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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 12, 2010

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, August 12, 2010, 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 – Absent; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Ilene M. Eckhart – Present; Bob Mack. (Hanover Engineering) - 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 as presented; seconded by Mr. Holmes. 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; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

B. Solicitor: On file. Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss litigation.

C. Engineer: On file.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

F. Road Superintendent/Public Work Director: On file. Mr. Uhnak reported Atlas Road is completed and reopened. Mr. Uhnak asked if the Church Road Culvert Replacement could be

bid as an in-place contract for the installation of the culvert, pipe and end walls. The local forces could perform all the other items involved with the project. Messrs. Frack and Balliet agreed that the job for the installation of the pipe, end walls and culvert should be a bid package. Mr. Frack made a motion to authorize the preparation and publication for the receipt of bids for the Church Road culvert, pipe and end walls project as an in-place project; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

Mr. Holmes questioned the side white lines on School Road, Mr. Uhnak indicated that the contractor was required to put back whatever was in existence prior to the oil and chip application.

G. Fire Company: On file.

H. Parks: On file.

Unfinished Business

- A. Stop Intersection Ordinance – Atlas Road new/old intersection points, authorization to prepare draft: Ms. Eckhart indicated that there were outstanding questions regarding the intersection study and the Board delayed the preparation of the ordinance from the time that it was initially presented. Mr. Frack voiced concern about placement of the stop signs and stop bars prior to Board consideration. Mr. Frack felt the installation should not have been decided until the Board directed. Mr. Mack indicated that their recommendation was to make the intersection a three way upon initial opening of the road, analyze the traffic movement for thirty days and then stop the leg of the intersection that is appropriate. Mr. Frack felt since the material is already in place it should be left alone. Mr. Frack questioned the use of the stop bar material. Mr. Uhnak indicated he took his direction from the plans and he used stop bar applications to additionally warn the motorists since it was a new traffic pattern. Mr. Pierce was concerned that the stop signs if not formally authorized by the Township's ordinance are not legally enforceable. Mr. Balliet felt that the traffic pattern was working fine since the opening. Mr. Pierce felt that there should be a four way established at Atlas/Savage/John. Mr. Pierce questioned the Atlas/Savage four way? Mr. Mack indicated that intersection was warranted because there was a significant site distance obstruction at this location. Mr. Holmes felt the Short Lane/Atlas Road should not be changed. He felt removal of the stop sign at Short Lane would create a much straighter area for speeding. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Holmes proposed that the intersection at Atlas Road (new)/Savage Road/John Drive be established as a four-way stop and removing the stop intersection requirement at Atlas Road (old alignment) and Savage Road. Mr. Mack indicated that he would not recommend the removal of the stop signs since it is an established traffic pattern and there is a severe site distance restriction.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance draft to add three stop signs: at Atlas Road and Short Lane (east/west); at Atlas Road and Savage Road (east side of Atlas); and at Atlas Road and Savage (on Savage north/south); remove the two on Savage at the intersection of Atlas and amend the ordinance to make Atlas Road one-way from Savage Road to Joseph Road and

prohibit on-street parking on the south side of Atlas Road to Joseph Road; and removing the stop sign on Atlas Road on the western side of the Savage intersection (due to a change to one-way); and erect any stop signs for control access from the Howertown Park parking lots onto the Township roadways; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Mike Tift was concerned that the Board was not listening to the recommendation of Mr. Mack to evaluate the intersections for a period of time further analysis.

- B. West Bullshead Road – Speed Limit Study Request: Following some discussion of the request of the Willow Green Management Company, the Board did not agree to perform the traffic study due to the current posted speed of thirty five miles per hour. Mr. Mack felt that the roadway if studied today would probably actually warrant a higher rate of speed.
- C. Northampton Area School District – request for township to apply for TIP: Mr. Pierce was in favor of this if the NASD provided the necessary engineering reports to make the application and presentations as required; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- D. Water Service Provider – discussion regarding options north of Rt. 329: Ms. Eckhart explained that Mr. Holmes and she met again with East Allen Township. Following some discussions regarding the logistics of extending water service from NBMA’s system to East Allen Gardens, the Board authorized Mr. Holmes and Ms. Eckhart to set up a meeting with representatives from NBMA to further discuss alternatives regarding water service north of Rt. 329 and factors that could be the subject of a possible agreement for water service north of 329.

New Business

- A. Horner Road – Request of Horwith and Austin Powder to abandon or limit access: Ms. Eckhart explained the situation and the Board determined the gate should be removed. Ms. Eckhart is to contact the property owner again to remove the gate.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

Gary Bailer, asked that the minutes be posted on the website. Mr. Metro Leshak questioned the County status of the Weaversville Park (Wayne Grube Memorial Park).

Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session to discuss the Hafner civil complaint.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart