



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, May 8, 2014**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Paul Balliet.

**Roll Call:** Paul Balliet - Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Dale N. Hassler - Present; Bruce Frack - Present; Jim Milot, P.E. - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Absent; and Ilene M. Eckhart - Present

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

**Public Hearings:** No public hearings.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2014 as presented; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

### Reports

**A. Treasurer:** Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Solicitor:** On file.

**C. Engineer:**

i. **Krapf Quarry In-fill:** Mr. Milot indicated a site visit has been conducted and a revised draft review letter of the grading plan application has been submitted to the Township

Zoning Office and Solicitor (re: zoning determinations). Mr. Milot indicated that it appears that the current grading plan will be required to be modified to address excessive fill amounts on the northernmost side of the quarry.

**D. Zoning Officer:** On file. Ms. Eckhart reported receipt of correspondence received (and copied to Northampton Borough) from East Allen Township concerning review of their Comprehensive Plan. The letter requests information regarding sewer capacity availability. Ms. Eckhart indicated she would provide the information as requested.

**E. Code Enforcement:** On file.

**F. Road Superintendent/Public Work Director:** On file. Ms. Eckhart requested an executive session regarding hiring.

**G. Fire Company:** On file.

**H. Emergency Management Coordinator:** On file.

**I. Parks:** On file. Ms. Eckhart reported on the recent meeting regarding the Savage Road Trail/Dog Park with Township staff. She indicated updated estimates for the Conceptual Plan B for the Board's further consideration.

In addition Ms. Eckhart reported that the Bertsch-Hokendauqua-Catasauqua Watershed Association completed the live stake planting at the PPL power line stream crossing site on the Hokendauqua Creek. This was the area that the Supervisors asked the group to look into when they attended a prior Supervisors meeting last year with John Mauser. The site is on the west side of the stream, just downstream from Kreidersville Covered Bridge Park

### **Unfinished Business**

**A. House Addressing Ordinance – Compliance Update:** Mr. Hassler indicated that appeared there was about a 25% compliance rate. The end of June is the timeframe in the ordinance for compliance. In addition, Mr. Hassler noted that several signs installed are not in accordance to the placement requirements of the ordinance.

### **New Business**

**A. PennDOT Application for Truck Access Route (Willowbrook Road) FedEx Ground Hub:** Mr. Milot provided a draft letter of recommendation if the Board wished to approve the request with the conditions. Mr. Oberly questioned if PennDOT gave a deadline for the comment. Mr. Milot clarified that the truck route would be limited in scope from Road A south to the municipal boundary. Mr. Pierce made a motion to send the letter approving the truck route with the following conditions based upon the developer constructing improvements or that financial security is provided, that all outside approvals are in place and contingent upon the Rockefeller Subdivision and FedEx Land Development Plan; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Frack who abstained. Mr. Robert Nappa, East Bullshead Road, questioned if signage would be installed to prevent trucks traveling north of the intersection of Road A and Willowbrook Road. Mr. Milot

responded that from the Townships perspective that has been a comment contained in both the Subdivision and Land Development engineering reviews. Mrs. Kim Nappa, questioned if this was a variance and what if the Township said “no”. Mr. Milot responded that if the Township said “no” then PennDOT would either deny the request or overrule the Township as a Commonwealth agency.

**B. Northampton Borough Municipal Authority – Notice of Water Rate Increase:** Ms. Eckhart provided the notice from Northampton Borough Municipal Authority regarding the upcoming rate increase for meter sizes 5/8” x3/4” to 2” and multiple dwellings. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the rate increase was nominal and did not justify an adjustment to the sewer rate. Mr. Oberly felt that the Township should wait any adjustment to the public sewer rate until we find out if Bethlehem changes their rate later in the year. The Board tabled the item for further consideration later this year.

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. Robert Nappa, East Bullshead Road, questioned the vote planned in June 2014 and if the vote would be delayed in consideration of the FAA Environmental Study. Mr. Hassler indicated that the plan was before the Planning Commission. Mr. Milot clarified on MPC 90-day timeframe which obligates the Township to act on the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart