

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Kathy O'Doherty, Eric Lama, and Patrice Proctor. Supervisors Christopher Lehenky and Joe Sciandra were 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 and items on the agenda.

PRESENTATION TO DAVID PORTER:

Ms. Proctor and Ms. O'Doherty presented Mr. Porter with a *Certificate of Appreciation* for his service to Valley Township as a member of the Valley Township Planning Commission and member of the Environmental Advisory Council. A gift was presented from his colleagues.

TMDL PRESENTATION:

Mr. Rasiul reviewed the Valley Township MS4 TMDL Plan. He noted that the TMDL Plan had been advertised on July 7, 2017 advising that the Plan is available at the Township Building for Public Inspection and written comment submission. Mr. Rasiul further noted that the Plan must be submitted with the application for NPDES Permit to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection by September 16, 2017. Mr. Rasiul's presentation included background, reason for the TMDL Plan, existing pollutants of concern, waste load allocations, BMP measure to be implemented, and operations and maintenance of BMPs. The estimated cost to implement the BMPs in the first five-year cycle is \$743,000. Following Mr. Rasiul's presentation, the floor was opened for questions and comments.

Kathy O'Doherty, 112 Pinkerton Road – Ms. O'Doherty inquired if anyone reached out to the Chester County Airport Authority regarding working with them. Mr. Rasiul advised that they had not. The Township would need to then expand their area to include the property owned by the CCAA.

Bruce Manning, 160 Stoyer Road – Mr. Manning, who is also a member of the Valley Township Planning Commission, stated that when the Airport Authority was recently in to review possible airport expansion with the Planning Commission that he asked them to voluntarily look at the east end where all the trees had been taken down. He said the airport representative stated that they would and report their findings to Michael Ellis, P.E., of Pennoni Associates.

Kathy O'Doherty, 112 Pinkerton Road – Ms. O'Doherty asked how do you get rid of sediment and where do you put it. Mr. Rasiul advised that sediment is a result of erosion of the stream banks and that we must have an approved place to deposit it which requires a DEP permit.

Kathy O’Doherty, 112 Pinkerton Road – Ms. O’Doherty asked how do you get rid of nitrogen and phosphorus. Mr. Rasiul advised through Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Kathy O’Doherty, 112 Pinkerton Road – Ms. O’Doherty asked how the federal government got their TMDL numbers. Mr. Rasiul stated through testing and a desk-top approach.

Kathy O’Doherty, 112 Pinkerton Road – Ms. O’Doherty asked what the scope of work is for the Grove Avenue erosion? Mr. Rasiul stated to stabilize the banks.

Kathy O’Doherty, 112 Pinkerton Road – Ms. O’Doherty inquired when the Township works with the HOAs, such as Springbrook Village, on work with regards to the basins, who will own the basins? Mr. Rasiul stated that this will need to be addressed. A suggestion would be for the Township to take “ownership” or an agreement would need to be drawn up outlining who is responsible.

Kathy O’Doherty, 112 Pinkerton Road – Ms. O’Doherty inquired if there will be a cost increase over the next 5 years. Mr. Rasiul stated that we don’t know if the Plan, as presented, will be approved. Mr. Rasiul stated there is some long-range work to be done and inflation will be a factor.

Charles Bruce, 925 West Chestnut Street – Mr. Bruce inquired what happens if the Township cannot comply. Mr. Rasiul advised that the township must comply.

Charles Bruce, 925 West Chestnut Street – Mr. Bruce inquired if there is grant funding. Mr. Rasiul stated that there are some grant options noting PennVest offers grants and low interest loans to finance these types of projects.

There being no further questions or comments, the Board thanked Mr. Rasiul for the presentation.

Ms. O’Doherty made a motion to take the agenda out of order. Mr. Lama seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

DEPARTMENT REORTS:

Public Safety – Chief Friel was not in attendance. His report will be available at the September 5 meeting.

Fire – The Westwood Fire and Ambulance monthly reports were distributed.

Emergency Management – No report

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

No report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Jarvis reported on the following:

- Mr. Jarvis reported that he continues to receive and review eMails relative to Orleans's complaint and the Township's filing against Orleans. He noted the most recent correspondence was paperwork filed by the Hillview HOA to intervene in Valley's case against Orleans as well as a motion to consolidate.
- Mr. Jarvis stated that the title search was ordered for 1230 Valley Road.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he recorded the Louise Smith subdivision on August 4. Subsequently, she will need to have a new deed prepared which his office has been asked to do.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he reviewed the *Contractor Insurance Registration Ordinance* and does not believe that it needs to be amended.

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 accept the extension for Valley Suburban Center to October 1, 2017– Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to accept Valley Suburban Center's extension to October 1, 2017. Mr. Lama seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to authorize escrow release #4 for Terry Funeral Home in the amount of \$81,826.50– Based on the Township Engineer's recommendation, Mr. Lama made a motion to authorize escrow release #4 in the amount of \$81,826.50 for the James J. Terry Funeral Home. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to accept the extension for Valley Suburban Center to August 30, 2017 - Mr. Lama made a motion to accept the extension for Valley Suburban Center to August 30, 2017. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to accept Deed of Dedication for the Spruce Street Sewer Main Extension – Mr. Rasiul reviewed that everything has been done and as built submitted. It was noted that Mr. Morresi and Mr. and Mrs. Brownback have signed the *Deed of Dedication* as well as the *Maintenance Bond* and posted the funds with the Township for the maintenance bond. **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to accept the Spruce Street Sewer Main Extension. Mr. Lama seconded the motion.** Question: Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

At this time, Mr. Rasiul departed the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/consideration to hire a Project Manager for the new township building project – **Mr. Lama made a motion to hire Hill International, based on their revised proposal, as Project Manager for the new municipal building project. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion.**
Question: Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to appoint an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – **Mr. Lama made a motion to appoint Cynthia King as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer effective August 21, 2017. Ms. O’Doherty 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 the July 18, 2017 and August 1, 2017, Board of Supervisors meetings. 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:

There was discussion that the Board did not approve the most recent invoice from Kimmel Bogrette at the July 18, 2017 meeting. After discussion, **Ms. O’Doherty made a motion to authorize the check being released to Kimmel Bogrette in the amount of \$28,528.51 to be sent to Martin Kimmel’s attention with a letter. Mr. Lama seconded the motion.**
Question: Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Mr. Lama – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Mr. Lama made a motion to pay bills as presented. Ms. O’Doherty 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.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Proctor advised that there will be a *Fun in the Park* on Friday, August 25, 2017. There will be games for the children. When dark, the movie *Sing* will be shown. She is looking into renting a popcorn machine and water and juice will be available.

Safety – Ms. O’Doherty reported of a safety incident reported at the last Safety Committee involving a driver not ensuring that a laborer was securely on the back of the truck. It was also noted that the Township Building’s east-end gutter is falling off and should be looked at. A fire drill was held on August 9 and Chief McWilliams was present and talked with the staff about fire safety.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo, Township Secretary