

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patrice Proctor at 7:54 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Kathy O'Doherty, Eric Lama, Joe Sciandra and Patrice Proctor. Supervisor Christopher Lehenky was absent. Also in attendance were Ed Rasiul of Pennoni Associates, Inc. (Township Engineer) and Alan J. Jarvis (Township Solicitor). An executive session was held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues, items on the agenda, and trash enforcement issues.

Mr. Sciandra made a motion to take the agenda out of order. Mr. Lama seconded the motion.

Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Mr. Sciandra – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA:

None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Proctor reviewed the fall bulk trash dates noting this is the first time the Township will be conducting a fall bulk collection. She also noted that Valley Day will be held on October 7, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the G.O. Carlson Airport. Parking will be provided with shuttle service. She also noted that the last yard waste pick-up will be held in October.

DEPARTMENT REORTS:

Public Safety – Chief Friel reported on the Department's Activity for July and August. He noted that there have been 133 arrests for the year to date. Study guides have been distributed to three officers who will be taking the Sergeant examination in October. The police department attended a 911 ceremony at Rainbow Elementary School and the Boy Scouts presented the police department with an American Flag and thanked all first responders for their service. The next Town Watch meeting will be held on September 27.

Fire/Ambulance – Chief McWilliams presented the Fire and Ambulance reports for August. The ambulance responded to 100 calls, of which 51 were in Valley Township. Station 144 responded to 116 calls. The Fire Department responded to 19 calls during August, of which 14 were in Valley Township.

Chief McWilliams reported that there is a serious problem with recruiting and retaining volunteers. Currently there are seven to eight active volunteers. Chief McWilliams mentioned that there have been several incidents recently where he has had to take the fire truck out by himself. He mentioned that they have a recruitment and retention program and recently did a mailer which was paid for by a grant. Out of 1,500 mailers, only one person called in response.

He did note that they had mutual aid. Ms. Proctor questioned how one person could do a call by themselves. Chief McWilliams stated that they will once again have a table set up at Valley Day to seek volunteer interest. Chief Sly requested that the Board and Fire Company set up a date to review the 2018 budget needs. He stated that they currently have one ambulance in the shop for repairs which will cost \$7,100 to fix. Another ambulance is currently not in service as it is being refurbished on a new chassis and must be lettered and then required inspections/certifications. Currently they have their third ambulance connected to a battery charger. The newest ambulance is assigned to the Wagontown Division as the municipalities who are served by that station are the ones that are paying for that ambulance. He also stated that Sadsbury Township has approached Westwood to cover their area as they will no longer be serviced by Keystone Valley. Chief Sly further noted that the field truck has body rust. He reported that East Fallowfield has committed to a \$50,000 donation to the fire company. Ms. Proctor inquired if regionalization has been looked into. After further discussion, Mr. Sciandra noted that as nothing could be resolved at this meeting that he recommended that a meeting be set up with all the municipalities who are serviced by the fire company to review the status.

Emergency Management – Mr. Sciandra reported that there was an emergency management incident at the airport involving an aircraft that was taxing. He further reminded everyone that in the wake of the incidents in Texas and Florida for everyone to be prepared for a major emergency. He noted that CERT classes would be beginning on September 25 at the Training Center in South Coatesville.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

John Abele – Mr. Abele requested permission from the Board of Supervisors to grant water service extension with Pennsylvania Water Company for 69 Irish Lane. He noted that he does not believe he could have a well drilled on the property as he does not think the equipment would be able to access the property. He believes that there is nearby service being provided by PAWC. Mr. Rasiul stated that he had reviewed the current infrastructure prior to the meeting noting where he currently saw PAWC's lines. He suggested that he talk with PAWC to see if they would be willing to service this property and then report back to the Board.

At this time, Mr. Sciandra departed the meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Jonathan Egger reported on the Planning Commission's meeting of September 12, 2017. He stated Valley Suburban Station granted an extension to November 30, 2017, which the Planning Commission recommends that the Board accept. He stated that they are awaiting additional information from the developer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion/consideration regarding Solid Waste Ordinance Compliance – The Board reviewed their discussion regarding enforcing the Solid Waste Ordinance with regards to non-compliance of the trash receptacles. It was noted that the Codes Department, who has been maintaining the

list of non-compliant properties, will be instructed to issue a letter to those who are still in violation. At this time, it is estimated that approximately 643 letters will need to be issued. The letter will be drafted by the Codes Secretary and approved by the Board of Supervisors before being mailed. Following the issuance of the letter, those who still remain in violation will begin being cited. Citations will be issued neighborhood by neighborhood. Details of who will be taking the pictures, etc., still needs to be determined by the Board of Supervisors.

Kris Lenhart, Public Works Lead Worker I, also inquired about some areas where bulk items have been left out since April. The Board noted that these properties need to be turned over to Codes for enforcement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jarvis reported on the following:

- Mr. Jarvis reported that researched inquiries regarding post-bidding negotiation and rendered his opinion, based on case law that he found, to the Board of Supervisors, Hill International, and Kimmel Bogrette.
- Mr. Jarvis stated that he reviewed Pennoni Associates' review letter of September 12, 2017, with regards to the Valley Suburban Center land development plan submittal. Their current plan does not indicate that they want to do Prescott Road through to Airport Road and is now proposing to split the commercial into two separate parcels.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he will be meeting with representatives from Lampart Spawn and Mr. Cutlip on September 26.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he reviewed a call from the landlord of 686 Wagontown Road regarding options for zoning relief for their tenant.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he filed the Deed of Dedication for the Spruce Street Sewer Expansion Project.
- Mr. Jarvis advised the Board that the PSATS Fall Solicitor Seminar will be held on October 25 in Enola. The cost of the seminar with the member discount and early registration would be \$125. The Board concurred that Mr. Jarvis should attend.

At this time, Mr. Jarvis departed the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rasiul read and submitted the engineer's report which is on file at the Township Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion/consideration to adopt the proposed Floodplain Ordinance – Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-04, an ordinance requiring all persons, partnerships, business, and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the Township of Valley which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail, or refuse to comply

with, the requirements or provisions of the ordinance. Mr. Lama seconded the motion.

Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to accept extension for Valley Suburban Center to November 30, 2017

– Mr. Lama made a motion to accept the extension for Valley Suburban Center to

November 30, 2017. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes;

Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/consideration regarding septage management monitoring system implementation –

The Board reviewed the documentation provided by Kathy Jeffers regarding the requirements of a septage management monitoring program. Mr. Rasiul reinforced the need to meet the requirements that is outlined in the Township Ordinance and was a condition of approval of the Township Act 537 that we had a program. The Board concurred that this should be implemented and maintained by the Codes Office.

At this time, Mr. Rasiul departed the meeting.

Discussion/consideration to permit park use at Hayti Park for a Gospel Music Fest on September 30, 2017

– The request for Park Use of Hayti Park for a Gospel Music Fest on September 30,

2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. After discussion, **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to permit**

the use of Hayti Park for the Gospel Fest on September 30, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00

p.m. as long as they adhere to the Rules and Regulations and provide a port-a-potty for the

event. Mr. Lama seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms.

Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to authorize Public Works to work on Valley Day – Mr. Lama made a

motion to authorize two people from the Public Works Department to work during Valley

Day. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes;

Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to fill the Vacancy on the Planning Commission – Mr. Lama made a

motion to appoint Michele Allen to the Valley Township Planning for the term to expire

December 31, 2018. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes;

Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to fill the vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Council – Mr.

Lama made a motion to appoint Robert Wilkey to the Environmental Advisory Council for

the term to expire December 31, 2020. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms.

O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration regarding gutter repair quote from LDD Services LLC for repair on

east side of Township Building – Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to accept the quote from

LDD Services LLC in the amount of \$925.00 to replace the east side gutter on the

Township Building with the contractor being responsible to pay the contractor insurance

registration if he is currently not registered. Mr. Lama seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Lama made a motion to accept the minutes of September 5, 2017, Board of Supervisors meeting. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to pay bills as presented. Mr. Lama seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works – The monthly report was also distributed to the Board of Supervisors and is on file at the Township Office.

Administration Report – Monthly written report was distributed and is on file at the Township Office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo, Township Secretary