

Valencia Borough Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

7-1-2021

Commissioners Present: Torey Verts; Julie Himmelstein, John Mullins

Guests: Brian Himmelstein, Parker McKenna

Call to order:

The meeting of the Valencia Borough Planning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Amend/Approve Minutes:

No changes were made to the meeting minutes from 6-3-2021.

Decision: Commissioner Himmelstein made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Mullins seconded.

Vote: 3.0.0

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New business:

Updates

Commissioner Verts gave an update on the funding for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Commissioner Verts filled out all of the forms and paperwork to get funding for the ARPA which will be distributed by the state. It was a very lengthy process. Valencia Borough now has a DUNS number and a registration with SAM.gov. There was a discrepancy with the amount of money that was listed as being available to the borough which didn't match what Valencia Borough's proposed budget was in 2020.

Commissioner Verts wrote a letter to the DCED requesting assistance to rectify the number. At the very least, Valencia Borough should be receiving over \$90,000 over the course of two years. Commissioner Verts will update the Planning Commission and Council when she receives additional information regarding funding. Commissioner Verts will write up a document that contains the information needed for the ARPA funding so that others have access to the information.

Council President Himmelstein gave updates on the borough. The turnback project went out to bid on Monday. Adams Township won't get ownership of the roadway until they get the second lump sum of money from the state in July. The bids will open on August 9th. Valencia Borough may have to hold a special meeting to accept the bid. There will have to be temporary construction easements on some private property so that the workers are able to be there. Valencia Borough needs to have an open house meeting for everyone on Three Degree Road so that they are aware of what the project entails.

Regarding the MS4 grants, Mr. Himmelstein reported that the final budget has been worked out and we are now waiting to hear from the DEP.

Commissioner Himmelstein worked with Zoning Officer Chris Rearick to get a zoning certificate for the property located at 74 Butler Street.

Zoning Hearing Board

Commissioner Himmelstein is still trying to get dates established for the Zoning Hearing Board.

Community Food Donation Box

Commissioner Mullins gave an update on the food donation box. Pastor Kirk may have a person who works with the church who is able to build the box. Commissioner Verts may also have a person, but she won't know more information until the end of the month. Commissioners need to have a set plan in place first before anything is done with the box. It was recommended to have a food donation box like the one at Crossroads Church on route 910.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 5:30.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Amend/approve minutes
- ARPA updates
- Food donation box updates

This month's assignments:

Commissioner Verts – August agenda; minutes; set up Zoom meeting; get pictures of food donation boxes, write up ARPA document

Commissioner Himmelstein – Contact Chris Rearick to set up Zoning Hearing Board

Commissioner Mullins – talk to Pastor Kirk

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Decision: Commissioner Himmelstein made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mullins seconded.

Vote: 3.0.0