



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021 7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 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: Bruce Frack, Gary Behler; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari, Sr.; Carl Edwards; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME.; Ilene Eckhart, Manager.

2. Announcements: Ms. Eckhart requested the Board schedule an executive session regarding C-48-CV-2019-00926 pursuant to the request of the counsel provided by the insurance carrier for the Township. Following some discussion the Board agreed by consensus to meet on the evening of April 19th, 2021 in executive session regarding this item.

3. Public to be Heard: Ms. Eckhart indicated she had not received any comments via email.

4. Public Hearings: No Public Hearings.

5. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9th and 23rd, 2021; seconded by Mr. Frack. 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. Montanari. 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: On file.

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

F. Fire Company: On file.

G. Emergency Management Coordinator: No report.

H. Parks: On file.

J. Nazareth Council of Government: No meeting since last report

K. First Regional Compost Authority: No comments.

L. Stormwater: On file.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Trash and Recycling Contract – Resident Survey & Bid Specification Discussion: Ms. Eckhart provide a draft of survey questions as follow-up to discussion with the Board at their meeting of March 23rd, 2021. Mr. Frack felt the Board should be meeting with the trash contractors prior to the bid solicitation. Ms. Eckhart responded it might be more appropriate to reach out to the potential bidders after the survey results are analyzed by the Board. Mr. Behler asked that the priority questions be further clarified regarding the purchase of stickers. Mr. Edwards requested the inclusion of a question to determine if residents wanted the service to be contracted by the Township or if they would rather contract privately. Following some discussion regarding the content of the survey questions, Mr. Behler made a motion to send out the survey with the changes as discussed; seconded by Mr. Edwards. On the motion, by roll call vote, Frack – no; Edwards – yes; Montanari – yes; Hassler – yes; Behler – yes. The Board will review the survey feedback results in May 2021.

B. Howertown Road Bridge Replacement – Detour Options Discussion/Parameters: Ms. Eckhart summarized at the last virtual Board meeting, PennDOT presented the replacement plan for the Howertown Road Bridge. She indicated PennDOT will host a follow-up meeting with two members of the Board of Supervisors and the Township Engineer. She requested the Board further discuss acceptable options regarding the planned detour prior to the meeting between PennDOT and Board members (which is scheduled for tentatively on May 4th via phone conference). Mr. Behler deferred the access to emergency services issue to Mr. Hassler. Mr. Hassler voiced concerns regarding the one-way southbound detour. He felt a temporary signal should be considered by PennDOT to avoid the difficulties and delays for emergency service to respond to the station. Mr. Montanari indicated he is concerned about the property owner who accesses Howertown Road at the bridge. He also felt that the bridge should be replaced all at one time. He felt the longer it takes (to construct) the longer the detour will be in place. He felt the bridge should be closed but would like to hear what PennDOT says about the detour first. Mr. Hassler was concerned that minutes count for each emergency response – it was not a matter of convenience. Mr. Hassler did not feel that PennDOT was looking out for the people of the Township (as a whole). Mr. Hassler felt that the Board should show a united front in talking to PennDOT. Mr. Montanari felt that the Supervisors should wait and see what is proposed by PennDOT at the meeting. Mr. Frack felt that the Jaindl should be responsible. Mr. Treadwell indicated the Howertown Bridge was not part of the Jaindl development responsibilities. Mr. Behler also mentioned the construction of the bridge to the side of the existing bridge or the alternative of the Savage Road extension. Mr. Montanari felt a temporary run-around could be done but did not feel PennDOT would be willing to pay for this option. This matter will be returned to the Board of Supervisors after the meeting with PennDOT.

C. Willow Green Manhole Rehabilitation Project, Final Payment Closeout: Ms. Eckhart indicated the final cracksealing needs to be addressed by the contractor.

D. Rockefeller Lot 5 Release of Financial Security Request and Commencement of Maintenance: Mr. Behler made a motion to grant the financial security release request in the amount of \$3,943,400.47; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Behler made a motion to commence the maintenance period for the Rockefeller Lot #5 public improvements beginning retroactively March 16, 2021; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

8. New Business

A. Willowbrook Farms Mass Gathering Event June 5, 2021: Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the Willowbrook Farms Mass Gathering Event Application as submitted for the rodeo event

scheduled for June 5, 2021; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the question, Ms. Eckhart indicated there have been no known problems with events at this location in the past. Mr. Edwards expressed his opinion regarding the Governor's mandate to prohibit the gathering of people. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Resolution 2021-10 – Bituminous Price Adjustment: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-10 in association with the bid for in-place pavement for 2021, as the overlay or microsurfacing are not quite 100 liquid tons of asphalt and therefore the bituminous price adjustment is appropriate; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. JW Development Plan – Sewer Lines License Agreement: Mr. Treadwell requested this item be tabled until the next meeting as the applicant has not yet provided the necessary documentation to determine the request.

9. Public to be Heard: Mr. Frack praised the Public Works Department for the street sweeping in his neighborhood.

John Kelhart, Willow Green, voiced concern regarding the lack of quality with the livestream for the meeting. He indicated he was concerned about the Willow Green Manhole Rehabilitation Project and scrambled to the meeting location. He remarked regarding the echo in the sound quality and that some members of the Board are not speaking into the microphones.

Mr. Frack expressed concern regarding stormwater issues.

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart