

## MINUTES FROM VALENCIA BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 13, 2017 minutes from Valencia Borough Council.

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

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

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

### VISITORS:

Ed Fosnaught – DCED – addressed council regarding a municipality merger. Noted that both municipalities must be interested. There would have to be an ordinance to have it placed on the ballot. Each municipality has to approve by a majority vote. He said there is a consolidation option where both municipalities disappear and a new municipality occurs. A merger could occur and there is a grant to help fund the merger. An early intervention program is where a municipality is in financial difficulty. If a merger happens, property taxes could possibly increase. If both municipalities agree there should be a merger, then it would probably pass.

Caroline Smith – Valencia Park – asked if there is revenue still being obtained from signs. She asked why it has not been kept up for the last 3 years. Brian explained it fell into his hands and that the park is in disrepair. Caroline said she would volunteer to contact the sign owners to see if interested in continuing to advertise.

Randy Smith – asked if council spoke with Adams Twp. to see if interested in a merger. Krystal said that Adams Twp. disclosed no interest.

Megan Cunningham – dog at 72 George St. continually barking. She asked why can't the Humane Society intervene. Rob to contact the Humane Society.

Fred Preik – asked if the right to know info was completed. All info was turned over to Fred.

Peg Martin – ready to have a dinner at the Methodist Church to raise money for the park.

Chris Cinker – submitted plans to council for subdividing property at 58 Butler St. for a 5 unit complex.

Julie Himmelstein – observing

Don Zabowski – water is still running into his yard from Fred Preik's property. He wants council to have Fred fix problem to stop the water from running down. He said he now has 3 sinkholes in his yard. He has difficulty when trying to mow his grass. He asked if Fred got an inspection of the curbs he was supposed to install on his driveway. Brian will talk to the engineer to see where water is coming from.

### Old Business

MS4 water testing – Rob to call about report

Zoning – Shanon to contact Ed Kneddle about setting up a commission committee meeting.

Drainage repair to Dodds Ave. – completed

Library donation – added to 2018 budget

Merging with Adams Twp. tabled – Mike Gallagher to contact Adams Twp. for a response.

2018 Budget – preliminary budget – to be approved at December meeting.

Act 172 Earned Income Tax for volunteers of Fire Companies and non-profit emergency medical services – to be discussed and find out what other municipalities are doing.

Fred Preik – right to know info – completed

Follow-up on updated radio system for fire and police – Krystal reported Butler County to commit to 75% (final cost of \$35,000 plus \$10,00 for upgrades. She feels Valencia should help with the cost. Suggested 5% (\$2500-\$5000).

#### New Business

PADOT meeting – Brian and Krystal attended. Brian addressed Three Degree will have a total reconstruction. Adams Twp. is considering taking over Three Degree Rd.

Chris Cinker – subdivision of 58 Butler St.

Meeting with Adams Twp police – Krystal to contact Adams Twp. to set up a meeting.

Security system at Boro Building – discussion on installing a video camera at the borough building as there has been graffiti painted on the back wall. Damien Shultz to get pricing.

Recurring special meeting – discussion on having a recurring special agenda meeting every month.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A proposal received from solicitor – to be added to reorganizational meeting

Invitation received from Historical Society to council to attend their Christmas Party.

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