

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
September 9, 2020

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Bob Buehner, Lenaire Ahlum, and Mike Dwyer. Zoning Officer Fred Shappell was absent.

Call to Order:

Chairman Gary Derr called the meeting to order @ 7:00 with all in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2020 made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comment: Valley Township Resident, Dr. Lenaire Ahlum came to the township meeting to present to the Board of Supervisors the hope of the Susquehanna Valley Counties coming together to sponsor a new dedicated community college that is affordable and close to home for its residents that awards accredited diplomas, certificates and associate degrees. Lenaire handed out a packet of information to the three supervisors as well as to anyone that had an interest. The Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project is hopeful that the communities will support this drive.

Mike Dwyer attended tonight's meeting to meet the Supervisors as he has accepted an invitation to sit on the Planning Commission. ***Motion by Mike, 2nd by Walt to appoint Mike Dwyer to the Planning Commission and motion passed unanimously.***

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department – Chief Mike Kull reported 11 incidents during August, 2020 with 6 MVA's, 3 building fires, 1 fire in structure other than a building and 1 arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

(2)

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission now has a new secretary, Steve Warriner and Mike Dwyer has been added as a Planning Commission Member.

(3)

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

(4)

Zoning Officer –Fred was absent from the meeting this evening but his well-documented report indicated that there were 2 residential and 2 business permits issued during the month of August.

(5)

Municipal Authority – Bob Buehner reported they were able to get a much lower interest rate of 1.9% from the First Keystone Community Bank for their 2.5-million-dollar loan

fixed for 5 years saving approximately \$500-\$600 monthly. ***Motion by Mike, 2nd by Walt to approve the new loan agreement and motion carried unanimously.***

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Road Foreman Gary Derr reported that they have been working in Valley Green and two coats of tar and chip are in place there. Gary will also look into companies offering line painting for at least McCracken and Indian Run Roads hopefully prior to Fall.

(7)

SEO –No word from SEO.

Old Business: None

New Business: ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Mike to adopt the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheet) for Plan Year 2021 at a rate of \$2600 per Member and Motion Carried with Gary abstaining.***

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt to adjourn @ 8:06, 2nd by Mike and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary