

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
September 13, 2017

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Zoning Officer, Suzanne Kuziak, Solicitor Robert Buehner & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Surveyor Matt Laidacker 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.

Executive Session: There was an Executive Session held on September 6 between 2:30 and 4:30 with all three of the supervisors and attorney regarding pending litigation.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2017 as well as the financial statement made by Walt, 2nd by Mike and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Matt Laidacker, who is a surveyor from Orangeville presented a subdivision plan on behalf of Brian Kile and Kathleen Mertz on Spike Blue Road which the Planning Commission approved at their meeting on September 6, 2017. After review of the plans, ***motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to grant approval and motion carried unanimously.***

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were a total of 14 incidents in August including 9 vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle fire, and 1 smoke scare with no fire, 1 forest fire, 1 wrong location and 1 malicious false alarm.

(2)

Planning Commission – Mike reported that the Commission continues to ask about the next step in getting a nuisance ordinance passed since Kathi Hunter retired. After reaching out to Doug Hovey who Kathi Hunter suggested, Doug is too tied up but will be available in either December or January and the supervisors asked that Judy notify him that we will meet and discuss the nuisance ordinance when Doug is available.

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Solicitor – Bob Buehner had nothing to report.

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Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak submitted her activity log for August, 2017 at which time she took action on a non-permitted apartment above a garage (certified letter delivered by constable on 8/28) and also had several permits.

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Municipal Authority – John Fenstermacher and Bob Buehner discussed the situation with the Continental Bridge being replaced and was notified that the authority would be responsible for the charges due to moving the sewer line.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr has had a fracture of his foot so has not really been working too much but that the road crew have been busy on Welliver Road and that most of the piping there has been completed. Gary also reported that the private road signs have all been placed and most of the tar and chip roads have been swept. Walt reported that they are working in conjunction with another township in swapping out the parts that the other township needed from our road chipper which has not been used in many years and because of Valley giving them these necessary parts, they will spot tar and chip our roads when necessary.

(7)

SEO – The township supervisors received word from Jim Sanders regarding a septic failure @ 55 Norman Road and Jim is waiving the 100 feet requirement from the well and this new system will be 90 feet from the well.

New Business: There was a change order request from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. who won the bid for the 2A Subbase on Welliver Road requesting an additional \$1 per ton in order to add prevailing wages to the contract which would add an additional \$4,445 to the original contract amount of \$88,766.65 to bring the contract total amount of \$93,211.65. This new amount is approximately \$15,000 less than the next lowest bid from HRI of \$108,458. ***Motion by Mike, 2nd by Walt to approve this change order request due to an error in clerical calculation and motion approved unanimously.***

Motion to approve Resolution #4 of 2017 for the township's quarterly contribution for our two full-time employees to be paid @ \$600 per member per quarter to be paid to PMRS made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion passed with Gary abstaining from voting as Gary is a participant in the township retirement plan.

Walt reported that the supervisors have received a request from the engineering company that oversees the old M&W site @ 93 Old Valley School Road that they would like the township to consider a non-binding agreement for a 30 year lease as apparently it would allow them to seek funding for their project of placing solar panels in order to generate power. This would apparently be a non-binding agreement with Alcatel Lucent USA Incorporated. They also agreed to provide a pole building for the township and discussion centered on the fact that the township tell them of our need for usable square footage and not indicate the dollar amount need for that spacing. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to approve entering into this non-binding agreement with Alcatel Lucent with the understanding that there would be much more negotiation before signing a 30 year lease and motion carried.***

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt to adjourn @ 8:20, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary