

## VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

11.13.2024

### Attendance:

Chairman, Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Larry Blosky, Fire Chief Matt Gum, Solicitor, Rob Davidson, Secretary Joan Styer. Public was represented by David Fox, Benjamin Nasen (New Leaf), Jeff Dickey (New Leaf Energy) Morgan Madden (Babast Calland), Quinn Weinberger (Bear Park Power), Ryan McQuigg (Bear Pack Power), Mike Komar, Josh Hoagland

### 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 October 09, 2024, made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry and motion carried unanimously.**

### Citizens' Comments:

- Mike Komar spoke on behalf of the pickleball group. The group wants to stay committed to working with Sunnybrook Park board members for one year. Mike spoke of the financial situation that the park is currently in and stated they were using endowment funds, however upon further review of the statement he shared with the supervisors it did appear excessive funds were used for salaries, etc., however they were not using endowment funds. Mike was asking for the township's financial support, Walt stated approx. \$250,000 had already been given. David Fox noted that Sunnybrook Park is owned by the Danville Playground Association.

### Reports:

- ❖ Fire Department-Per Matt Gum, Fire Chief, there were 15 incidents during the month of October. Two building fires, 8 motor vehicles accidents w/injuries, 5 Motor vehicle accidents w/no injuries. Windows installed in the office/township building, Rescue currently OOS due to much needed chassis maintenance. Burn Ban in county until 12.12.2024.
- ❖ Planning Commission-Kahn subdivision-Garman Rd. meeting between township engineer and Kahns engineer was held Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, at the twp. Bldg. Waiting on revised plans. Keith Sandel-signed plans. Danville Maint. Land Development Rt 642, the PC recommends supervisors to approve the waivers. Hendrickson Solar motion to grant 30-day extension. Reinke-PC accepts plans as presented. Josh Hoagland presented plan/designs to supervisors.  
**A motion made by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt to approve plans as presented for Reinke add-on and motion carried unanimously. Supervisors signed plans.**
- ❖ Solicitor- A one-year extension until Feb 1, 2026, was requested for Hendrickson Road/Continental Blvd. Rob will also revisit with the planning commission land zoned rural residential and rural agricultural, sight conditions, and land use trends in regard to solar zoning.
- ❖ **A motion made by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry to honor the one-year extension for the Hendrickson Road/Continental Blvd. solar project. Motion passed with one nay vote from Walt.**
- ❖ Zoning Officer- One permit issued for the month of November Permit # 241001. Matt & Laura Rae Liberty Valley Drive, Danville. New home. The date the permit was issued 10/30/2024. Report on file.

- ❖ Road Foreman/Equipment Report- 2005 Ford F-150 pickup. Advertise in newspaper for bids to sell AS IS, will not pass inspection, tires poor, and rust through frame. Sealed bids to be opened at December 11, 2024, 7pm, monthly meeting.
- ❖ SEO- Nothing to report.

#### Old Business:

- Acknowledged Notice of Estimated Allocation Municipal Liquid Fuels and Turnback
- Keith Sandel subdivision nothing to report.
- Parez Kahn subdivision nothing to report, no representation.
- Mr. Beaver DEP letter for complaint of his truck idling would not be a township issue.
- Danville Maintenance Land development RT 642 stormwater operation-maintenance agreement papers were signed and will be notarized.
- VTMA-Larry and Rob shared that VTMA sale of assets, October 23, 2024, was finalized, loan w/First Keystone paid off, Supervisors-paid off, Rob asked that Gary sign that the loan is paid off for accounting purposes. Any additional costs-Danville Municipal Authority would be liable. Larry is a consultant as needed. Larry is not an employee of VTMA.

#### New Business:

- **Motion by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry to adopt the solar zoning ordinance amendments with the planning commissions support to research the rural residential boundaries and the rural agricultural boundaries. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Ben from New Leaf Solar Energy was present to ask for an opportunity to lease the 93 Old Valley School Road Superfund site. The area is roughly 10 acres. The lease options suggested were for 20 yr., 40 yr. Rob, the township solicitor, will investigate some concerns that were mentioned of the placement of solar panels above the ground, as to not disturb the underground. Township thought this would be a very good opportunity to make use of the land. Options were also discussed about the current condition of the township stockpile shed. Ben would like to generate a letter of intent/interest between both parties; however, this is not a binding agreement.
- Mandatory Sewer and Water Connection Ordinance will be discussed in greater detail at the December meeting.
- **A motion by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry to bid out for a loader and motion carried unanimously.**
- Resolutions- Local Share Assessment Grants (LSA) four grant applications submitted, \$100 application fee per grant, a 10 percent contingency on each one, Next November 2025 we will know if they were awarded. **A motion by Larry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to sign and adopt the four resolutions: 08 of 2024 Excavation and repaving streets Valley Green, 07 of 2024 Excavation and repaving streets in Mausdale, #06 of 2024 Purchase wheel loader and finance training expenses, #05 of 2024 Purchase pick up truck and a dump truck. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Advertise the Proposed 2025 Budget

**Approval of Bills: Motion made by Walt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry to ratify the payment of bills and motion carried unanimously.**

Next meeting, Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @7:00pm.

#### Adjournment:

**Motion by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt to adjourn at 8:25pm and motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Styer, Valley Township Secretary

