

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

**07-10-2024**

**Attendance:**

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Larry Blosky, Fire Chief, Matt Gum, and Secretary Joan Styer. Public was represented by David Fox, John Fenstermacher, Kay and Mr. Jaramillo, Brian Lewis, and David Weigle

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Gary Derr called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm with all in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2024, made by Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt, and motion carried unanimously.**

**Citizens' Comments:** Brian Lewis addressed speeding/speed limit concerns as a resident of Trump Road for over 6 years. Posted 35 mph set by the state. Supervisors suggested reaching out to the State Police and/or Mahoning Township to utilize/borrow lighted speed limit monitoring system. Non-emergency # 570-784-6300.

Kay & Mr. Jaramillo, residents of Valley Road West expressed health and environmental concerns about the biosolids distributed onto the land on Valley Road West, owned by Clarence and Joyce Bailey of Northumberland. Supervisors listened and acknowledged their concerns however the conservation district and DEP would regulate this type of activity.

**Reports:**

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Fire Department-Per Matt Gum, Fire Chief, there were 17 incidents during the month of June. Fund drive mailer is out to residents, 14 hrs. out with 5 firefighters responding to recent call. Billing will begin to non-residents with third party billing company.

(2)

Planning Commission-Nothing to report. Zoning officer was in attendance at planning meeting.

(3)

Solicitor- Rob will be providing name for potential solar farm-19 acres on Old Valley School Road

(4)

Zoning Officer- Detailed report on file. Three permits issued.

(5)

Municipal Authority- Larry reports, things continue to move forward. Final stages of Act 537. Questions and concerns are becoming less frequent. Anticipate closing end of of year or sooner.

(6) Road Foreman/Equipment Report- Gary reports, everything up and running fine, paving complete, tar and chip next, most of the mowing has been completed.

(7) SEO- Invoices submitted: 1 permit, 1 perc, 1 site eval., 2 sewage complaint investigations.

**Old Business:** Cole residents on Garman Road, sewage concerns from neighboring homeowner. The system is on the same side of road as the home.

**New Business:**

Zoning fee's- Chris Bower, new township zoning officer gave recommendations to Supervisors to review and discuss, no action taken at this time.

Alley Closures/ Maudale-Gary spoke to all residents, all in favor of closures. Gary will meet again with some landowners to go over some additional ideas. Supervisors are onboard with closures. Hydrants were discussed decision will be made at later date.

Site distance concerns/Garman/Kaseville Road- nothing has changed, no issues with sight distance/ road, letter was written/ reviewed from PA DOT rep. and was to be emailed to concerned resident.

Sanctuary township- Supervisors did not want to become a sanctuary township. Montour County is considered a sanctuary county. Sanctuary county is defined as local government that protects undocumented immigrants by not prosecuting them for federal immigration violations. Sanctuary counties may also discourage local police from reporting an individual's immigration status unless its part of a serious crime.

27 Jerseytown Road anonymous complaint of residents burning fecal matter- will reach out to Crystal Krick to have building inspector investigate.

**Approval of Bills: No financial statement available at this time.**

Next meeting, Wednesday, August 14, 2024 @7:00pm.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry to adjourn @7:50pm and motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Styer, Valley Township Secretary