

MINUTES FOR MARCH 1, 2016

The regular meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Township Municipal Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Chairwoman, Patrice Proctor. Those in attendance were supervisors Christopher Lehenky, Kathy O'Doherty and Arlin Yoder; Robert Glisson (Township Manager); Ed Rasiul of Pennoni Associates (engineer); and Alan Jarvis (solicitor). Supervisor Joe Sciandra was not present.

An executive session was held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting to discuss personnel.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

Mr. Yoder made a motion to take the agenda out of order. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion.

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

BOARD GENERAL COMMENTS

Ms. Proctor announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Friday, March 25, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. for children ages 2 to 10. The annual inter-municipal shredding and electronic waste event will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 9:00 am to noon at the Kmart parking lot in Thorndale.

POLICE PRESENTATIONS:

Judge Koon administered the Oath of Office of Police Officer to Vernon Garner, Jr. Mr. Garner will join the Valley Township Police Department as a part-time police officer.

Police Officer James Chieffo, on behalf of Chief Friel, presented resident Charles King with a Letter of Appreciation from the Valley Township Police Department for his assistance with a medical emergency in June of 2015.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Carmen Figueroa, 1051 Front Street – Ms. Figueroa reported water coming down on Cemetery Lane. There was question regarding if Cemetery Lane was a dedicated road. Ms. Figueroa also noted about the buildup of cinders. Mr. Lehenky stated that the road crew, who is currently shorthanded, has not begun the spring street sweeping.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Jarvis reported on the following items:

- Solicitor Jarvis reported that he met with various representatives regarding 957 West Lincoln Highway regarding the clarification of township lien on the property. It was confirmed that the lien was missed by the title company during their search.
- Solicitor Jarvis confirmed that John Jaros is not a representative of Valley Farm Development. The question arose regarding issues involving the attempts to finalize the professional fee escrow account for this project.
- Solicitor Jarvis reported that he issued inquiries via fax to DocStar and PADCO regarding what appears to be a second lease billing for the DocStar equipment. Initial responses have been received and are being investigated.

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- Solicitor Jarvis reported that he has drafted an amendment to Ordinance #2013-04 for the Board's consideration to proceed to advertise.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rasiul read and submitted the engineer's report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Glisson reported that he attended the Multi-Modal Route 30 Study presentation on February 29; attended Representative Lewis' *Meet and Greet* on February 26; confirmed the meeting with the architect for March 7, 2016; and is doing research with regards to Wagontown Road. There was discussion regarding the scope being looked at for Wagontown Road. Mr. Glisson stated that he is also looking into grant funding. It was noted that Pennsylvania Water Company's lines are located in the area and that they may be an interested party in repairs needed. Mr. Rasiul added that there was an estimate of \$400,000 - \$500,000 for wall repair prepared at one time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration/discussion regarding proceeding to advertise an amendment to Ordinance #2014-04 which adopted the Pennsylvania Construction Code:

Mr. Yoder made a motion to proceed to advertise the amendment to Ordinance #2014-04 as presented. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Yoder – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Consideration to set date to have Code Secretary interview selection list and setting date for interviews:
The Board agreed to have interview selection list turned in to the Township Secretary by March 7 and to hold interviews on March 21, 2016.

Consideration/discussion regarding the 2016/2017 Salt Contract:

Mr. Yoder made a motion to commit to 400 tons for 2016/2017 for the State Salt Contract. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Yoder – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration/discussion to adopt a Resolution establishing procedures for compliance with the professional services contract provisions of Act 44 of 2009:

Mr. Yoder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-13, a Resolution to establish procedures for compliance with the professional services contract provisions of Act 44 of 2009. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Yoder – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion regarding Public Works personnel status:

The Board noted that one full-time employee is out for an indefinite amount of time due to illness and another is currently out for an undetermined amount of time due to an off-duty injury. The Board discussed the use of part-time or temporary workers. Ms. Proctor recommended looking into the options for using temporary or part-time help as well as looking at the budget for the possibility of the hiring of a full-time public works employee as additional roads will be turned over to the Township within the next year.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Yoder made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – abstain; Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Yoder – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COG – Mr. Yoder reported that an objective of the COG this year is to look at regionalization possibilities for EMS, Fire, and Police. He noted that an ongoing trend is for fire companies merging. He also noted that the Brandywine Conservancy will be continuing work with trails.

Recreation – Ms. Proctor noted that help to hide eggs is always needed for the Annual Egg Hunt.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Runk, 385 Rockdale Lane, advised that the snow fence on Washington Lane does not appear to be effective.

At this time, Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Rasiul left the meeting.

Ms. Figueroa, 1051 Front Street, commented about the amount of trash on her street. The Board reviewed the efforts of many volunteers on the Community Clean Up Day, but that the entire Township cannot possibly be addressed. The Board discussed residents taking pride in their neighbors or other programs such as “Adopt A Highway” or that from time to time, the Boy Scouts look for community projects.

The Board addressed questions regarding who is called for dead animals on the streets.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Yoder seconded the motion. All affirmed. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Township Secretary