

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

June 14, 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, Attorney Pat O'Connell, Derk Reed, John Novak, Naiki Seabrook, Kevin Seabrook, Danville News Reporter Karen Blackledge & Press Enterprise Reporter, Chris Krepich.

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 10, 2017 as well as the financial statement made by Walt, 2nd by Mike and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Attorney Pat O'Connell attended tonight's meeting representing Derk Reed from Cornerstone to question a conflict between naming a private road (off of McCracken Road) as Virginia Lane or Hot Rod Lane. Mike Kull told Mr. O'Connell as well as the members of that area that attended that this road has been named Virginia Lane and not Hot Rod Lane. Mr. O'Connell asked for a listing to be sent to him which Judy will take care of via email.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were a total of 7 incidents in May including 3 vehicle accidents, 2 fires (not in Valley Township) and 2 other incidents.

(2)

Planning Commission – There was no business to report from the June 7 Planning Commission meeting other than the fact that the Commission requested a meeting to be set up with Kathy Hunter of LandPlan for a possible nuisance ordinance that has been adopted elsewhere that would work for Valley Township. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Mike to contact Kathy Hunter to schedule a meeting and motion approved unanimously.*** Judy will get in touch with Kathy.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner had nothing to report.

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

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Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner had reported to the supervisors at the May meeting that the Authority would like them to review the possibility of adopting an ordinance to have residential property owners who sell their homes to 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 and that he would provide a sample ordinance. In the follow-up discussion Mike indicated he is not in favor of adopting an ordinance such as this as he does not feel the government should be involved in private property sales. He felt that if regular inspections were done, this would allow the Authority to find infiltration much sooner than doing it only when a property sells. An infiltration problem may go on for years in that scenario. Inspection is part of the maintenance of a system even with the associated cost. Walt indicated he was in total agreement with Mike and will attend the Sewer Authority Meeting on Monday, June 19 to discuss other options. Gary also reported to Bob Buehner that he is definitely against adopting this ordinance.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that all trucks have been inspected. They have been doing some mowing and the mower has needed some repairs. Gary reported that there were approximately 12,450 tires turned in at the Montour County Tire day in Valley Township on June 3, 2017.

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SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

Old Business: Judy reported that the Heaps billing from Dumpster Day on May 13 was \$3,051.60 for 6 dumpsters.

New Business: Mike reported that the engineer is working on the M.S. There was discussion on consideration of a resolution as requested by the Montour County Cog to approve that any person that commences work requiring a permit on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a penalty fee equal to and in addition to the original permit fee. The COG has requested that each township and borough involved act on this prior to the July 20 COG meeting. After discussion it was decided to table this until the July 12th meeting.

There was then bid openings for three different projects including 2-A Subbase Bid, Seal Coat Bid and Paving Bid and results as follows:

2-A Subbase project had two bids submitted – one from Eastern (New Enterprise) for \$88,766.65 and HRI for \$108,458.00. ***Motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to award the 2-A Subbase bid to New Enterprise as lowest bidder contingent on Road and Gravel Program Grant coming through and motion carried unanimously.***

Seal Coat project had two bids submitted – one from Hammaker for \$46,986.66 and one from Midland Asphalt for \$49,224.12. ***Motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to award the Seal Coat Bid to Hammaker as lowest bidder and motion approved unanimously.***

Paving project had three bids submitted – one from Barletta for \$58,752; one from Eastern (New Enterprise) for \$51,765 and one from HRI for \$46,104. ***Motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to award the Paving Bid to HRI as lowest bidder and motion approved unanimously.***

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

Adjournment:
Motion by Gary to adjourn @ 7:50, 2nd by Mike and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary