



## Allen Township Board of Supervisors

### Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Fire Company Building, located at 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA. Mr. Hassler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Frack, Gary Behler; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari, Sr.; Carl Edwards; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME.; Ilene Eckhart, Manager.
2. **Announcements:** Ms. Eckhart reported on the American Rescue Plans funding application process has been completed and the first trache of funds (\$263,975.75) should be received by the end of June.
3. **Public to be Heard:** Brittany Rogers, 551 Delta Road presented a petition on behalf of the adjacent Lot #93 Towpath Subdivision Plan. She felt that West 27th Street was not wide enough and they did not feel an additional home should be added because it was not part of the homeowners association for Towpath Estates. She explained Riverside Pointe community does not want to see the home built in the community. She added there are issues with the community currently, such as insufficient snow removal and grass maintenance by Tim Livengood. Additionally, she stated mailboxes are not being plowed and the hydrants are not being cleared.
4. **Public Hearings:** No Public Hearings.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11th and 25th, 2021; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
6. **Reports – All Reports with exception of the Treasurers Report noted as “on file”.**
  - A. **Treasurer:** Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
  - B. **Solicitor:** On file.
  - C. **Engineer:** On file. Mr. Wojciechowski reported regarding the West 27th Street paving per the committee meeting last year on-site with the developer. Mr. Wojciechowski reported that the developer has paved half the W. 27th Street roadway. Mr. Wojciechowski will direct the developer to complete the remaining work.
  - D. **Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:** On file.
  - E. **Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader:** On file.
  - F. **Fire Company:** On file.
  - G. **Emergency Management Coordinator:** On file.
  - H. **Parks:** On file.

**J. Nazareth Council of Government: On file.**

**K. First Regional Compost Authority: On file.**

**L. Stormwater: On file.**

**7. Unfinished Business**

**A. Permanent Sewer Flow Meters:** Ms. Martin provided a summary of the costs associated with the meters. This compared the Florway and the Harco flow meters and were on COSTARS contract. Following some further discussion, Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the telog meters we presented in the attached quotes (2) Raven Eye systems and 4 PSA-AV systems in the amount of \$48,880.00 with the monthly cost of \$830.00 per the COSTARS contract; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Willowbrook Road Median Study:** Mr. Wojchiechowski reported on the Willowbrook Road Median Study. Mr. Wojchiechowski added that FedEx has submitted a Final Plan submission which will be reviewed the Planning Commission this month which proposing the opening of an additional access way in the area of the originally proposed employee parking addition area to be changed to a truck parking area. Mr. Behler questioned options preference. Mr. Wojchiechowski felt that Option #2 was his preference.

Mr. Montanari questioned the Willowbrook Farms development impact on the median. Mr. Wojchiechowski stated that he felt that it would control the access to the project.

Mr. Hassler stated he was not in favor of spending \$588,968 for an improvement that should be for the industrial developments. He felt this was unfair to the taxpayers of Allen Township. Mr. Hassler felt that the all the traffic studies said what was built was adequate.

Mr. Behler felt that there was funding available from the funds contributed by Rockefeller Development Group for various improvements as well as real estate transfer taxes which the Township have benefited from financially beyond the cost of the proposed median. Mr. Behler felt that the traffic was just going to increase. Mr. Hassler felt that those funds should be used for something that benefits the entire Township. He felt that the remaining developers in the corridor should pay for the median.

Mr. Montanari questioned Mr. Wojchiechowski if this was to be installed if FedEx would not be able to request the left turn movement. Mr. Montanari felt that if FedEx is not told about the proposed median they should be notified of this. Mr. Treadwell explained that Township representatives met with FedEx counsel and design engineer a few months ago and this issue was brought up to them. The purpose of this meeting, which was held at the request of FedEx, to discuss the Phase 2B plan submission and the median was brought up.

Mr. Montanari questioned if FedEx could have an issue with the access restriction or if any of the other adjoining property owners would have an issue with the restriction which would be created by the installation of a median.

Mr. Hassler felt the study should be forwarded to the Planning Commission. Mr. Behler felt that if the Supervisors do nothing it was a failure of the Township. There was no action on this item at this time. Mr. Behler made a motion to send the study to the Planning Commission to obtain their thoughts on the study this far; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**C. Conveyance and Draft Lease of Allen Township Fire Company Building:** Mr. Hassler recused himself from participation with this item due to his position as Fire Chief. Mr. Treadwell reviewed the changes and the agreement has been forwarded to the Fire Company representatives. Mr. Jake Schock, Fire Company President, was present and stated the Fire Company approved the form of the lease. Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the form of the lease; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Hassler who abstained.

## **8. New Business**

**A. Willow Green Sewer System Emergency Repairs:** Ms. Andrea Martin, EIT, summarized the recent sewer clog and backpitched pipe to the sewer pump station. Ms. Martin explained that this clogged the artery directly flowing to the pump station. She indicated that the clog, sag in the line, backpitching of the pipe. She reported that Bellview Pump began the project, which required certain safety equipment due to the depth. She reported there is only 1-1/2" pitch on the pipe run from the manhole to the station, which was to be 6" according to the as-built plan from the Township records. She further reported that the adjustment has been made as the floats were to be able to be adjusted to expand the capacity in the wet well to three feet. She summarized the proposal to correct the condition, to replace the pipe to make up the slope. The alternative would be to go back to the next manhole (replace it) and adjust the pipe - this run would be about 80 feet. On the question from Mr. Behler regarding costs of the project so far, Ms. Martin was not able to project a cost due to the emergency nature of the work, the recent rainfall and trench collapse issues. To core drill the manhole and replace the pipe she estimated \$5,000 plus the additional excavation costs. Ms. Martin noted the lack of bedding for the manholes or pipes and bellies in the lines, which is problematic. She stated that the flowable fill may be utilized in replacing of the pipe to provide a more stable bed for the pipe which will be replaced. Mr. Behler questioned the effect on laterals. Ms. Martin stated that there has been an effect as the last houses are not on that run. She indicated that if the second option is requested by the Board, she was unsure of the laterals on the run.

Mr. Montanari further questioned Ms. Martin regarding the fill method requirements and if she would be on-site during the backfilling of the pipe replacement. Ms. Martin indicated she would provide on-site inspection and documentation, if that was the wish of the Board. Mr. Behler made a motion to proceed with the project; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Towpath Estates Lot #93:** Mr. Treadwell followed up with the issue brought up by the public. Mr. Montanari explained a single family home was allowed on Lot #93. Mr. Hassler explained that if the developer complies with Township regulations they can not reject the plan.

**PSATS meeting July 28th, 2021 Breinigsville, PA:** -Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Mr. Hassler to attend the meeting; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**9. Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience.

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart

