

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

October 9, 2019

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, John Derr, Judi West, Rich Morris, Betty Yoder, Ann Bratcher 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 September 11, 2019 made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comment:

Prior to the start of tonight's meeting a public hearing was conducted at 6:30 for a property @ 162 Liberty Valley Road which is zoned Neighborhood Commercial belonging to Betty Yoder who brought a conditional use application to the township requesting the building of single family detached dwellings at this property. The property was posted and advertisement was placed in the Daily Item on 9/23 and 9/30/19 and there were no negative comments offered. ***Motion to approve the conditional use application with no conditions offered made by Mike, 2nd by Gary and motion passed unanimously.***

Reports:

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Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull reported that there were 12 incidents for the month of September including 9 vehicle accidents, 2 fires and 1 gas leak.

(2)

Planning Commission – Per Fred – there was no business conducted.

(3)

Solicitor – Solicitor not in attendance.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Zoning Officer Fred Shappell reported that he had 1 residential permit as well as took care of the posting for the conditional use application. Fred reported that he had received concerns about the safety and sanitation of the Super 8 Motel and he suggested that they contact the Pa. Dept. of Health. Fred reported that since the Uniform Code came into being in 2004, any building that exists and is occupied falls under the Uniform Code and our local person is Matt Witmer. It was also reported that Melissa Dixon from Valley Township also has safety concerns regarding the empty Days Inn.

Walt Rupert feels that the current Board of Supervisors really need to step up and get Matt Witmer involved now as this is a real safety and security issue within the municipality. Walt indicated that the goal has been condemnation (removal or repair)

and here is the Board three years later and the same issue is still unresolved. ***Motion by Walt to task Fred Shappell to go to the next step getting in touch with Matt Witmer*** which died for a lack of a second. Discussion ensued between Walt and Mike with Mike reporting that there was a private investor interested and Mike would like to see what comes of this interest.

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Municipal Authority – John and Judi reported that they are currently upgrading their computer system. They also expressed their thanks to Steve Traub for his many years of service as Executive Director.

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Road Foreman Gary Derr reported that the injection pump on the 1999 Dodge quit which cost \$1200.

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SEO –No word from SEO.

Old Business: A form was initially presented by Bruce Lamotte offering for Valley Township to join in with the PSATS unemployment compensation which he initially thought would be the best to join but now has asked that the Board hold off on that request.

New Business: Only one bid was received for the project at Brookside Drive and ***Motion from Walt to accept that bid of \$25,011 from Meckley's, 2nd by Gary and motion carried unanimously.***

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 7:40, 2nd by Gary and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary