

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

November 10, 2021

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Zoning Officer Fred Shappell & Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Judi West, John Novak, Larry Bloskey and Chad Holmes. Supervisor Mike Kull absent.

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 October 13, 2021 made by Gary, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Judi West, John Fenstermacher, Chad Holmes, John Novak, and Larry Bloskey came to the Supervisors Meeting tonight to address their concern over the financial situation with the Valley Township Sewer Authority. They are looking for financial help as they have developed large leaks in the system beginning in May, June of 2021. They currently owe Danville \$150,000 for the loss of 3 million gallons of water. (1) They are considering hiring Trinity which would help with system mapping and hopefully find their leaks at a cost of \$35,000. (2) Their meters are failing and no longer correctly metering customers usage which would cost approximately \$35,000 and (3) They are in need of several pumps as they no longer have any in reserve, again in the range of \$35,000. At this point, they are looking at a potential need of \$255,000. John Fenstermacher stated that because of the sudden loss of Bob Buehner, who always went above and beyond to help them out, they are really in need. Chad Holmes stated that because of Covid, the restaurants and hotels did poorly which again impacted the Authority. They also have \$56,000 in delinquent accounts which liens have been placed but that could be many years in the future until those properties would come up for sale that those monies could be retrieved. Larry Bloskey is working diligently trying to find the water loss and in conversations with Tyler Dombroski from Seda-Cog.

Reports:

(1)
Fire Department – Due to Mike's absence, no report available.

(2)
Planning Commission – Fred reported that at the Planning Commission Meeting, plans for the Pedrick subdivision were reviewed and another DEP sewage module needs signature. The plans for the development of the Shanti Mandir Temple received approval from the Montour County Planning Commission.

(3)
Solicitor – Nothing to Report.

(4)
Zoning Officer – Fred reported 3 Residential Zoning Permit 2343 issued for the month of October.

(5)
Municipal Authority – John Fenstermacher nothing further other than again stating that they are losing their executive direction, Marley Daniels who has been excellent by the end of November.

(6)
Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that all equipment is up and running.

(7)
SEO – Nothing to report.

Old Business: Walt asked that we keep the Comprehensive Plan on our monthly agenda.

New Business:

Walt has been working with Verizon (Courtney Spitler) and they now have service at the township shed, which Walt felt was a safety concern, but now they are looking at the line as there are multiple breaks in the Indian Run Road telephone line. He is hopeful that this would all be taken care of prior to signing on for voice-over iPhone.

Walt also reported that the MS4 is moving forward and there is a meeting scheduled on Friday, 11/19 at 1:00 to meet with Todd Pysher and Kaitlyn.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Gary to adjourn @ 8:10 PM, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy, Valley Township Secretary