

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

November 8, 2017

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Solicitor Bob Buehner, Zoning Officer, Suzanne Kuziak & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Surveyor Wayne Hildebrand, Doug Weaver, Glen Leighow 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 October 11, 2017 as well as the financial statement made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Surveyor Wayne Hildebrand attended tonight's meeting to present a plan for Peggy Appleman whose property is 99% in Liberty Township. She is doing this for estate planning where two lots will be in her will for her two sons. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Gary to approve plans as presented and motion approved unanimously.*** Wayne had a second request just as an add on lot from Bob Smith to Suzanne & Mike Kuziak off of Bull Run Road with a non-building waiver. ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Mike and motion carried with Gary abstaining.***

Glen Leighow from Leighow Oil came to the township to report that he has received notification from PennDot (due to their enforcement of highway beautification) that his sign that is on Doug Weaver's garage is no longer permitted. Because Doug Weaver's business has been at the same location since 1955 with this garage built in 1968, the business and building is a pre-existing non-conformity use within the township. Glen and Doug were asking if anything could be done from the township but unfortunately due to the fact that Doug's business is actually in the R1 area, signage is not allowed as signs must be in a Commercial District. They were told that the Commercial zoning comes as close as Key Trucking and if they would choose to do so, they could submit an application asking for extension of the C2 at which time there would be a public hearing. They would also have to talk with the owner of the field (Degreen) between Key Trucking and Doug Weaver's as no spot zoning is allowed.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were a total of 12 incidents in October including 6 vehicle accidents, 1 grass fire, 1 public service, 1 CO detector activation due to malfunction, 1 toxic condition, 1 transport vehicle fire and one flammable liquid spill. They also took the opportunity for school visits.

(2)

Planning Commission – In addition to the two properties previously mentioned that Wayne Hildebrand presented, Mike reported that a representative for HRG presented a sketch plan for Fine Line Homes for a 25 lot subdivision off Meadowbrook Rd. The parcel contains 40 Ac and is zoned R1 with a portion zoned Open Space. The Commission indicated any lot that would have a portion zoned Open Space would require a minimum lot size of 130,680 sf. The present plan indicates in-out access road with a five lot cul-de-sac. The water would be on lot with sewer attached to the Township sewer. No other information was offered by HRG. The Planning Commission would request a hydrology study be performed in order to protect the current Meadowbrook residents as this would be an additional 25 wells and they took no action on the sketch plan. Public sewer would be available at that location.

(3)

Solicitor – Bob Buehner addressed concerns that were posed at the previous meeting from Jerry Ward (1) Group home in residential area – the home that was discussed has two unrelated people living there with caregivers coming in and out and Bob stated that a group home is 3 or more unrelated people to cohabitate. (2) Bob addressed Jerry’s second concern regarding the lack of a nuisance ordinance and Bob felt that this would be unenforceable through the 2nd Class Code especially in dealing with unlicensed junk cars.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Suzanne Kuziak submitted her activity log for October, 2017 at which time she reported that she with Matt @ Limestone Township Building to discuss inspection of the Days Inn which would cost the township \$275. She also wrote a courtesy letter and sent it registered on October 16 to Pirian Sivakkumar, owner of Days Inn. She heard back from Central PA Hotels on October 31 that Mr. Sivakkumar is out of the Country until November 14. She also reported that she heard from Fine Line Homes that they will be submitting plans for a new subdivision. Discussion then ensued that if the township has not heard back from the owner by the December meeting, decision will be made of where to go from there (demolition or renovation permit). Suzanne also reported that according to neighbors, the apartment @ 295 Columbia Hill Road is again occupied. According to the tenant, no building codes have been met. The supervisors asked Judy to contact Jim Sanders to inspect and made determination of where the wastewater may be going.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Steve Traub and Bob Buehner met with Larson Design regarding the temporary placement of the pipeline when the bridge behind the Continental Fire Department is replaced. Bob reported that Danville obtained a grant and there may be funding available through this grant to take care of this relocation expense. Judy reported that she received a PA 1 Call for Eagle Express to tie into the sewer line.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that they are still working on the berms of the Welliver Road Project. He also reported that two trucks are ready for snow and one truck needs a hopper chain.

(7)

SEO – Jim Sanders had reported that a failed septic needed replaced which was only 90 feet from the well which was off of Normar Road and this was recorded in the Supervisors Meeting of 9/13. After discussion with acting Solicitor, Tony McDonald,

Jim was notified that the Supervisors do not approve an issue such as this and that it would be up to him to grant the Waiver if he feels it is necessary.

New Business: Walt mentioned that he feels we need to get tree trimming taken care of on multiple roads. Gary indicated he will look into the roads that require the trimming. Judy asked what could be done to better control what is being left at the recyclable units as old tires are now laying there. Mike indicated that this is the county's program and what could we do to work together such as better signage. Walt indicated that he will discuss this with the county commissioners. Judy was asked to contact Betty Sassaman and invite her to the December Supervisors Meeting.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 8:30, 2nd by Walt and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary