



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022 7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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: Gary Behler; Tim Paul; Paul Link; Dale Hassler; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq; Ilene Eckhart, Manager and Andrea Martin, EIT. Absent: Jason Frack
2. **Announcements and/or Actions to Add New Items to Current Agenda:** Ms. Eckhart requested an executive session to discuss ongoing sewer litigation at the conclusion of the meeting.
3. **Public to be Heard:** Mr. Eugene Clater, 75 Arrowhead Lane, commented regarding upcoming public hearing and shared some observation regarding the planned replacement of the Willowbrook Rd Bridge (Catasauqua Creek). He noted that the Supervisors consider the additional lane for the Bridge in light of the 700 units proposed by the Fuller Trust. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the bridge is in the County P3 Program and is currently under utility review, therefore, replacement should commence in about one year. He was concerned that the two-lane bridge would not adequately handle the traffic. Additionally, he felt the "Mixed Use Village" use should be special exception/conditional use so that there is more advantage during the plan review process. He requested the Board rethink the bridge to have the third lane implemented during reconstruction so that the bridge last 50-years into the future, which he felt a two lane bridge would not do so sufficiently.
4. **Public Hearings:** No Public Hearings.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11 and 25, 2022; seconded by Mr. Paul. 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. Behler made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
 - B. **Solicitor:** On file.
 - C. **Engineer:** On file.
 - D. **Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:** Ms. Eckhart reported that the January Planning Commission meeting would be held on January 24th, 2022 due to the holiday on January 17th.
 - E. **Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader:** On file. Ms. Eckhart commented regarding the ongoing dump truck traffic issue on Seemsville and Kreidersville Roads. She indicated she has been coordinating with PennDOT to request a brake retarder restriction study and further truck restriction. She indicated, regarding Kreidersville Road, part of the study request would require both Lehigh Township and Northampton Borough to support the PennDOT study. Ms. Eckhart indicated that she has contacted the State

Police regarding speed complaints. Additionally, she noted she has requested similarly from both East Allen and Moore Township, regarding Seemsville Road.

- 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. Ratification of Increase - 2023 10 Ton Truck Order: Ms. Eckhart explained that due to supply chain issues, the initial unit approved by the Board was unable to be order pursuant to the December 2021 motion on the Board. Ms. Eckhart explained the increase cost of the chassis unit from an alternate supplier (International) for the additional amount of \$5,220.00. Mr. Behler made a motion to ratify the additional amount for the purchase of \$5,220.00; seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Act 537 Plan Update: Ms. Martin provided an additional update regarding the completion of the plan and was held with Northampton Borough and PADEP officials. She indicated that she is working with the Borough Engineer with a goal of March 3rd for the completed plan. Additionally, she has been coordinating with Catasauqua Borough due to the separate service area. She indicated that the Joint Act 537 Plan submission deadline is May 20th, 2022. She further outlined the public comment component and Planning Commission review comments (Allen Township, Northampton Borough and Catasauqua) process, which must take place prior to May. Mr. Behler questioned if there was various developers need any additional information available regarding the meeting with Northampton Borough due to the EDU. Ms. Martin indicated that there are necessary upgrades to the plant regardless of the additional EDU's required by Allen Township. She indicated Northampton Borough has committed to the necessary improvements to the treatment plant in order to facilitate an additional 323 EDU's.

8. **New Business**

A. Authorization to Purchase - Willow Green Pump Station Submersible Pump: The Board questioned the rebuild of the pump to be replaced, which Mr. Gogle explained was for the Willow Green Pump station. Mr. Gogle explained that current the pump station is running on one pump. Following some further discussion, Mr. Behler made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the \$7,087.00 from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.; seconded by Tim Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

9. **Public to be Heard:** Tim Tepes, 32nd Street, asked for clarification if the approved Planning Module secured the EDU's for the project, therefore there should not be an expiration of EDU's.

Ed Diechmeister, 700 Sipos Drive, indicated that the Scott Novanchek (DEP) indicated that as long as an Act 537 Planning Module approval is granted it may not be rescinded, therefore a project has the ability to proceed. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the current draft Act 537 Plan includes a projection of all EDU's including those

that submitted prior planning module approvals. Ms. Martin also explained the private sewer request filed by one individual, and that the Act 537 Plan Update is for the entire Township. Mr. Treadwell requested that all documentation in the possession of the developers regarding this matter should be forwarded to the Township Manager.

Eugene Clater, Arrowhead Lane, requested the status of the Northern Access Traffic Study compiled by the LVPC and PennDOT as it did address the usage of brake retarders, in light of the triaxle usage of Kreidersville and Seemsville Roads. He felt the study would provide ammunition when speaking to PennDOT regarding the brake retarder issue.

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart