

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

8-9-23

Attendance:

Supervisor Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Mike Kull, Supervisor Walt Rupert, Zoning Officer, Fred Shappell and Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, Ann Bratcher, John Novak, Matt Gum, Gerri Gibbons and Ellen Kepner.

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 July 12, 2023 made by Walt, 2nd by Gary and motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: No citizen comments noted.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department – There were 13 incidences during the month of July.

(2)

Planning Commission – There was no meeting held last week @ their normal August 2, 2023 as there were no agenda items to address.

(3)

Solicitor – Nothing to Report other than upon discussion with Barry Lewis after forwarding to him the request from Matt Swartz, PennDot, Barry had a concern that if the supervisors did not want to foot the bill for the Maintenance Agreement for the corridor along Rt 54, possibly the state may withhold their liquid funds. The supervisors have stood together on the fact that they do not want to be responsible for the lighting along this corridor.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Fred reported that there were 4 residential permits granted during the month of July. Request from Red Roof Inn requesting a zoning permit to put kitchenettes in the back units of the Red Roof which Fred denied. Under commercial lodging facilities, there is no definition of any other type of lodging facilities. They were told that they could go to the Zoning Hearing Board or ask for change of use as a Conditional Use which would basically be touching on three properties. An incomplete application had been submitted and the superiors are concerned who is going to define extended stay and it certainly will be difficult to regulate.

(5)

Municipal Authority - ***Mike felt that we should sign the letter of agreement with the Danville Municipal Authority, 2nd by Walt and Motion carried unanimously.***

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that there is consideration about the purchase of a new backhoe and ***Motion by Walt, 2nd by Mike to give Gary the approval to spend not more than \$85,000 for the Cat but it absolutely needs to include the “thumb” and motion was approved.***

(7)

SEO – Nothing to Report.

New Business: Per Walt, any bills concerning MS4 should be billed to conservation and hopefully they will soon have the plans so they can go forward on the design of the ditch at the end of McCracken Road toward 642E. All that Gary has heard thus far is they are to use riprap and an earthen dam. Shawn has been on vacation returning 8/10.

We received two bids for the dirt and gravel road project, Meckley’s at \$23,760 and Miller Soil Solutions at \$50,850.59 and ***Motion by Walt to grant the bid to Meckley’s as the lowest bidder, 2nd by Gary and motion approved unanimously.*** The monies for this project are coming from Conservation.

Mike Kull is submitting his resignation as township supervisor effective 9/15/23 as Jody got an offer as a teaching professor @ Penn State. He reported that Matt Gum has taken over as Fire Chief of the Valley Township Fire Department and feels confident that manpower is growing at the Fire department over the past two years. Mike has been involved as Fire Chief since 2006 and involved within the Valley Township governing group in some capacity; be it Supervisor, Zoning Officer and alternate secretary over the last 19 years.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike to adjourn @ 7:55, 2nd by Walt and motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Achy
Valley Township Secretary