

Valencia Borough Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

10-5-2023

Commissioners Present: Torey Verts; Julie Himmelstein; John Mullins

Guests: Brian Himmelstein, Rob Vigue

Call to order:

The meeting of the Valencia Borough Planning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Changes

No changes were made to the agenda.

Amend/Approve Minutes:

No changes were made to the meeting minutes from 9-7-2023.

Decision: Commissioner Himmelstein made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Mullins seconded.

Vote: 3.0.0

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New business:

Borough Updates

Mr. Himmelstein and Commissioner Verts gave updates on the borough. Mr. Himmelstein reported that the bid meeting for the Butler and Hayes Street Storm Sewer Drainage Project was successful. There were 5 bids for the project. The lowest bid was from W M Aiken and Son. Olsen and Craft will be doing the evaluation of the bids and making a recommendation at Monday's Council meeting. Mr. Himmelstein will be attending a meeting regarding EMS services next week.

Commissioner Verts reported that she followed up with Quality EMS regarding requested information. Commissioner Verts also forwarded the statistics page from Quality EMS of the calls to Valencia Borough. As it currently stands, St. Barnabas Woodlands and Charity Place make up 95% of ambulance calls to the borough. Commissioner Verts also reported on the monthly county municipal meeting. There were presentations from Dr. David Rottinghaus of Independence Health System and Kendall Derstine from Homeland Security. Local governments should be aware that there are online threats and misinformation from foreign governments targeting United States elections.

Zoning and Public Hearing

Sean Gallagher submitted the public hearing advertisements to the papers. The hearing is also advertised on the Valencia Borough website. Commissioners decided to post a sheet on the borough building door advertising the hearing.

Trick or Treat

Commissioner Verts is in the process of making the Trick or Treat signs to be posted around the borough. Butler Radio and the Butler Eagle also have the correct date for Valencia Borough's Trick or Treat.

Other

Commissioner Mullins asked about whether the trail would be getting fixed. He reported that he recently walked the trail and that it was sandy and not compacted.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 5:30.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Amend/approve minutes
- Amend agenda if needed
- Borough updates

This month's assignments:

Commissioner Verts – November agenda; minutes; set up Zoom meeting; attend public hearing

Commissioner Himmelstein – Attend public hearing

Commissioner Mullins –

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Decision: Commissioner Mullins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Himmelstein seconded.

Vote: 3.0.0