

MINUTES FROM VALENCIA BOROUGH COUNCIL

August 13, 2017 minutes from Valencia Borough Council.

ATTENDANCE: Pres. Brian Himmelstein, VP Shanon McKenna, Rob Vigue, Mayor Krystal Schultz.

Minutes were read. Shanon made motion to accept minutes, Krystal seconded. Motion carried.

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

VISITORS:

Fred Preik – Fred addresses council stating he had questions on the borough operations, zoning, street repair. He asked what was the 2017 budget, Brian said the 2017 budget was \$67,202. The current expenses are \$26,341. Brian also noted the 2016 budget expenses versus revenue was \$80,693 to \$79,000 in revenue including streets. Fred asked if police agreement with Adams Twp. was expired. Chief Westerman is retired and the contract needs renegotiated. Krystal met with Adams Area Fire District. She noted there is a commitment between the department and Valencia Borough.

Ruth Preik – observing and giving her allotted time to address council to Fred

Torey Verts

John Mullins

Gary Lager

Bob Renfrew – withdraw volunteering for zoning committee

Bill Rooker – supports Fred Preik's proposal. He suggested asking Adams Twp. if they would be interested. He also asked if there is an ordinance which gives council authority to approve variances.

Matthew Ficus – questioned the in lieu of tax for St. Barnabas and asked if St. Barnabas is non-profit.

Brian stated that St. Barnabas is at the bottom of 60% in lieu of tax. Matt also addressed council about Dodds Ave. washing out and that drains are needed. Brian said that a connecting basin is needed.

Matt asked about the property adjoining his property. He said the property has no utilities and people are living there. Matt feels the property should be cleaned up by the borough. Brian said there are no taxes being paid on that property. Brian noted the borough is in need of a property maintenance officer.

Broty Bajuszik – asked if George St. and Short St. will be paved. Drainage needs addressed on George St. He supports joining Adams Twp.

Marguerite Martin – asked council if this meeting was to vote on zoning.

Pastor Bob Martin – wanted clarification if St. Barnabas owns 83% of the boro property. Correction St. Barnabas owns 83% of the assessed value.

Reg Martin

Julie Himmelstein

Marg Little – was never aware of any variance granted to the Methodist Church. She asked what are the set backs to erect a tool shed. Brian advised her the setback from property line is 15' and if the shed is under 200 sq.ft., no permit is needed.

Tom Little

Old Business

MS4 water testing – water samples have been taken.

Zoning – plans for appointing planning commission – questions regarding hiring politicians for zoning commission. Fred proposed Valencia Borough join with Adams Twp. Volunteers are needed to staff

committees. Fred noted that he has heard complaints from residents regarding the current council. He proposed merging with Adams. He proposes streets be repaired with current funds, sell the borough building and use monies to erect sidewalks. He suggests a transitional committee be formed to achieve this proposal. He suggested Valencia Borough hold off zoning presently.

Shanon addressed Fred and noted (1) there may be legal aspects to spend all the current monies and selling the borough building. (2) he said to think about zoning as setting a path for ourselves. Adams is a much bigger municipality so it may not be as easy to voice opinions and concerns.

Audit – Krystal made motion to finalize and accept the audit draft. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

Paving Dodds Ave. – Valencia missed piggybacking with Adams Twp. for street repair.

Mars Library donation – Krystal to contact the representatives.

New Business

Letter to be sent to Valencia Post Master regarding validating 501-504 Curran Court.

It was discussed posting the boro minutes. Minutes to be added to the website and posted on the front door of the borough building.

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