



Valencia Borough Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

10-3-2024

Call to order:

The regular meeting of the Valencia Borough Planning Commission was called to order at 5:34 p.m. at the Valencia Borough building at 61 Almira St., Valencia, PA 16059.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Torey Verts; Julie Himmelstein; Josh Zimmerman

Guests: No guests

Agenda Changes

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approve Minutes:

No changes were made to the meeting minutes from 8-1-2024.

Commissioner Himmelstein made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: 3.0.0

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New business:

Borough Updates

Commissioner Verts gave an update on the borough. Council has hired two new people to take over the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. Council made the decision to hire two people because of the amount of the workload required for the borough and the difficulty of finding one qualified person to be able to cover all of the tasks. The new people have been in training this past month.

Planning Commission Meetings

Commissioners discussed whether they should continue to hold Planning Commission meetings on a monthly basis for next year. Commissioners discussed whether they should refocus the priorities and the topics of the meetings. Commissioner Zimmerman suggested to bring topic ideas for meetings to next month's meeting. Commissioners decided to continue the conversation at next month's meeting.

Trick or Treat

Commissioners discussed the potential date for Trick or Treat in the borough. There have been no complaints about having it on Saturday night, and commissioners reported that last year's Trick or Treat was successful. Commissioners stated that having Trick or Treat on a Saturday was probably easier for parents, plus there is a built in "rain date" if the weather turns out to be bad. Commissioners decided to



recommend to Council to have Trick or Treat in the borough on Saturday, October 26th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Ordinance 93

Commissioners reviewed Ordinance 93 which deals with public excavations. Commissioners continued to review similar ordinances from other municipalities. Commissioner Himmelstein stated that a potential consideration should be if there is an extra fee if someone wanted to dig up a roadway that had been paved in the last five years. She also suggested to have an adjustable bond based on the amount of roadway being disturbed. Commissioner Verts suggested to look at the Mars Borough ordinance since they are somewhat similar in size to Valencia Borough. Commissioners will continue to review the ordinance at next month's meeting.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:30.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Approve minutes
- Borough updates
- Meeting dates for 2025
- Ordinance 93 discussion
- Yearly report

Adjournment:

Commissioner Himmelstein made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Vote: 3.0.0