

September 11, 2017 minutes from Valencia Borough Council.

ATTENDANCE: Pres. Brian Himmelstein, VP Shanon McKenna, Rob Vigue, Mayor Krystal Schultz. to accept minutes, Shanon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Shanon made motion to accept treasurer's report , Rob seconded. Motion carried.  
Paying bills: Shanon made motion to pay bills, Rob seconded. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Randy Smith – Supports joining Adams Twp.

Caroline Smith – asked if it is legal to connect rain water drains into storm drains in Butler County as it is illegal in Allegheny County. Caroline noted that Valencia is a small community and that residents are burned out

Marguerite Martin – supports merge with Adams Twp.

Reg Martin – supports merging with Adams Twp.

Tom Little – was visiting meeting to see what the merger would mean for Valencia Borough.

Marg Little

Bob Martin – he addressed council regarding rain water run off. He said the drains are not connected to storm drains. He feels they should be connected.

Craig Soltis – is attending meeting to hear pros and cons on merging with Adams Twp.

Caleb Harsburger – Butler Eagle

Julie Himmelstein

Torey Verts – zoning process has stalled and she feels it needs to be discussed. She feels the zoning process should continue and decide what the borough wants regarding zoning. She feels that our voice will not be as loud if merging with Adams as they are much larger. She feels zoning talks should resume.

Megan Cunningham – supports a merger

Fred Preik – attending meeting to:

(1) requested a public review of the borough finances

(2) he noted that the Butler County Board of Elections advised him 5% of votes are needed to approve a merge with Adams Twp.

(3) he has a petition with 34 names requesting adding a merger to the spring ballot. He feels that St. Barnabas will be in favor of the merge.

Ruth Preik – observing

Brian asked Fred what he feels he is trying to achieve by undermining council. Brian was advised that Adams Twp. police was contacted by Fred. Brian said Adams Twp. is very interested in re-evaluating our police agreement.

Shanon noted although 5% of Valencia voters are needed to merge with Adams but both municipalities have to have majority of votes. Shanon feels zoning talks should continue. He feels St. Barnabas is a large entity and they would be able to purchase properties. The majority of Valencia tax money comes from St. Barnabas. Mileage for Adams Twp. is 3.75 mills, Brian addressed Valencia's mileage is .0076 mills. Should a merge happen, taxes will go up. Shanon feels a meeting with Chris Rearick needs to be set up and that Adams Twp. has to want to merge with Valencia Borough.

Brian feels that if the merger doesn't happen, Valencia needs zoning. Brian also noted that all people involved need to read the State Code on municipality merges.

Fred addressed he is not at the point yet to proceed with the merge. He asked that the borough cooperate with residents. He reminded us that Adams Twp. has an appeal board. He asked that Valencia Council wait 90 days before proceeding. He asked that Valencia appoint one member of council as a liason. He feels that Adams Twp. would treat residents fairly. It was mentioned that Richland Twp. had to use eminent domain to erect a red light. Fred asked if Chris Rearick is an attorney. He asked if he is qualified to be a certified zoning officer. Fred wants to form a commission to investigate the financial stability for the past three years. Valencia to agree to a 90 day waiting period.

Krystal feels that our solicitor needs to be aware and give his advice. She recommends all involved should come to a mutual compromise. Zoning talks should resume if merger doesn't take place. Committees are being formed.

Rob noted we need to be on a parallel path with each other and that zoning talks should proceed.

#### Old Business

MS4 – report submitted to Justin Dickey.

Paving Dodds Ave. – not paving all of Dodds. A binder to be applied to get ready for next year. Part of Dodds in Richland had a water break.

Ruth Preik said there are 5 potholes that need repaired.

Mars Library donation – Krystal talked to Mars Mayor Hartung asking how Mars comes up with their \$5000 donation. She was told there is a tax percentage for the donation.

Valencia Post Office – letter to be sent for addresses 501-504 and 701-706 Curran Ct. 900 Curran Ct. has not yet been approved.

Minutes from zoning meeting – Shanon needs list of people who attended.

#### New Business

2018 Budget – discussion on getting issues resolved.

Shanon made motion to adjourn, Rob seconded. Motion carried.