

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

December 12, 2018

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Solicitor Jack Mihalik, Solicitor Barry Lewis, Zoning Officer Fred Shappell & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Lori Adams & Wanda Kramer representing Friendly's Restaurant, Denise L. Dieter, Esq, Attorney Dan Mathers, attorneys for applicant, Applicant Gabe Hutchinson, David A Smith, Jr, Corey Johnson & Dee Anderson (all representing applicant, students Olivia Huron, Erin Donahoe Erin Carr & 3 other students who did not sign in, Barry Ashenfelder, Ernie Wright, State Police Sgt. John McGeary 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.

Hearing Requested by Moonrise Acquisitions:

Prior to the regularly scheduled Supervisors Meeting @ 7:00, a public hearing that was duly advertised was held as requested by Moonrise Acquisitions (Gabe Hutchinson) requesting a zoning change of 3 parcels which included approximately 6 acres for a Sheetz Gas Station. Some of this ground included residential and a zoning change was requested for these to be changed to highway commercial usage. ***Motion by Walt to grant the request changing all three parcels to commercial use and to follow property lines as presently laid out, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously and the zoning map will be changed.***

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of 11/14/18 as well as the financial statement made by Walt, 2nd by Mike and motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Barry Ashenfelder came to the township concerned about the stream that has now flooded his basement. The stream comes down from the Kuziak fields. He has been in touch as suggested with the Conservation District and was told that additional piping is necessary placed at an angle & up the stream. Gary told Barry that he would follow up the next day with Tyler Servose from Conservation. John Fenstermacher again asked if anything could be done regarding the county stopping the recycling program. The supervisors told John that it would be impossible for the township to take this task on themselves especially after everyone has been used to this being a county wide recycling center. John just asked the supervisors to keep an open mind regarding the recycling and don't close the door on trying to get something re-established.

We then had a guest from the Pennsylvania State Police by the name of Police Sgt. John McGeary. He reported that the police are down 700 people in uniform but they are trying their best to get to the calls in a timely fashion. He reported that until the changes get made to Route 54 corridor, they will try to be visible particularly during the rush hours.

He reported one of the biggest issues of accidents is texting and talking on their cell phones. Sgt. McGear reported that one of the main drug pipelines is between Philadelphia and Williamsport so when they have a traffic stop on Interstate 80, they learn how to look beyond the reason for the traffic stop which many times has yielded a drug bust. He reported to the supervisors that his troopers would do their best to keep an eye on the closed Days Inn as Mike Kull reported kids going in and out of there on a regular basis partying.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 14 incidents during the month of November with 12 MVA, 1 EMS assist and 1 false alarm.

(2)

Planning Commission – Mike reported that at the Planning Commission Meeting on 12-5, the Commission reviewed the petition to amend the zoning map as presented by Moonrise Acquisitions and they issued a statement that they were in favor of the zoning change.

(3)

Solicitor – The Valley Township Supervisors had the opportunity to meet with their new solicitors tonight, Hummel, Lewis & Smith as Jack Mihalik ran the public hearing.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Zoning Officer Fred Shappell reported that he issued 4 zoning permits during the month of November.

(5)

Municipal Authority – John Fenstermacher reported they still are not certain what the cost of the bridge work will be to the Authority.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary Derr reported that the plows and hoppers are ready to go on all of the trucks. Walt wanted to report how lucky the township is to have the workers that we do that saves the township a great deal of money. They go above and beyond with every project. Gary reported that they are still looking at a new mower at Bradco.

(7)

SEO –We received the quarterly report from SEO.

2019 Budget: Motion from Mike, 2nd by Gary to adopt the 2019 budget as advertised and motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Motion by Mike, 2nd by Gary to complete the DEP paperwork for Fine Line Homes as it is consistent with the Valley Township Plans and motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Walt to adjourn at 8:20, 2nd by Mike and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary