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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES Thursday, March 9, 2017

A **General Meeting** of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, 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 Larry Oberly.

Roll Call: Bruce Frack - Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Gary Behler - Present; Douglas Brown, P.E., (Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.) – Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr. Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

Public to be Heard: Mr. John Skrapits, Northampton, questioned the Board regarding progress on the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement between Allen Township and Northampton Borough. Mr. Oberly indicated that the negotiations are somewhat stalled. Ms. Eckhart explained the Township has requested information regarding the Borough sewer calculation data. The Board was not able to project the resolution. Mr. Behler suggested Mr. Skrapits also speak to the Borough of Northampton.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Reports

A. **Treasurer:** Mr. Behler 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:** On file.

i. Stone Ridge, Security Reduction Request – Paving Testing: Mr. Brown reviewed the results of the core testing. He felt that the wearing may fail sooner. The Board previously agreed to table the matter until the end of April. In addition, since that time core bore testing was performed and the results presented to the Board. Mr. Tim Livengood responded that he performed the work as requested by the Township and that there was a Township inspector present for the full time during the work performed.

Mr. Brown indicated that the tabling of the matter until April will allow other options to be investigated including additional rolling, additional topping application, the removal and replacement of material, to not accept dedication or leaving the material in-place and accepting it as is.

Mr. Treadwell questioned he was not clear who directed the paving. Mr. Livengood indicated the Township personnel directed the placement of the paving. Mr. Livengood indicated that there could be some cores taken in the Summer.

Mr. Leo Livengood confirmed that the road was not dedicated, therefore they would test at their own direction.

Mr. Brown reported on other various issues regarding Stone Ridge.

Mr. Brown reported on the progress of the Lehigh River property survey which should be completed in early April 2017.

Mr. Brown reported on the progress of the High Meadow Estates Subdivision regarding meeting of conditions and plan recording.

Mr. Brown reported on the progress of the Willowbrook Road Construction and the Fed Ex Regional Distribution Hub construction.

Mr. Brown reported on the Rockefeller Lot #5 Land Development regarding the stormwater aspects and discharges.

Mr. Brown reported regarding the PPL Siegfried Substation Relocation project and the initial clearing of the property.

Mr. Brown reported regarding Allen Township Business Center staff meeting planned for next week.

Mr. Brown reported regarding the Centruy Commerce issues of retaining wall location.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

F. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file.

i. **COSTARS Sodium Chloride Participation Agreement:** Ms. Eckhart discussed the Sodium Chloride/Road Salt purchase pursuant to the COSTARS contract for the 2017/2018 term as well as the remaining amount to purchase under the 2016/2017 contract. Following a lengthy discussion regarding the Township storage capacity, the Board directed Ms. Eckhart to request 500 tons pursuant to the 2017/2018 Salt Contract Participation Agreement. She explained that this would legally bind the Township to purchase 60% and allow the Township to purchase up to 140% of this amount.

ii. **Wastewater Pump Station Maintenance and Troubleshooting Seminar** April 18th Pottstown; Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Mr. Gogle and Mr. Beltz to attend the seminar at \$175 each; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

G. Fire Company: On file.

H. Emergency Management Coordinator: On file. Mr. Gary Krill presented his monthly report. Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to be the Deputy EMC; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

I. Nazareth COG Report: On file.

J. Parks: On file.

i. **Lehigh River Properties Access Research Proposal – Strauss and Associates;** Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Strauss and Associates to research railroad crossing at the River Property pursuant to the presented terms of the agreement and letter of engagement dated March 6, 2017; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

ii. **Cub Pack Troop 40 Request of Use of Kreidersville Covered Bridge Park:** Mr. Pierce made a motion to allow the Cub Pack Troop 40 use of the Kreidersville Covered Bridge Park for their sign-up event on Tuesday, May 16 or Tuesday May 23 at 6:30PM to 8:00PM; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: No meeting since last meeting.

L. Stormwater: Nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business

A. High Meadow Estates – PennDOT Agent Authorization: Mr. Frack made a motion Ms. Eckhart to sign on behalf of the Township pursuant to the Agent Authorization request; seconded Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Towpath Estates, Security – Expiration March 22, 2017: Mr. Hassler questioned how long Township will have to wait for the project to proceed. Mr. Pierce made a motion to draw down the financial security unless a signed expansion is received seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

A. Paving Specifications – Mr. Hassler suggested the Board of Supervisors consider an amendment to the ordinance to limit the timeframe for paving from May 1st until October 1st. He felt this would alleviate problems going forward. Mr. Pierce agreed with Mr. Hassler and requested a written opinion of engineer to set an acceptable policy. The Board agreed by consensus and the written opinion should be provided at the next meeting for the Board's consideration.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Clater asked a question regarding purchased sewer capacity, if not utilized. Mr. Pierce was irritated by resale possibilities.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart