



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, November 10, 2011**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, November 10, 2011, 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; William Holmes- Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Michelle Drzewiecki – Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Ilene M. Eckhart – Absent; Bob Mack(Hanover Engineering) - Present.

Public to be Heard: Mr. John Stoffa was present to request that the Board not dismiss that the referendum failed to pass this weeks election. He felt the voter turnout was low. He requested that the Supervisors place the referendum on a future ballot for reconsideration by the citizens of the Township. In addition, he asked that the Open Space Committee be allowed to finalize the Open Space Plan. Following a short discussion, the Supervisors agreed by consensus to reconsider the referendum for a future election and that the Open Space Committee be authorized to finalize the Open Space Plan preparation. Mr. Metro Leshak questioned what qualified as open space. Mr. Stoffa felt the term referred to farmland, parts and environmentally sensitive lands.

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

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

### Reports

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

**B. Solicitor:** On file. Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session to discuss the Northampton Borough litigation.

**C. Engineer:** On file.

**i. Willow Ridge Singles/Twins, security release:** Mr. Mack indicated a release of \$1,665.00 was appropriate for release. Mr. Mack indicated that about seven or eight lots still require sidewalk and the remaining wearing course on the roadways is pending completion. Mr. Holmes made a motion to release \$1,665.00 pursuant to Hanover Engineering Associates letter of review dated November 9, 2011; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**D. Zoning Officer:** On file.

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

**F. Road Superintendent/Public Work Director:** On file.

**G. Fire Company:** On file. Chief Nicholas Lalik was present concerning the Funding Agreement draft that was recently submitted for the Fire Company's consideration. He questioned the following items contained in the draft and asked for the Board's input:

Regarding the contribution to the volunteer company being deposited into an interest bearing account – he asked who receives the interest earned on those funds? The Board agreed the interest would inure to the Fire Company.

Regarding the vehicle fuels – he asked if the Township would still provide the fuel? The Board agreed the Township would still provide the fuel, insurance coverage, and payment of hydrants.

Regarding the Township providing winter maintenance services for the parking areas – he asked the Board to consider providing winter maintenance services for the both the lower and upper parking lot areas. Following some discussion, the Board agreed service would be provided for both lots however, completion of winter services for the social quarters lot would be provided as a secondary priority by the Township. Mr. Holmes reiterated this is after all the roads are plowed.

Regarding the Township being named on the titles of the vehicles, the Board clarified that the Township's name be added to all vehicles to be purchased in the future and that the existing vehicles remain as currently titled.

Mr. Lalik further questioned if the Company was still allowed to fund raise. The Board confirmed that the Company was still allowed to raise funds on their own behalf.

Following some further discussion, the Fire Company representatives indicated that they were satisfied with the draft with the changes agreed this evening and would consider acceptance of the agreement in the very near term.

**H. Parks:** On file.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

A. Kreidersville Covered Bridge – request for bonfire approval: Mr. Pierce made a motion to grant the request to hold the annual bonfire along with the Christmas tree lighting; seconded by Mrs. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

B. Catasauqua Borough – response regarding sewer request: Ms. Eckhart presented the response letter received from Catasauqua Borough regarding the inquiry into sewer service for the southern areas of the Township. She indicated the Borough has requested specifics concerning the volume, uses and connection points. Following some discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to forward the matter to the Planning Commission to provided the necessary input required to further these discussions with Catasauqua Borough.

**Public to be Heard:** There being no further comments the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart