

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2021

VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The first monthly meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, via hybrid to allow participation at the Valley Township Building at 1145 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA or through the *Go To Meeting* platform.

The Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patrice Proctor at 7:37 p.m. Those participating in the meeting at the Township Building were Supervisors Kathy O'Doherty, Sharon Yates, Carmen Boyd, Casey Max Leidy, and Patrice Proctor. Participating in the meeting were Amanda Sundquist, Esquire, of Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees (Township Solicitor); Michael J. Ellis, P.E., of Pennoni Associates, Inc. (Township Engineer); and Kris Lenhart, Township Roadmaster, who all participated virtually and Scott T. Piersol, Township Manager, who was present at the Township Building.

Mr. Piersol noted the format for the hybrid meeting for those wishing to comment and requested those participating virtually keep audio on mute and unmute at designated time to speak or when called upon by the Board of Supervisors.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS/ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Proctor noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. to review possible litigation and personnel issues. Ms. Proctor also noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on July 22, 2021, following the Quarterly Financial Review meeting, to discuss personnel matters.

Ms. Proctor noted that prior to the meeting, Glenn D. Eckman was sworn in as Chief of Police.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Piersol noted that Lisa Pointek had requested to be on this evening's agenda and was inadvertently left off the agenda and requested that she be added under *Citizen's Request to be on the Agenda* to discuss sewer connection on Country Club Road. **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yates, to add Lisa Pointek to the agenda under *Citizen's Request to be on the Agenda*.** The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES AS WRITTEN

Ms. Boyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leidy, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021, Board of Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Yates made a motion, seconded Ms. O'Doherty, to approve payment of bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Ms. Proctor noted the following:

- Township Building has reopened to the public. Hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Masks are asked to be worn.
- Drive Thru Bookbag Give-Away – Saturday, August 7 starting at 12:00 noon at the Township Building
- Drop off recycling of electronics and television collection has been suspended at the Township Building until our disposal company can begin collecting items and we are re-registered with the DEP. Residents can take one television per vehicle to the Chester County Solid Waste Authority Landfill (Route 322, west of Honey Brook)
- Discount movie ticket sales are available for purchase for \$9.50 each (cash sales only)
- Compost site open August 14, 2021, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (2240 Upper Gap Road)
- Yard waste August collection: North side – August 9; South side – August 16
- Mattress collection – August 30 – pre-paid fees apply
- Concert – September 11 at 12:00 noon at Westwood Fire Company

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Emergency Management Coordinator Joe Sciandra stated that there was no written report for the month July but noted that the Emergency Plan revision is close to being finished. He also mentioned that violent weather patterns during the recent months noting that places that have never flooded are seeing flooding and encouraged everyone to be prepared for an emergency.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

Kira Floersheim – Ms. Floersheim, a constituent advocate from Representative Chrissy Houlahan's office, provided a report and update of the Pennsylvania 6th Congressional District. She highlighted that \$24.2 million was secured for priority projects. She also noted that if any federal grants are applied for to reach out for a support letter from Representative Houlahan.

Joh Woodard, 181 Rainbow Road – Mr. Woodward addressed the Board regarding what he believes is an illegal repair business and other non-complaint issues at 917 and 943 George Street. He noted that he is trying to sell his property and half of the people who have viewed his property have mentioned the conditions of the surrounding properties as their reason to not submit an offer. He noted that he had filed complaints in early June and believes a violation notice was issued; however, there are still cars in the cul de sac. Mr. Piersol noted that additional citations are being worked on and stated that there is a 30-day notice for operating a commercial business in a residential area. Mr. Woodward inquired why a complaint form needs to be completed when a Codes Officer can see a violation. Mr. Woodward also asked about "No Parking" on George Street. Roadmaster Kris Lenhart stated that George Street is not currently a

designated, by ordinance, street that does not permit parking. Ms. Sundquist stated that there was discussion in late 2019 about adopting an ordinance to prohibit parking in any cul de sac but nothing was ever drafted or enacted. The Township did adopt in 2019 an ordinance that prohibited obstructions in the street. Mr. Piersol reiterated that there are additional citations being issued and that timeframes are being followed.

Ann Woodward, 236 Church Street – Ms. Woodward commented that the Hayti area is “a mess”. She referenced several vacant buildings – one on Main Street; two on George Street; and one on Highland. She noted bushes and trees that are overgrown. She stated that the Codes Officer needs to ride around and look at properties. She questioned why written complaints need to be submitted as people tend to know who made the complaint. Ms. O’Doherty stated that written complaints are anonymous. Ms. Woodward stated that other neighborhoods seem to be getting attention for road improvements and clean up and Hayti does not. She feels these vacant houses are a safety issue.

Lisa Pointek – Ms. Pointek stated that she is assisting the homeowner of 170 Country Club Road who would like to connect to public sewer. Mr. Piersol reviewed that availability would require a low pressure force main to be constructed and installed. Options are to begin the review with the Township or to wait until Pennsylvania American Water purchases the system which may be a less costly connection option. Mr. Piersol advised that he would forward to her the Township Connection forms and the DEP application forms which would first need to be submitted and upon receiving DEP’s exemption approval, the application could be submitted to the Township if the owner would opt to not wait until PAWC takes ownership of the system.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Consideration regarding the Agreement between Valley Township, Liberty Commercial Development Corporation, Ltd., and Oakcrest Homeowners Association – Ms. Sundquist advised that Liberty Commercial Development Corporation Ltd. (the developer) and the Oakcrest Homeowners Association have signed the agreement to release the developer from the obligation to construct the improvements and convey or dedicate the same to the Association with regards to the proposed pedestrian bridge. **Mr. Leidy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to approve the agreement to release Liberty Commercial Development Corporation, Ltd. from their obligation to construct the improvements and convey or dedicate the same to the Oakcrest Homeowners Association with regards to the pedestrian bridge and other items outlined in the Agreement.** The motion passed with Ms. O’Doherty voting nay.

Consideration to authorize payment to Perrotto Builders Ltd. – **Ms. O’Doherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leidy, to authorize payment to Perrotto Builders Ltd. in the amount of \$82,458.30 for partial payment of Payment Application #24 with reservation of rights and conditions to be specified in Valley Township’s legal counsel’s letter.** The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Ms. Sundquist departed the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/consideration to adopt a Resolution ratifying authorization for Carol Lewis to sign a Video Sharing Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Valley Township – It was noted that the Board of Supervisors approved a Video Sharing Agreement between the Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative PennDOT's "ITS" program at their April 7, 2021, public meeting which was subsequently signed by then Township Manager Carol Lewis on June 22, 2020. The Commonwealth, however, requires that a Resolution be passed naming who is authorized to sign the Agreement. **Mr. Leidy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to adopt Resolution 2021-15, a Resolution retroactive to April 7, 2020, authorizing Carol Lewis to sign the Non-exclusive Video Sharing License Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Valley Township to allow access and use by Valley Township to traffic camera feeds deemed beneficial by PennDOT.** The motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Consideration to authorize the VPP Corridor Plan Contract to be signed – **Mr. Leidy made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Doherty, to authorize the contract with the County of Chester to be signed for the West Lincoln Highway Corridor Plan grant.** The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/consideration to authorize Escrow Release #8 for Valley View Business Park/G.A. Vietri in the amount of \$111,669.49 – Based on the Township Engineer's recommendation, **Ms. Yates made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leidy, to authorize Escrow Release #8 for Valley View Business Park Lot 6/G.A. Vietri Inc. in the amount of \$111,669.49.** The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/consideration to approve the Grinder Pump Operation & Maintenance Agreement for 225 Glencrest Road–**Mr. Leidy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yates, to approve the Grinder Pump Station Operation and Maintenance Agreement between Arthur and Dwayne Tooles and Valley Township for 225 Glencrest Road, Coatesville, PA.** The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lucibello submitted the Engineer's Report which is on file in the Township Office.

At this time, Ms. Lucibello departed the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Piersol noted that the COG continues to investigate the idea of a shared Animal Control Officer. A letter explaining what information the ACO Committee has gathered and requesting

each municipality's interest in having the COG further investigate the process and associated costs will be forthcoming.

Mr. Piersol also mentioned that the COG has authorized two members to the annual PA COG Conference and Trade Show. Ms. O'Doherty, Valley's delegate on the COG, has expressed an interest to attend to Conference pending her work schedule. Mr. Piersol requested to attend if Ms. O'Doherty is not able.

Mr. Piersol reported that he and Mr. Lenhart had discussed the possibility of a new recycling vehicle. There are plans to apply for a PaDEP grant to reimburse the Township 90% of the vehicle cost. He also learned that PaDEP is promoting alternate fuel vehicles and is providing grant funding for installation of a Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) fuel depot as well as up to \$100,000 toward the purchase of a vehicle. Applications for the LNG program are due by August 27.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/consideration to purchase one taser and 5 extended performance magazines – Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leidy, to authorize the purchase of one new taser, with a four-year extended warranty, and five extended performance magazines for a total cost of \$1,552. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to authorize attendance to the PSATS Business Meeting to be held on October 15 and to attend the dinner on October 14 – Mr. Piersol stated that he would be attending the PSATS Business Meeting to be held on October 15 on behalf of PSATS as he is on the Resolution committee. After discussion, Mr. Leidy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to authorizing Kathy O'Doherty to attend the annual business meeting and dinner and lodging on October 14 as the Township's Voting Delegate. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. O'Doherty abstaining.

Consideration to open a new "ARPA Fund" account at Prosper Bank and to transfer ARPA allocation \$406,744.56 – Mr. Leidy made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Doherty, to authorize a new account to be opened at Prosper Bank for the ARPA funds received and to transfer the 2021 ARPA allocation of \$406,744.56 that was originally deposited into the General Fund to the ARPA Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to approve Holy Dove Fellowship Church's request to use Hayti Park on August 28 – Application was received for Holy Dove Fellowship to use Hayti Park on August 28 from approximately 8:00 am to 8:00 pm noting approximately 50 people in attendance. After discussion, Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to approve the use of Hayti Park on August 28 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, setting the rental fee as \$50.00, noting the refundable security deposit has been paid, and requiring that a portable toilet is provided and that terms of the Rules and Regulations are followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to accept Greg Hines' resignation as a part-time police officer – Ms. Boyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leidy, to accept the resignation of Greg Hines as a part-time police officer effective August 30, 2021. Ms. Yates noted her appreciation to Officer Hines for his years of service to Valley Township which was echoed by the other Supervisors. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dave McCoy, 323 South Bonsall Road – Mr. McCoy stated he participated virtually at the Board's last meeting and he had trouble hearing many of the members talking. He also thanked the Board for paving Airport Road but asked if they would consider paving a center yellow line on the portion that was paved. Mr. Lenhart stated that the would obtain pricing.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned.

Janis A. Rambo
Township Secretary