

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

November 14, 2018

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Zoning Officer Fred Shappell & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Surveyor Wayne Hildebrand, Tax Collector Cindy Holdren, John Novack and Karen Blackledge of the Danville News.

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 10/10/18 as well as the financial statement made by Walt, 2nd by Mike and motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Surveyor Wayne Hildebrand presented plans for the Dustin Young Subdivision @ Twin Pine Road. The Valley Township Planning Commission had already approved this plans and a letter was received from our engineer who reviewed the plans and we also had in hand the DEP approval. ***Motion was made by Mike, 2nd by Walt to approve the plan and motion was approved unanimously.***

John Fenstermacher was quite concerned about Montour County Commissioners discontinuing the Recycling Program in Montour County. John felt that “stuff” that is currently going in the recycling bins will end up over banks and along the roads. John also felt that most people will blame the Valley Township Supervisors for the recycling program being cancelled. The commissioners felt that the program became too expensive to continue.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 12 incidents during the month of October with 4 MVA, 4 fires and 3 public service calls.

(2)

Planning Commission – Mike reported that at the Planning Commission Meeting on 11-7, the Commission reviewed the petition to amend the zoning map as presented by Moonrise Acquisitions.

(3)

Solicitor – The Valley Township Supervisors had reached out to local attorneys and reviewed their credentials in pursuit of hiring a Valley Township Solicitor in view of the fact that our long time solicitor, Robert Buehner resigned in October due to health issues. Bob charged almost nothing in performing this function over the years. Hummel, Lewis & Smith charge \$175 per hour and ***motion by Walt, 2nd by Mike to hire their firm and motion carried unanimously.*** They are in agreement to handle the upcoming December public hearing on 12/12/18.

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Zoning Officer – Zoning Officer Fred Shappell reported that he issued 1 zoning permit for a back porch during the month of October and together with Mike and Gary, placed notices on the properties that will be impacted by the public hearing on December 12.

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Municipal Authority – John Fenstermacher reported they are just trying to get people to pay their bills.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that the plows and hoppers are ready to go on all of the trucks.

(7)

SEO –No word from SEO.

Old Business: Motion from Mike, 2nd by Walt to Adopt Act 537 for Mahoning Township and motion carried unanimously. This was previously acted on at the October 10th meeting but because Danville Borough had to be added, the adoption was deemed void for October.

New Business: Motion by Mike, 2nd by Walt to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for Valley Township Pension Plan for r 2019 to \$2,600 per member at a total cost of \$5,200 plus an administrative charge of \$40 for a MMO obligation of \$5,240 for our two active plan members and motion carried with Gary abstaining.

Motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to go forward with the application to the Department of Transportation for a permit to install and operate traffic signals. This is in conjunction with the new intersection that PennDot is locating at the intersection of S.R. 54 and S.R. 642. Gary will work together with Judy gathering the necessary information and mailing it to Gerald Wertz. Some of the potential roads will be turned back (vacated) including Church Hill Road (between Bogart & the new 642) and Red Roof Road.

Walt wanted to extend the thanks of the Board of Supervisors to the Election Board as they put in a long day on Tuesday, November 6 and the voter turnout was great.

There was prior discussion of having the public hearing for a zoning map change tonight, 11/14 but was postponed until 12/12/18 with ***motion by Mike, 2nd by Walt & motion carried.***

The proposed 2019 budget has been advertised for review by contacting secretary, Judy Achy with probable adoption by the supervisors on 12/12/18.

Cindy Holdren, Valley Township Tax Collector, has asked the supervisors to approve tax collector fees as she has found that she is probably one of the only tax collectors who does not have this in effect. The supervisors asked for this to be reviewed by the solicitor and then will consider it for 2019.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to ratify the payment of the bills and motion carried unanimously...

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt to adjourn @ 8:15, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary