was represented by Edward and Cheryl Pulsifer 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 May 9, 2012 made by Judy, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments:

Edward and Cheryl Pulsifer came to the township meeting tonight with a concern of the Armed Forces Reserve Center's retention pond and the standing water. Judy indicated she would follow up on this with the reserve center. They also were concerned about the loud music @ the Hill Top Inn on the Sunday prior to Memorial Day. Apparently the band, Hybrid Ice, was the entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Pulsifer said that due to the rain, things slowed down early in the evening but felt that the music volume was over the top and felt the amplifiers should be toned down somewhat.

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 15 incidents throughout the month of May, 2012 to include motor vehicle accidents with injuries, downed power lines, chimney fire and clearing trees. Mike reported that they normally have a yearly stipend of \$25,000 to \$28,000. The Fire Relief monies are totally separate from the Fire Department monies.

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Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner reported the bushes have been removed from the property on Columbia Hill that was causing an issue with limited visibility when trying to pull off of Meadowbrook Road. . Bob also reported that there was an issue with property across from McDonald's in that the trailer that has been sitting there should have been issued only for one year, no more than 3 years. We need to verify this with George Plafcan as Zoning Officer. Mr. Buehner drafted a letter to be sent by George to Mr. Elwood Gass on McCracken Road regarding the uncovered junk in his yard but in absence of George, Mr. Buehner was not sure of the status of this draft.

Judi West reported on the results of two hearings that the Zoning Hearing Board conducted on 5/21/12. She reported that Shawn Fegley wanted to build a pole shed adjacent to his house and was requesting a variance regarding the 50 foot setback. This variance was denied and the board felt that he must comply with the 50 foot setback. Judi also reported that the board. Judi also reported that Mr. Roger Myers had made application for a variance for the property @ 165 Jerseytown Road, Danville, PA (Laubach Insurance Agency) for a sign (maximum size – 12 square feet) and the Zoning Hearing Board replied to Mr. Myers that a variance was not necessary because he was within the guidelines. Mr. Buehner reported that unfortunately the Zoning Hearing Board interpreted the wrong section of the ordinance and this would need to be corrected. Judi West and/or George Plafcan will be in touch with Mr. Myers to notify him of this error.

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Zoning Officer – George Plafcan not in attendance.

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Municipal Authority – Judy dispensed copies of the previous meeting minutes. The supervisors all attended this meeting on May 21 as there was a presentation by Bill Seigel of SEDA-COG regarding information of the Joint Regional Authority.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Frank Lehman reported that pipes and culverts were cleared on Litterer, Race, Bogart, Kindt, Meadowbrook, Sidler, Bull Run and Old Furnace Roads. Signs were replaced on Roup, Meadowbrook, Litterer, Garman and Kindt Roads. A pipe was repaired on Spike Blue Road and pot holes were fixed on Roup, Sugarcamp, Red Roof, Cherokee, Garman, Hendrickson, McCracken, Meadowbrook and Creek Roads. Frank also reported that the Klein Road contract with Earthworks has now come up to specifications so Bruce will be asked to cut a check to them for the balance owed them.

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SEO – Nothing to report from Jim Sanders.

Old Business:

MW Manufacturing Superfund Site – Walt Rupert reported that the locks have all been changed @ the MV Manufacturing Site. Walt will get a copy of the deed for our insurance company.

New Business:

Radios will need to be brought into compliance by the end of the year. Gary will be talking with Jeremy Melcurye from Keystone to be certain this is completed.

Approval of Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt to adjourn @ 8:25, 2nd by Judy and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary