



## Allen Township Board of Supervisors

### Meeting Minutes January 11, 2022 7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 11, 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; Dale Hassler; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq; Ilene Eckhart, Manager and Andrea Martin, EIT. Absent: Paul Link.
2. **Announcements and/or Actions to Add New Items to Current Agenda:** Ms. Eckhart explained Ms. Martin would address the Act 537 Plan Update briefly following the Towpath Estates item.
3. **Public to be Heard:** Mr. Hassler reported that information from the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT), Presentation. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Township received an unsolicited request to make a short presentation to the Board regarding this topic but a representative could not be present this evening. The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks is a non-profit coalition of local government, law enforcement, public works, and Fire/EMS officials that opposes legislation to increase commercial truck size and weight on local streets and roads in Pennsylvania. The group requests the Board consider providing a letter of support to legislators. Mr. Paul questioned if there was some sort of change regarding agricultural vehicle limits. Ms. Eckhart was unsure if the legislation addresses agricultural vehicle limits.
4. **Public Hearings:** No Public Hearings.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021 and January 3, 2022 with the noted correction to remove Mr. Frack with the approved names of authorized checks signers; seconded by Mr. Link. 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. Paul. 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 due to the holiday on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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. Towpath Estates Sewer Intermunicipal Service Agreement:** Mr. Treadwell provided the background regarding this matter, which authorized the purchase of an additional 50 EDU's for the Towpath Estates project. Mr. Treadwell indicated the payment to the Township would be \$500 per EDU and \$5,070 to Northampton Borough per EDU. Mr. Behler questioned if the amount should be 52 EDU's instead of 50. Mr. Treadwell explained two EDU's were previously purchased from the Borough. Ms. Eckhart confirmed that she clarified the receipt of the two EDU purchase with the Borough Manager. Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the agreement with the correction to the monetary amount as noted (the numeric amount does not match the written amount); seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Ms. Martin provided an Act 537 Plan Status Update. She indicated she has updated the land use planning components and has determined a reasonable sewer service number that could be served by Northampton Borough. She indicated the Catasauqua Service Area is currently confined to the warehouse area located along Willowbrook Road and the future development of the Fuller/Willowbrook Farms property. Additionally, she has forwarded information to the Northampton Borough environmental engineer for compilation in the required Joint Act 537 Plan Update. Ms. Martin noted Northampton Boroughs engineer has indicated that they considering a number of plant upgrades to address relative to additional flow from the Township as well as upgrades to address organic loads. The Allen Township contribution is primarily a hydraulic flow. Ms. Martin indicated there are number of alternatives in the plan, pursuant to the required analysis of alternatives DEP requires through the Act 537 Plan process. She further discuss a parsing of an amount of flow from the Northampton system and a redirection of flows to Catasauqua, due to lack of a new Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement with Northampton.

In response to the question from Mr. Behler, Mr. Treadwell explained the current Catasauqua Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement differs from the Northampton Borough agreement in that the Township purchases capacity at the Catasauqua sewer treatment plant. Mr. Treadwell further explained the Township and Northampton Borough are required to address the DEP Order and will need to address the Order by adoption of the a Joint Act 537 Plan, which would contain both options and alternative analysis of each.

Mr. Behler felt that feedback needs to be obtained from Catasauqua Borough. Mr. Hassler agreed but voiced concern about the potential financial aspects of pursuing alternative option(s). Ms. Eckhart added unfortunately that DEP was clear in their direction that Act 537 Planning does not look at the financial aspects. Mr. Paul commented that we have to look at what is best not what has been spent to date.

**8. New Business**

**A. Authorization to Order 60" Zero Turn Lawn Mower and f15 HOP 28" Snow blower:** Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the purchase of the 60" zero-turn lawn mower (\$12,664.40) and the 28" snow blower (\$1,800) as approved with the 2022 budget; seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. .

**B. Electronic Recycling Events for 2022:** Following some brief discussion regarding the Boards plan to schedule Electronic Recycling Events for 2022, Mr. Behler made a motion to advertise one electronic recycling event for September 10th, 2022 from 9 AM to 12 noon; seconded by Mr. Paul. All yes.

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

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart

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