

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

12-13-23

Attendance:

Vice Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Larry Blosky, Zoning Officer Fred Shappell, Secretaries Judy Achy/Joan Styer. Public was represented by Fire Chief Matt Gum, a team from Nat'l Guard Service Center: Col Frank Montgomery PA Nat'l Guard, Danie J. Conley, Ryan Kennedy, and Matthew Churba. Chairman Gary Derr/absent.

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Walt Rupert called the meeting to order @7:40 with all in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of November 08, 2023, made by Larry, 2nd by Walt and motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: No citizen comments noted.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department-Per Matt Gum, Fire Chief, there were 11 incidences during the month of November including 6 vehicle accidents, 3 building fires, 2 misc. Matt reported an on-demand water heater has been installed and water filtration system is scheduled for installation. Walt asked that receipts for these items be turned into the supervisors to be paid. Project completion one month. Throughout transition of fire chiefs four new members have joined the fire dept. Walt mentioned passing down used steam pressure washer to the fire dept. when road crew can no longer use.

(2)

Planning Commission-Per Zoning Officer, Fred Shappell, recommendations were given for the Red Roof Conditional Use Permit. Wayne Hildebrand RE: Betty Yoder's property/sub division, no action was taken.

(3)

Solicitor-Nothing to report from Solicitor.

(4)

Zoning Officer-There were 2 residential permits granted during the month of November. One residential and one other zoning permit.

(5)

Municipal Authority- **Walt made motion, 2nd by Larry to approve amended agreement to expedite the process presented by the Solicitor, motion carried unanimously.**

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report- In Gary's absence, Walt reported several trucks ready for snow.

(7) SEO Howard subdivision involves 2 townships: West Hemlock/Valley Township. Robert's recommendation to sign the affidavit that was presented. Letter attached from Robert.

Motion made by Walt, 2nd by Larry to follow the waiver/recommendations and motion carried unanimously. Copies to be kept in secretary minutes.

Old Business: Comprehensive Plan and MS4. Engineer working on this quit in July. Walt will work on 60-page MSD for DEP, however fines likely to be imposed for not meeting required deadlines.

New Business:

Motion by Walt, 2nd by Larry to approve the 2024 budget with no tax increase, motion carried unanimously.

Joan asks for purchase of laptop/printer for secretary position. These items would be property of Valley Township. Walt would check this out.

PA National Guard Service Center, team presented proposed plans/introduction of project zoning. Project mostly federally funded, some state funds. 36,000 Sq. ft. building for approx. 200 pieces of equipment. If approved would close Lock Haven and Williamsport facilities. Township benefits with state aided personnel nearby if assistance needed. Construction time frame Oct-Nov 2024. Walt mentioned project would be supported.

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Walt, 2nd by Larry to ratify the payment of Bills and motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt, 2nd by Larry to adjourn @8:45pm and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Styer
Valley Township Secretary

