

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 30, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint someone to the vacant seat on the Board of Supervisors and any other business to come before the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patrice Proctor at 7:05 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Kathy O'Doherty, Joe Sciandra, and Patrice Proctor. Supervisor Christopher Lehenky was absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:

None

CONSIDERATION TO FILL VACANT SUPERVISOR SEAT:

The Board of Supervisors confirmed that they had not received any letters of interest nor did they have a candidate to nominate for the vacant Supervisor seat. It was noted that according the *Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code*: "...and, upon their failure to make the appointment within thirty days after the vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled within fifteen additional days by the vacancy board. The vacancy board shall consist of the board of supervisors and one elector of the township, who shall be appointed by the board of supervisors at the board's first meeting each calendar year or as soon after that is practical and who shall act as chairman of the vacancy board. If the vacancy board fails to fill the position within fifteen days, the chairman shall, ..., petition the court of common pleas to fill the vacancy."

OTHER BUSINESS:

Meter Pit Issue/1204 Dawman Road – Nelson Ashton, owner of 1204 Dawman Road, reviewed his situation regarding what appears to be a leak at the meter pit. He reviewed that he received a letter from Valley Township at the end of December that it appeared that there was a noticeable increase in historic water usage. He advised that he contacted a plumber. It is his understanding that the brass ring around the water line was corroded. He currently has an estimate to replace the meter pit for \$3,143.27, of which he would need to put \$2,300 up front for the materials.

Ms. Proctor advised that she contacted Pennsylvania Water Company and they are willing to send someone to look at the meter pit on Wednesday, February 1, and provide a "second opinion". Mr. Sciandra and Ms. O'Doherty both noted that possible repairs would be the homeowner's responsibility.

It was confirmed that Mr. Ashton had paid his fourth quarter water/sewer/trash bill in full. Historically, his account has always been at the minimum billing rate. The reading for the fourth quarter was at 17,000 gallons, or 7,000 over the minimum billing amount of 10,000 gallons.

Mr. Sciandra made a motion to issue a credit to Mr. Ashton's account in the amount of

\$137.20. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Sciandra – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes. **Mr. Sciandra further moved that the Township would consider a reasonable adjustment for overage for the first quarter of 2017 but the cost of repair would be the homeowner’s cost. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion.** Question: Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Sciandra – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to authorize motor rebuild for Maintenance Garage heater – A quote from E.B. O’Reilly was distributed to rebuild the motor for the inducer in the amount of \$939.34. **Mr. Sciandra made a motion to approve the proposal from E.B. O’Reilly for the material and labor to rebuild the motor for the inducer for the Maintenance Garage heater. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion.** Question: Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Sciandra – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion regarding Solid Waste Ordinance/trash can collection size – The Board discussed the container size for solid waste collection. After discussion, the Board concurred that residents could continue to put out for collection four, 32-gallon capacity cans as per the current specifications or containers, with recessed metal bars similar to the Township recycle containers, that would not exceed a total capacity of 128 gallons that would be able to be put on the trash truck lifts. The Board requested that the Public Works Department provide the container specifications for the solicitor to incorporate into the draft ordinance amendment. The Board discussed setting a maximum size of the containers. Ms. Proctor believes that the containers should not be any larger than 45-gallon. Ms. O’Doherty stated that she believes there should also be a weight limit on the cans as well. **Mr. Sciandra made a motion to approve the Township Solicitor to begin drafting an amendment to the solid waste ordinance with regards to trash containers which shall permit up to four, 32-gallon capacity trash containers not to exceed 50 pounds each or containers, not to exceed a total capacity of 128 gallons, as per the specifications provided by the Township Public Works Department. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion.** Question: Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Sciandra – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sciandra made a motion to adjourn and Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion. All affirmed. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Township Secretary