

## MINUTES FROM VALENCIA BOROUGH COUNCIL

October 9, 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, Rob seconded. Motion carried.

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

Paying bills: Krystal made motion to pay bills, Rob seconded. Motion carried.

### VISITORS:

Bill Rooker – Observing

Brady Bajuszik – thanking council for repairing storm drain. Discussed the safety of the park. Reported the volleyball net is in shreds. Brian noted the boro only has a 1 year lease so the boro has to fund the repairs. St. Barnabas won't allow for a 25 year lease. There needs to be definite repairs or it will need to be abandoned. There is no community involvement to improve or repair. It needs to be decided as to what does the community wants the borough to do.

Ruth Preik - observing

Fred Preik – presented a petition to review financials. He wants full time police protection from Adams Twp. Shanon feels solicitor needs advised. Fred noted that the solicitor is not the person to contact. Council asked for an additional 30 days to provide financial stability. Fred was displeased that he has to wait another 30 days. Council met with Mike Gallagher. They discussed providing the documents but unsure what is requested. Should the revised docs be provided today or when everything is obtained. As for the request for a council member be a liason, Gallagher feels it is not advisable. He feels an independent company be on the committee. It takes bias out of the issues. Fred addressed the boro is a process with no results. Council listens with no action taken. Fred said this is not a witch hunt but council is dragging their feet. Fred wants to assist council with the process. He said he is not advocating the merger yet. Info is to be furnished to Fred within 30 days. Brian requested a motion to supply Fred with 2014/15/16 financials along with the DCED audit. Krystal made motion, Rob seconded. Motion carried.

Brian asked for a motion to contact DCED to get independent commission company to determine solvency and what steps need to be taken from the borough. Krystal made motion to contact the DCED, Shanon seconded. Motion carried.

Fred asked if there was room for a merger committee to be involved.

Megan Cunningham – feels a council member could be on the committee as a liason. There is not conflict of interest or bias. Shanon feels council should determine if the borough is financially sound. DCED should be advised. Megan asked if the park still gets funds from the signs and if there is still a relationship with the Mars Baseball Assoc. Brian explained no funding from the signs and that Mars Baseball donated \$2000 for repair of the infield.

Peg Martin- suggested a dinner at the Methodist Church be held to raise money for the park.

Bob Martin - observing

Colleen Stephan – Darryl Metcalf's representative

Marg Little - observing

Julie Himmelstein-questioning petition wording. No public funds should be expended. Ed Niddle feels a parallel path needs to be started between Adams and Valencia.

Torey Verts – merger would take a long time. She feels Valencia residents would not be heard if we merge with Adams. Torey asked if cash donations could be accepted and a check be given to the Rec Board.

#### Old Business

Zoning – plans for appointing a planning commission. Krystal noted that in February, 2017 there was a motion for move forward.

Drainage repairs to Dodds Ave. – Aiken is waiting for equipment availability to complete repairs.

Library donation – tabled

Minutes from zoning meeting. Krystal made motion to provide minutes from Feb. 20, 2017 zoning meeting. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

Rob made motion to provide minutes from zoning meeting from July 31, 2017. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Merging with Adams Twp. – tabled

Fall newsletter – to be delivered Wed. Oct. 15.

#### New Business

ACT 172 Earned Income Tax Credit for volunteers for fire companies and non profit emergency medical companies. Krystal to contact fire chief to see what other municipalities are doing.

Hourly fee for secretary – tabled

Certified letter to be sent to 72 George St. in violation of Ordinance #232. Krystal made motion, Rob seconded. Motion carried.

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