

## VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

10-9-24

### Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Supervisor Walt Rupert, Supervisor Larry Blosky and Acting Secretary, Judy Achy. Public was represented by David Fox, John Novak and Brad Zeigler of Zeigler Surveying. (HA Thomson representative was expected at meeting tonight but instead indicated he would follow-up with supervisors in a phone call).

### 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 September 18 made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry and motion carried unanimously.*

Citizens' Comments: Larry indicated that he had received a text from Ernie Wright questioning an approval for a neighbor that did not have to go through any required permitting process such as he needed when he put in his driveway. Both Gary and Walt spoke with Ernie regarding his questions.

Brad Zeigler attended tonight's meeting representing Keith Sandel's request for a subdivision. Mr. Sandal wants to split his property into 3 sections and he received DEP approval. The Planning Commission granted conditional approval in that most of his property is in West Hemlock and not Valley Township. He noted that Zoning Officer, Chris Bower, already had the plans in hand. *Motion by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt to grant conditional approval and motion carried unanimously.*

### Reports:

(1)

Fire Department – Fire Chief Matt Gum was unable to be in attendance at tonight's meeting due to work but he reported 9 incidences during the month of September including 1 building fire, 1 grease fire, 1 waste or trash fire, 1 medical assist, 2 motor vehicle accidents with injuries and 3 motor vehicle accidents without injuries.

(2)

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission granted conditional approval to Keith Sandel's request for subdivision at their October 2 meeting.

(3)

Solicitor – Rob Davison provided copies of a letter to the supervisors that he previously sent to the Pennypackers at the supervisors' request.

(4)

Zoning Officer – Per Chris Bowers, there were no permits issued during the previous month.

(5)

Municipal Authority - Per Larry Blosky, the Authority is slated to meet at the Solicitor's office on Wednesday, 10/23/24, where they will be disbanded. ***Motion to close Municipal Authority effective 10/23/24 made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary and motion carried with Larry abstaining (due to his involvement on the Valley Township Municipal Authority).***

(6)

Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Gary reported that he will reach out to Barry Garverick to obtain specifications for a loader that will then be advertised for bidding.

(7)

SEO – Nothing to report from SEO.

***New Business:*** (1) Regarding the Hendrickson Road/Continental Blvd, Rob Davison was granting New Leaf an extension through January of 2025. No further action needed from our end and this will be placed on the November agenda. (2) Regarding the fire damaged property on Normar Road, Rob Davison confirmed that it is unfit for habitation and is sending a letter to the property owner, Tina Buck. (3) Gary reported on the MS4 waiver, that a check for \$500 is being sent to the attention of the Clean Water Act and he will follow up on this. (4) Regarding the solar zoning ordinance amendment, it has been advertised and we probably will be having a meeting in November and Rob Davison will notify us with the date scheduled. (5) No discussion on Montour Co. Mitigation Plan nor Fire Relief Funds. (6) ***Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to approve the Military Maintenance Agreement and motion passed unanimously.*** (7) Liquid Fuels Audit rescheduled to 10/23/24 @ 9 a.m. (8) No discussion on Patricia Rieke subdivision as there was no representation. (9) There was discussion of the need to abandon Ray Street and Bennett Road in Mausdale and the supervisors asked Brad Zeigler to take care of the surveying to also include the upper end of Kindt Road.

***Approval of Bills:*** No bills to approve.

***Adjournment:*** ***Motion by Gary to adjourn @ 8:05, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry and motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Achy  
Acting Valley Township Secretary