

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

08.13.2025

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor Larry Blosky, Solicitor, Rob Davidson, and Secretary, Joan Styer. The public was represented by: Dave Fox, Judy Achy, Mary Oakley, Darlene App, Carla Marsters, John Novak, John Fenstermacher, Brett Gordner (Barry Isett & Associates), and Phillip Prout (Barry Isett & Associates).

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 July 09, 2025, made by Larry, 2nd by Gary and motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Mary Oakley addressed concerns about the proper placement of new and existing signage regarding Kindt Road and Rt 642W. Supervisors explained the signage will be placed after the roadway is complete. Kindt Road and stretch of Rt 642 overhanging of brush/trees will be trimmed by township road crew. The financial statements with new format will be provided to Mary.

Judy Achy with the Iron Mill Church families have outreached to New Enterprise and the various road crews doing the current construction on Rt 54 and Rt 642 to welcome them to their monthly fellowship meals at the church. Many crews are from out of town and away from family for extended periods of time. The church is located at 2 Church Hill Road, Danville. 570-437-0728 for more information.

Reports:

- ❖ Fire Department-Per Matt Gum, Fire Chief, there were 15 incidents during the month of July 2025. 1 building fire; 1 Passenger vehicle fire; 2 MVA w/injuries; 8 MVA w/o injuries; 1 swimming/recreational water areas rescue; 1 Search for person on land; 1 Authorized controlled burning. Detailed report submitted and on file.
- ❖ Planning Commission (PC)- No monthly meeting held for a lack of a quorum.
- ❖ Solicitor-Rob will review the property maintenance code and present information to the supervisors. An appeal of the adoption of the Ordinance vacating Race and Bennett Streets was filed by Mary Oakley to Montour County Court. The Solicitor is preparing a response.
- ❖ Zoning Officer- Date permit issued 07-18-25, #250701, carport (fee) \$74.00-Neal Martz; 07-18-25, #250702 demo & build home (fee) \$50.00- Kyle Wesner; 07-23-25, #250703 demo and new garage (fee) \$188.00-Byron Roth. Detailed report submitted and on file.
- ❖ Road Foreman/Equipment Report- Everything up and running well. New knives in chipper. Searching for new chipper, however, some are very costly. Trying to keep traveling for one within a 50-60-mile radius.
- ❖ SEO- Detailed report on file. 07.07.2025 -07.16.2025 invoice # 2025696 totaling \$1,019.87. **A motion was made to approve the Sewage Officer's Report by Walt, 2nd by Larry. Motion passed unanimously.**
- ❖ Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC) Activity Report- Application(s) received 7-29-2025 residential fire restoration 20 Normar Road; Permit(s) issued- 7-29-2025 residential fire restoration 20 Normar Road. Report submitted and on file.

Old Business:

- ❖ Columbia Hill Solar-Nothing to Report.
- ❖ 20 Normar Road -The First Baptist Church families/volunteers, and James and Ruthann Hawkins have been working closely with the homeowner to continue with rebuilding/restoration. Currently waiting

on the building framer. Lowes Home Improvement Center also has programs to help families in need. Progress is being made with repairs and restoring the original footprint of the home with upgrading of safety features. Many thanks to all for their continuing efforts and to Barry Isett and Associates for their prompt action and attention to this matter.

- ❖ Township Internet-Larry has spoken to an IT student from the Vo-Tech school that is able to aid in transferring data to move forward with updating the townships website.
 - ❖ Supervisors agreed to place the same advertising ad that has been placed in the past in the Montour County Township Officials Convention program booklet again for 2025. Ad reads: "Thanks to all of the Township Officials for all you do." Valley Township Board of Supervisors & Township Officials www.valleytownship.net
 - ❖ **A motion was made by Walt, 2nd by Larry to authorize Chairman Gary Derr to sign the Montour County Solid Waste Ratification and motion carried unanimously.**
 - ❖ Old Valley School Road-MW Superfund Site Option-proposed lease O'Brien and Gere will take care of this. The township solicitor distributed information regarding the MW Superfund Site to the Supervisors. **A motion made by Larry, 2nd by Walt to enter negotiations/contract with New Leaf Energy with the information as it was presented from the Solicitor and motion carried unanimously.** The township Solicitor will be in contact with New Leaf Energy and will keep Supervisors updated/informed.
 - ❖ Property Maintenance Code -under review.
 - ❖ CDR Maguire engineering fee's- 70 Gaman Road, Greenman Pedersen Inc. (Danville Field Maintenance Shop), Continental Boulevard Solar.
- New Business:**
- ❖ Matt/Laura Rae Stormwater Review-No PC signatures, plans revised July 2025, driveway concern, revision of plans need to go to engineer for review.
 - ❖ Cameltown Hill Solar-Tabled until next meeting.
 - ❖ Tire recycling-Tires can remain on rims if both are clean. Sept. 6th, 8am-12 noon. Montour County Residents. Two Locations: Valley Twp. Bldg- 57 Old Valley School Road, and Derry Twp. Bldg. 26 Shed Road.
 - ❖ Right to Know-the township Solicitor will review and draw up policy.
 - ❖ Advertising will be placed the end of August in Press Enterprise newspaper for sealed bids for Dirt and Gravel.
 - ❖ Rothermel Subdivision-table until next meeting.

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Larry 2nd by Walt, to ratify the payment of bills and motion carried unanimously. Next meeting, September 10, 2025 @ 7:00PM

Adjournment:

Motion by Walt, 2nd by Larry to adjourn at 8:00pm and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Styer, Valley Township Secretary

