



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, December 12, 2013**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, December 12, 2013, 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; Brien Kocher, P.E. – Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Drzewiecki made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2013 as presented; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

### Reports

**A. Treasurer:** Mr. Holmes 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 a brief executive session to discuss the litigation filed by Willow Ridge in addition to a potential property acquisition matter.

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**C. Engineer:** On file.

**D. Zoning Officer:** On file. Ms. Eckhart indicated that she provided the Board with a copy of a notice received this week from the Northampton County Conservation District regarding the Krapf property.

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

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

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

**H. Parks:** On file.

### **Unfinished Business**

**A. 2014 Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2014:** Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize advertisement the Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> Reorganizational Meeting at 5:30 PM; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes

**B. Stone Ridge Phase 1B, Extension of time to meet approval conditions (expires December 24, 2013):** Mr. Pierce made a motion to grant an extension of the Stone Ridge Phase 1B approval conditions until February 24, 2014; seconded by Mrs. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Kocher further reported that the developer is working to meet the conditions but he will be returning to the Planning Commission (at their next meeting) to discuss a change that was required as part of their NPDES which included individual on-lot infiltration. Mr. Kocher indicated that the on-lot infiltration systems were not included on the previous phases.

**C. Billboard Ordinance, authorization to advertise and forward to LVPC:** Mr. Treadwell reviewed the Planning Commission recommendations for changes to the current Sign provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to address billboards. Mr. Treadwell indicated the ordinance draft is now in the form to be reviewed by the Lehigh Planning Commission. He indicated those comments would need to be reviewed upon receipt. He summarized that the draft ordinance contains provisions to allow signs in the Highway Commercial and Industrial Commercial Zoning District exclusively; establishes standard billboard separation distances of minimum of 1,000 feet apart; establishes digital billboard separation distances at a minimum of 2,500 feet apart; and establishes certain regulations defining separation distances from residential buildings and zoning districts and billboard structures. Mr. Holmes made a motion to authorize advertisement and submit the draft on to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Frack voted no.

### **New Business**

**A. Valley Road – Hokendauqua Creek – upcoming closure for reconstruction project:** Ms. Eckhart indicated the Township received a notice from Northampton County indicating

that the Valley Road bridge over the Hokendauqua Creek will be temporarily closed and a detour established this coming construction season. Following some discussion, the Board agreed to authorize Ms. Eckhart to send an informational letter regarding the closure to the residents of Valley Road who may be affected by the temporary closure and detour.

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. James Fillpot, questioned the Fed Ex topic and when it would be discussed by the Township. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the project will be listed on the Planning Commission Meeting Agenda on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

The Board held a brief executive session to discuss the item brought forward by Mr. Treadwell. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart