

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

September 08, 2021

Attendance:

Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Mike Kull, Solicitor Robert Davidson & Zoning Officer Fred Shappell. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Tony Rosini, Tom Dawson and Rick McDonough. Also present was Courtney Spitler and Sean Hogue from Verizon Wireless and Geri Gibbon of the Press Enterprise.

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert 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 August 11, 2021 made by Mike, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments:

Rick McDonough asked questions regarding CAFO's and Tony Rosini asked questions about Non-Conforming Uses. Solicitor Davidson answered their questions.

Reports:

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Fire Department – Mike reported 14 fire calls for the month.

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Planning Commission – No business conducted.

(3)

Solicitor – Walt spoke for a few moments about the loss of Valley Township's long time former Solicitor Robert Buehner. He worked tirelessly for the Township and the community at large and will be missed.

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Zoning Officer – Fred reported 2 Residential Zoning Permits issued for August. Also responded to Census Bureau request and a Right to Know Request.

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Municipal Authority – John Fenstermacher reported that the Municipal Authority had some expensive equipment damaged by a power surge. They are working with their insurance company for reimbursement.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Nothing to report.

(7)

SEO – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Agricultural Security Area – *A motion was made by Mike, 2nd by Walt to approve the Adoption of an Agricultural Security Area as previously advertised. The motion passed unanimously. This will be adopted as Resolution 06 of 2021.*

Township Phone System – Courtney Spitler and Sean Hogue of Verizon Wireless was in attendance to review a quote for landline telephone services for the Township. Their proposal would upgrade the system to a VoIP System through Verizon Wireless and provide an Automated Receptionist system to forward calls as needed for the Township. There would be an upfront equipment cost of approximately \$500 and would save the Township \$115 per month in services. Walt is going to research other options and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Comprehensive Plan - Walt is continuing to look for funding sources and grants for an update to the Township Comprehensive Plan.

New Business:

Well Waiver Request – Brian Lambert of 152 Columbia Hill Road requested a waiver of the well exclusion requirement to place a new septic system on the property. The previous system failed and needs to be replaced. Solicitor Davidson will prepare the appropriate paperwork and noted that this will need to be included in the deed for the property.

A motion was made by Mike, 2nd by Walt to approve the waiver. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills: *Motion made by Mike, 2nd by Walt to ratify the payment of Bills and motion approved unanimously.*

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 8:00 PM, 2nd by Mike and motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kull, Valley Township Acting Secretary