

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

***September 14, 2011***

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Mike Kull, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer George Plafan and Road Foreman Frank Lehman. Public was represented by Bob Dailey, Basil, Laurie, Ashley, Kayla, William Brown 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 August 10 was made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy and motion approved unanimously.***

**Citizens' Comments:** Nothing to report.

**Reports:**

(1)

Fire Department – Mike Kull reported that they were quite busy this past month with 14 calls for service including 7 public service calls, 3 MVA, 2 downed trees, 1 pole fire as well as basement pumping.

(2)

Planning Commission – Planning Commission met on September 7 and Mr. Randall Webster from Woodhill Estates was in attendance at which time he presented an application and check for fees. The commission reminded Mr. Webster that during the zoning hearing board (August, 2010) for a change from OS to R1 that many of the residents around the possible new development were very concerned about the hydrology in this area. The commission indicated that if a development may result in water supply problems, The Township may require the developer to demonstrate that a reliable, safe and adequate groundwater supply exists to support the water usage demands of the proposed subdivision without detrimental effects upon existing adjacent water wells (Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance 405 B.2). The commission tabled the plans until a proper hydrology study can be done and reviewed by our township engineer before approval would be given.

(3)

Solicitor – Tom Leipold was not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

(4)

Zoning Officer – George Plafan reported that he heard from a solar panels company from Berks County that claimed they could bring in their own inspectors and George reiterated to them that since Valley Township opted into the Building Codes Enforcement Act, they would need to use our own inspectors which is BIU. George also reported that he is trying to obtain Haas Auditorium for the Susquehanna Valley Fraternal Order of Police show because of the flooding of the Danville School Auditorium on Rt. 11.

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Municipal Authority – The Municipal Authority has been advertising for a built 10 x 10 pole building for their generator.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Piping has been installed on Klein Road and signage placed on Klein, Artley, Hendrickson, Indian Run, Spike Blue, Cherokee, Bull Run, Bogart, Blue School, McCracken, Normar, Litterer, Old Furnace and Cherokee Roads.

Because of the flooding, they have kept busy opening blocked pipes. Two roads that have been posted but are passable are Bull Run and Sugar Camp Roads. They have already been in touch with Soil and Conservation Office for a permit as Spike Blue Road is impassable they will need to replace piping upgrading this to a four foot pipe. Gary reported that DEP is should be around soon issuing emergency permits. On Cherokee Road, there was 20 feet of shoulder washed out and there was damage to Blue School Road box culvert. Frank reported that in light of the flooding situation, Valley Township did fairly well.

(7)

SEO – No word from Bill Toth.

**New Business:**

Judy Achy thanked the fire department and the road crew for all of their hard work and involvement during the flood. ***Motion by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to sign a Statement of Support for our American soldiers serving in the National Guard and Reserve and motion passed.***

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Brown together with their four children of 205 Trump Road attended the Supervisors Meeting to address their concerns regarding the sewage (raw sewage coming up through the ground & very odorous in the home) as well as the fact that they currently have no water. Mike Kull indicated to them that this would be a civil matter not related to the township. The family just felt it important for the township to be aware for those coming into this rental property following them as they will be moving out on 9/16. George Plafcan indicated that he had tried to contact Bill Toth again with no success so Judy too will attempt to make contact.

**Approval of Bills:**

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

**Adjournment:**

***Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 7:40, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Achy  
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary