

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday September 5, 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 7:40 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Christopher Lehenky, Kathy O'Doherty, Eric Lama, and Patrice Proctor. Supervisor Joe Sciandra was absent. Also in attendance were Michael J. Ellis, P.E. of Pennoni Associates, Inc. (Township Engineer) and Alan Jarvis (Township Solicitor). An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the meeting to discuss a litigation issue, the new township building, personnel issues and items on the agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Lama made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting as presented. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – abstain; Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Jarvis reported that he has been reviewing correspondence with regards to the Defendants' response to the Plaintiff's motion for peremptory judgement with new matter to the In Mandamus claim by Orleans. It was further noted that Judge Tunnell has granted the petition for leave to intervene of the Villages at Hillview Community Association in the In Mandamus claim.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he drafted the Floodplain Ordinance public notice which will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at the meeting of September 19.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that upon preparation to file the deed of dedication for the Spruce Street Sewer Main Extension he noted that a realty tax report is required.

At this time, Mr. Jarvis departed the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

At this time, Mr. Ellis departed the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion/consideration to set dates to interview candidates for the Planning Commission and Environmental Advisory Council vacancies – The Board of Supervisors agreed to meet on September 14 starting at 6:30 p.m. to meet with those individuals who have expressed an interest to serve on the Planning Commission and EAC.

Discussion/consideration to set dates for 2018 budget meetings – The Board of Supervisors set the following dates at 6:00 p.m. for budget meetings, as needed: October 4, 11, 18, 25, and November 1 and 15.

Discussion/consideration regarding intermunicipal sweeper regarding sale of equipment by group or to be sole owner – It was noted that it appears East Brandywine and Caln Township no longer wish to stay in the intermunicipal agreement as owners of the 1997 Elgin Street Sweeper. West Brandywine Township would like confirmation to list the equipment on MunicBid. West Brandywine is referencing difficulty in obtaining parts. After discussion, **Mr. Lehenky made a motion to table any decision until the parts availability or unavailability can be confirmed. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion.** Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/consideration to adopt the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Valley Township Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans – **Mr. Lehenky made a motion to accept the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Valley Township Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans as presented. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion.** Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to remove Officer Justin Heiney from probationary status – **Mr. Lehenky made a motion to remove Officer Heiney from probationary status. Mr. Lama seconded the motion.** Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to allow Brian Myers to roll over 40 hours of vacation to 2018 – **Ms. O’Doherty made a motion to allow Brian Myers to roll over 40 hours of vacation to 2018 to be used by the end of the first quarter of 2018 and at the 2017 pay rate. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion.** Question: Mr. Lama noted that Mr. Myers also was requesting to sell back a week of vacation as well. It was noted that the Non-Uniform CBA allows the sell back of vacation but requires authorization by the Board of Supervisors to roll over up to one week to the next year. Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to add Cynthia R. King as a signer on the Township Bank Accounts – **Mr. Lama made a motion to authorize Cynthia King, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, as a signer on the Township Bank Accounts. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion.** Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to appoint Cynthia King to the Workplace Safety Committee – Ms. O’Doherty made a motion to appoint Cynthia King to the Workplace Safety Committee. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

BOARD GENERAL COMMENTS:

Ms. Proctor noted that there will be a Jazz Festival held on Saturday, September 16, at the Westwood Fire Company from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Proctor reported that former supervisor Arlin Yoder asked for her to pass on his appreciation for the edible arrangement that he recently received.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Township Secretary