

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

09.10.2025

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Vice-Chairman Walt Rupert, Solicitor, Rob Davidson, Fire Chief Matt Gum, and Secretary, Joan Styer. The public was represented by: Dave Fox, Judy Achy, Judi West, Brad Zeigler (Zeigler Surveying), Mary Oakley, John Novak, Brett Gordner (Barry Isett & Associates). Absent: Supervisor Larry Blosky.

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 August 13, 2025, made by Walt, 2nd by Gary and motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: Mary Oakley offered to purchase signs for the area of Kindt Road/RT 642. **A motion was made by Walt, 2nd by Gary to not have Mary Oakley purchase any signage and motion carried unanimously.**

The financial statements with the new format were provided to Mary.

Judy Achy, and many citizens in attendance, thanked the road crew for the nice work they are doing at mowing.

Reports:

- ❖ Fire Department-Per Matt Gum, Fire Chief, there were 11 incidents during the month of August 2025. 1 brush or brush/grass mixture fire; 2 Passenger vehicle fires; 1 grass fire, 1 MVA w/pedestrian; 5 MVA w/o injuries, 1 Power line down. Donation mailer is out to residents. Continuing to look into rescue replacement. Awarded \$5,000 grant for grain bin rescue equipment from Horizon Farm Credit. **A motion was made by Gary, 2nd by Walt to approve classes and class fees for Matt Gum, to attend the PSATS boot camp in Lycoming County and motion carried unanimously.**
Planning Commission (PC)- Hendrickson Road Solar, Continental Boulevard Solar, and Cameltown Hill Solar granted 90-day extensions, Columbia Hill Solar was granted a 30-day extension. Laura/Matt Rae stormwater plans signed. Rothermel subdivision sewage planning module signed. Awaiting township engineers to review latest plans. Bogart Road/Bear Peak Solar Project- Mark Cromley, twp. resident, asked the PC what they knew about recent advertisement in the newspaper. Craig, of the PC declined to recommend a zoning change from R1 to agricultural back in June but had no other information. Mr. Cromley was directed to the Supervisors and Township Solicitor.
- ❖ Solicitor- An appeal of the adoption of the Ordinance vacating Race and Bennett Streets was filed by Mary Oakley. Preliminary objections will be submitted to Montour County Court next week. Danville Hospitality Group needs Supervisors' signatures and SALDO (Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance) approval. A brief executive session was held with the Township Solicitor, Walt, and Gary for possible litigation over solar project in township.
- ❖ Zoning Officer- Date permit issued 08-13-25, #250801, above ground pool (fee) \$100.00-Paul Guarneri; 09-03-25, #250901 above ground pool (fee) \$107.00- Daniel Montgomery; 09-03-25, #250902 shed (fee) \$50.00-John Keller; 09-03-2025, #250903, pole building (fee) \$50-Joshua Kashner.
- ❖ Road Foreman/Equipment Report- Everything up and running well. Matt has been doing a large amount of mowing. Citizens' comments- "He is doing a great job!"
- ❖ SEO- Detailed report on file 7/31/2025-08/20/2025. Invoice #2025713 totaling \$243.18. Activity: 2 percolation tests, 1 interim inspection, 1 Subdivision plan review.

- ❖ Building Codes Report/Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC) - 20 Normar Road reframed- should be able to move in before cold weather, construction moving along well.

Old Business:

- ❖ Hendrickson Road Solar, Continental Boulevard Solar, and Cameltown Hill Solar granted 90-day extensions, Columbia Hill Solar was granted a 30-day extension.
- ❖ Old Valley School/MW Manufacturing Site- some timelines changed, stormwater concerns, table until next meeting.
- ❖ Property Maintenance Code- under review with Solicitor.
- ❖ CDR Maguire engineering fee's- Greenman Pedersen Inc. (Danville Field Maintenance Shop), Continental Boulevard Solar.

New Business:

- ❖ Matt/Laura Rae Stormwater-table for next meeting.
- ❖ Rothermel Subdivision- **A motion was made by Walt, 2nd by Gary to approve planning module presented by Zeigler Surveying and motion carried unanimously.**
- ❖ Tire recycling-successful, however some tires remain at the Valley Twp. collection site.
- ❖ Right to Know Policy- Solicitor recommends adoption of policy at next meeting.
- ❖ **A motion was made by Walt, 2nd by Larry via speaker call and email confirmation to approve the advisement of the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$5,240.00, for the 2026 pension plan. Gary abstained due to direct involvement.**
- ❖ Opened sealed advertised bids for Dirt and Garvel of White Oak Road. Dirt and Gravel Bid Results-Awarded on grand total of bid.

RC Young \$42,899.01

Miller Soil Solutions \$47,789.28

K. Dale Sellers-General/ Excavation Contractor \$26,495.70

EJ Breneman LLC \$45,045.00

A motion by Gary, 2nd by Walt to award the pulverization and laying of gravel for the Valley Township, White Oak Road bid project to K. Dale Sellers General /Excavation Contractor in the amount of \$26,495.70 as the lowest responsible bidder. Motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Regional Solid Waste Management Plan resolution # 03 of 2025 was signed.
- ❖ Montour County Hazard Mitigation Plan- **A motion was made by Walt, 2nd by Gary to adopt a resolution 04 of 2025 that follows the county's direction and motion carried unanimously.**
- ❖ Financial statement format- Supervisors will initial and/or sign bank statements for audit purposes.
- ❖ Walt will speak to Larry regarding the Business Microsoft Office Suite online: Excel, Word, Power Point, Outlook for secretary laptop and also if the township would support Abdul, w/ student IT program, to aid in having documents digitized to update website.
- ❖ **A motion by Gary, 2nd by Walt to purchase 300 tons of salt through the Co-stars contract and motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Gary 2nd by Walt, to ratify the payment of bills and motion carried unanimously. Next meeting, October 08, 2025 @ 7:00PM

Adjournment:

Motion by Gary, 2nd by Walt to adjourn at 8:15pm and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Styer, Valley Township Secretary

