



Allen Township Supervisors

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2017

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 12, 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; Robert Cox, P.E., P.L.S. (Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.) – Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr. Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

Public to be Heard: Mr. Don Noll, Pinehurst, thanked the Board making sure the cross walks were painted at Willowbrook Road

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

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

B. **Solicitor:** On file. Litigation matter – request for executive session.

i. **Northampton Borough Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement:** Mr. Treadwell reported the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement has expired and Northampton Borough sent back a letter that excess capacity was not available for purchase. Borough Solicitor has sent letter indicated additional EDU's may be purchased at higher dollar value. Mr. Treadwell indicated that Ms. Eckhart has requested the back up information to support the higher dollar figure and suggested waiting for the back up to make any further decisions.

C. **Engineer:** On file.

i. Mr. Oberly introduced Mr. Robert Cox as the new Township Engineer. Mr. Cox gave a brief summary of meetings attended.

D. Zoning Officer: On file. Mr. Behler made a motion to accept Mr. Edelman's report; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

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

i. Lawn Care Association Winter Conference (Allentown) – February 7, 2017 and PA One Call – Locator Training (Northampton) – April 13, 2017: Mr. Behler made a motion to send Tom Gogle to the Lawn Care Association Conference and Tom Gogle and Tom Frack to the PA One Call Locator Training; seconded by Mr. Hassler. 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.

I. Nazareth COG Report: On file.

J. Parks: On file.

i. **Pavilion Repairs** – Mr. Behler made a motion to study the pavilions and return with recommendations for repairs, especially related to safety issues; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: Mr. Oberly indicated the reorganization meeting will be held next Tuesday. He indicated he would report to follow-up next month.

L. Stormwater

i. **MS4 Informational Meeting – Monroe County Safety Center** - Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to attend the meeting scheduled at the Monroe County Safety Center; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Unfinished Business

A. Fed Ex – Extension of Work Hours Request: Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize night shifts through March 15, 2017 with no rock crushing or blasting to occur in the night shifts; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Stone Ridge – Security Reduction Requests: Mr. Pierce made a motion to release the funds as follows: Stone Ridge 1A (Release #5) - \$46,318.10; Stone Ridge 1B (Release #3) - \$32,448.30; Stone Ridge Phase 2 (Release #1) - \$5,821.20 with these amounts representing those requested less the paving amount and that the paving of Graystone Circle be re-evaluated

on April 15, 2017; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Lehigh River Access Planning, Priorization and Implementation Proposal – PA Fish and Boat Commission (Palmerton Trustee)/Wildland Conservancy Partnership : Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to proceed; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. Rockefeller Release: Mr. Hassler made a motion to allow the release; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

A. 2017 Electronic Recycling: The Electronics Recycling Event will be held June 10, 2017 at the Allen Township Fire Company from 9am to 1pm, if available.

B. Authorization to Advertise – Part Time Secretary/Accounting Assistant: Mr. Frack made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to advertise the part time Secretary/Accounting Assistant position; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. PA DEP Technical Assistance – Leaf Collection: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to apply for a Grant for Leaf Collection; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. Volunteer Fire Company Incentive Program (Reciprocity): Mr. Behler questioned the new law pertaining to tax incentives for Volunteer Fire Fighters and if it could be discussed at the next meeting.

Public to be Heard: Tom Gogle commented on the speed of the FRCA truck in the Township. Mr. Oberly asked anyone who witnesses the FRCA speeding should document the date/time and report it to the Township building.

Gene Clater commented that the signs on Willowbrook seem to be helping with the traffic.

Micky Philpot questioned if there could be any stripping on Willowbrook Road for night time driving.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart