

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

07.09.2025

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Larry Blosky, Fire Chief Matt Gum, Solicitor, Rob Davidson, and Secretary, Joan Styer. The public was represented by: Dave Fox, Judy Achy, Drew Mumich (Press Enterprise), John Tripoli, Alex Tripoli, Donald Kuzich, Michael Kuzich, Mary Oakley, Darlene App, Carla Marsters, Brandon Hixson, Diane Bilger, Sammi Baylor, John Novak, Brett Gordner (Barry Isett & Associates), and Phillip Prout (Barry Isett & Associates).

6:35pm the continuation of the Danville Hospitality Group Hearing was held and called to order with all in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 11, 2025, made by Larry, 2nd by Gary and motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Noted in meeting minutes under Old Business specific to Nomar Road and Vacating portions of Bennett and Race Streets.

Reports:

- ❖ Fire Department-Per Matt Gum, Fire Chief, there were 13 incidents during the month of June 2025. 1 building fire; 1 Road freight or transport vehicle fire; 1 Medical assist, assist EMS crew; 3 MVA w/injuries; 4 MVA w/o injuries; 1 swimming/recreational water areas rescue; 2 Assist police or other governmental agency. The township Solicitor would check with the solar company regarding the donation of the side by side-UTV. Working on specs and quotes for new rescue chassis, donation mailer has been sent out, undercoating done on engine and brush truck to extend life.
- ❖ Planning Commission (PC)- No Old Business. New Business- The PC has reviewed the waivers submitted for the conditional use of the Mary Hermann property of Columbia Hill Road, as a solar farm. The waivers were reviewed at the July 2, 2025, meeting. The PC supports the requested waivers, pending review and comment from the Township Engineer. The waivers are: (1) Panels on slopes up to 20%, (2) Preliminary/Final Plan, (3) 14' wide driveway. A motion was made by Ernie, 2nd by Jon, to recommend the Supervisors grant the requested waivers pending engineer's review. Motion passed.
- ❖ Solicitor
- ❖ Zoning Officer- Date permit issued 06-09-25, #250603, replace solar (fee) \$50.00-Robert Pegg; 06-12-2025, #250604 demo home (fee) \$50.00- Tina Buck; 06-12-25, #250605 semi-inground pool (fee) \$470.00-Paul Kloberg; 06-23-25, #250607 front porch (fee) 210.85-Matthew Palmer. Detailed report submitted and on file.
- ❖ Road Foreman/Equipment Report- Everything up and running well. Paving done. Berms are all in. Tar & Chip scheduled end of July, first week of August.
- ❖ SEO- Detailed report on file. 06.11.2025 -07.01.2025 invoice # 2025683 totaling \$221.96. Letter from SEO addressing 20 Normar Road sewage investigation complaint. An on-site inspection was conducted on 07/01/2025 and found no violation of The PA Sewage Facilities Act. A check of the SEO records revealed no sewage violations were on file regarding this property.

❖ **Old Business:**

- ❖ **20 Normar Road** -Carla Marsters asked questions concerning the sewage/septic system with small gray water puddling near the sand mound and concerns about contamination of the well water and surrounding neighboring wells. The Solicitor, also historically an SEO, explained that a house fire would not indicate there would be specific concerns directly with the well or septic system as it was functioning properly prior to the fire incident. The townships current SEO's visit also confirmed no findings of any violations. Water testing would be the responsibility of the homeowner. Neighboring volunteers along with Jim and Ruthann Hawkins, and many church volunteers gathered at the 20 Normar Road Property to aid in clean up and recycle, with volunteers making several trips to the area recycling center and landfill. The Zoning Ordinance would prohibit tenting on the property. A self-contained portable toilet (Porta Potti) has been put in place. The Church was providing them with a stay at the Red Roof Inn and offering temporary housing with church families. A building permit is required for any construction. They are hopeful to get temp. electric service soon. Kudos to all the wonderful volunteers in aiding their local fire victim neighbors at this difficult time!
- ❖ Danville Hospitality Group conditional use application was approved at the earlier hearing.
- ❖ CDR Maguire engineering fee's Supervisors agreed that the First Baptist Church fee of \$67.50 would be waived as the church is a non-profit organization. Parvez Khan has engineering fees outstanding to date.
- ❖ **Kindt Street -Mausdale-** Requests from Mary Oakley for signage, speed, no thru traffic, and traffic study have been emailed and the results were received back from PA DOT. In summarizing, in addition to paper and email notifications on file, the speed study indicated there would be no speed reduction. Detailed instructions and printouts provided from PA DOT as to how the signage needs to be placed and the proper locations. Forms need to be completed and returned to PA DOT when signage is in place.

New Business:

- ❖ Supervisors acknowledged the PA Municipal Retirement System letter of the 2023 Excess Interest of \$3,676.00 from PMRS.
- ❖ Supervisors acknowledged HA Thomson Workers Compensation Loss Control Reports. A visit on 05-30-2025 to discuss operations, review reported injuries, discuss previous recommendations (if any) and physically surveying the facility. As a result of the discussion and physical survey of the facilities, no recommendations were made resulting from this visit. As a policyholder of AM Trust the township is entitled to receive Loss Control Services.
- ❖ **Motion made by Walt, 2nd by Larry to adopt Ordinance 6 of 2025 Vacating a portion of Race Street and Bennett Street in Mausdale and motion carried unanimously.**
- ❖ The International Property Maintenance Code is tabled until the next meeting.
- ❖ Larry proposed utilizing the property maintenance code group/individuals or third-party company on a case-by-case basis. The supervisors would appoint the group/company. **A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Walt to utilize Barry Issett & Associates on a per diem basis. Motion carried unanimously.** Barry will create an engagement agreement with contacts, fees, and a schedule of services.
- ❖ Old Valley School Road Proposed Lease-tabled until next meeting.
- ❖ Municipal Ratification/Solid Waste Resolution. DEP requires a regional plan. **A motion was made by Walt, 2nd by Larry to approve Montour County's Solid Waste Resolution 2025-June-10 and motion carried unanimously.**

- ❖ The Montour County Township Officials Convention location has changed to the Montour County Administration Center 435 E. Front Street Danville, PA and an increase in meal cost for 2025. \$25.00/person.
- ❖ Township Internet- Supervisors would like to reach out to a student, or recent computer science graduate to get items transferred from old website to the new website. Not to exceed the cost of \$250.00

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Larry 2nd by Walt, to ratify the payment of bills and motion carried unanimously. Next meeting, August 13, 2025 @ 7:00PM

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt, 2nd by Larry to adjourn at 7: 45pm and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Styer, Valley Township Secretary