

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

June 8, 2022

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Supervisor Co-chairman Walt Rupert, Zoning Officer Fred Shappell & Secretary Judy Achy. Supervisor Mike Kull was out of country. Public was represented by David Fox, John Novack, Edward Jay Rothermel, Pat and Carl Rheams and Ken and Lori Piestrak.

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 May 11 as well as special meeting for bid opening only on May 18 made by Walt, 2nd by Gary and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments:

Ken & Lori Piestrak and Carl & Pat Rheams attended tonight's meeting with concerns regarding the Shanti Temple. There was recently a ground breaking celebration held outdoors and there was concern regarding the noise level. There is also concern regarding the driveway which was approved by PennDot due to the lack of site distance.

Edward Jay Rothermel from Valley West Road came to the township to see about the possibility of his property being changed from Agricultural Zoning to Low Density Residential Zoning. He was notified that in order to go forward, he would need to submit the paperwork together with a \$500 application fee which firstly would go to the Planning Commission and then a Public Hearing would need to be held which would include public comment (after all of the surrounding ground is posted). His land does not touch Low Density and Mr. Rothermel was notified that the township would not spot zone so unless his neighbors would submit a request for this zoning change, it would be highly unlikely that this zoning change would be made possible. He indicated he would like to have an apartment above a pole barn for some income in his retirement years. He also asked about a variance but a variance is only used in case of a hardship which he would not likely qualify.

Reports:

(1)
Fire Department – No report presented as Mike was out of country.

(2)
Planning Commission – Discussion regarding Rothermel subdivision.

(3)
Solicitor – Nothing to Report.

(4)
Zoning Officer – Fred reported 6 residential permits for the month of May.

(5)
Municipal Authority – John Novak reported that Larry Blosky is in receipt of 60 meters and the meters will be placed at a cost of \$75 per meter from Chip Adams.

(6)
Road Foreman/Equipment Report – All equipment working.

(7)
SEO – Nothing to report.

Old Business: Comprehensive Plan – Walt will continue to pursue funding sources for the Comprehensive Plan.

MS4 – Walt indicated that Todd Pysner is putting together a proposal for a bioswale down at the end of McCracken Road. There are just a few paperwork corrections to make and we will be in compliance.

Walt also spoke of a stream bed restoration at Sunnybrook Park as the sewer main is being exposed. This will be covered by DEP and Fish Commission.

New Business:

No other new business other than what was previously discussed.

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 @ 8:00, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Achy, Secretary