

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

05-08-2024

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Supervisor Larry Blosky, Secretary Joan Styer. Absent Co-Chairman Walt Rupert. Public was represented by David Fox, Chris and Stacy Cole, Ralph Reedy, John Fenstermacher, Rob Anderson (Wentz Surveying), Justin Klee(Bohler), Nate Fox (Obermayer) Jon Wadsworth(Susquehanna Solar), John Gudonis, and Stephanie DiDomenico.

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 April 10, 2024, made by Larry, 2nd by Gary, and motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: No Comments.

Reports:

(1)

Fire Department-Per Matt Gum, Fire Chief, just returning to quarters from active call, there were 12 incidents during the month of April.

(2)

Planning Commission-Letter from planning commission for application submitted for conditional use of property off Sugar Camp Road recommending supervisors include the proposed conditions for use as part of any approval of the conditional use application: (1) right of way agreement and access road that meets current ordinances, (2) easements of power lines.

(3)

Solicitor-Nothing to report from Solicitor.

(4)

Zoning Officer-Nothing to report.

(5)

Municipal Authority- Larry reports, take over continues. Act 94 accepted. Act 537 deficiencies- planning a rebuild of Indian Run Road pump station, credits completed, 25 accts. in arrears, Supervisors will be paid in full.

(6) Road Foreman/Equipment Report- Gary reports, F-550 needs fuel tank, road crew will evaluate to consider repair or replacement. Many parts are becoming obsolete.

(7) SEO-Nothing to report

Old Business: Motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Gary, to sign a letter of support for the pickleball group to obtain grant funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor will prepare letter, supervisors will have it signed by next meeting, Secretary will email signed letter to the pickleball group.

Rob Anderson w/Wentz Surveying ask Supervisors to take action on Puderbaugh plans-sign a non-building waiver (no buildings, no sewage/changes or proposals, land will always stay in current state whether sold or kept.)

Motion made by Gary, 2nd by Larry to approve Puderbaugh's subdivision, the township will need two copies. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- Sugar Camp Road Solar Project discussion held w/engineer, attorney, and project planners requesting a conditional use hearing. Citizens and nearby land/homeowners expressed concerns about how water runoff from solar panels would affect ground water, and what was the life expectancy of the panels. Planning Commission recommendations: (1) easement of powerlines, (2) 25 yr. life expectancy/panels replace suitable upgrade or remove fixtures and farm would be restored to its original state. Gary and Larry meet in an executive session concluding recommendations that the plan map be updated, decommissioning clause, and review with engineer and FAA. Project planners will get needed information to the secretary.
- Supervisors will reach out to Robert Fugate, SEO, for recommendations regarding again runoff concerns at 70 Garman Road.
- The treasurer requested permission to have PPL monthly bills automatically withdrawn from account. Supervisors granted request.
- Bid packets opened as advertised.

Motion made by Gary, 2nd by Larry that Midland be awarded scratch and seal bid, as lowest responsible bidder and motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Gary, 2nd by Larry that HRI be awarded paving bid, as lowest responsible bidder and motion carried unanimously.

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

Next meeting Wednesday, June 12th, 2024 @7:00PM.

Adjournment:

Motion by Gary 2nd by Larry to adjourn @8:40pm and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Styer, Valley Township Secretary