



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, January 13, 2011**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 13, 2011, 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; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Ilene M. Eckhart – Present; Brien Kocher, P.E. (Hanover Engineering) - Absent.

Public to be Heard: On behalf of Bethlehem Authority, David Brong and Stephen Repasch, reported on the ongoing negotiations with East Allen Township Authority and Board of Supervisors regarding service to various areas of East Allen Township including East Allen Gardens. Following some explanation regarding the status of negotiations with East Allen Township, Mr. Brong requested the Board's consideration of a resolution of support of a future application to the PUC for service to areas of East Allen and Allen Townships. The Board generally agreed to consider further discussion regarding the drafting of a resolution for the described coverage area. In conclusion, Messrs. Brong and Repasch indicated that they would return to the Board with a draft map exhibit which would depict the area for PUC consideration.

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

### Reports

**A. Treasurer:** Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mrs. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Solicitor:** On file.

Mr. Treadwell requested the Board hold an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss matters of litigation and further negotiations pertaining to outstanding agreements.

**C. Engineer:** On file.

**D. Zoning Officer:** On file.

**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. North Hills Resubdivision – acceptance of grant of time extension for review until March 31, 2011: Mr. Frack made a motion to accept the extension of time until March 31, 2011; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

B. Allen Township Fire Officers - Appointments: Mr. Pierce made a motion to appoint the individuals recommended by Chief Lalik as Fire Police for 2011 and authorize the Chairman to arrange swearing in of these individuals; seconded by Mrs. Drzeweicki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

C. Center for Animal Health and Welfare, Animal Service Agreement for 2011: Following some discussion, the Board requested more information regarding procedures involving pet owners who appear to claim lost pets and how reimbursement is obtained from those individuals.

D. Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative Agreement for 2011: Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the Agreement continuing health insurance with the Benecon Cooperative; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

E. High Meadow Estates, extension of time for plan review: Mr. Pierce; seconded by Mr. Holmes until April 14, 2011. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

F. North Hills – Townhouse Conditional Use Decision: Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the conditional use decision as presented; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the decision has been submitted to both Attorney Kantra and Cockery and they have not commented to date regarding the decision. Mr. Holmes questioned what would occur if the Zoning Hearing Board does not grant relief. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the applicant needs to obtain relief from the Zoning Hearing Board regarding those sections where he can otherwise not comply with the Zoning Ordinance, without relief, the Conditional Use approval would otherwise be nullified.

### **New Business**

A. Northampton TCC report: Mr. Pierce reported on the fee due to be a part of the TCC (approximately \$300 for the year 2011). Additionally, this is a staged transition and by July 12, 2012 the final transition from the District to the TCC will be complete. The Township will be

required to provide to the TCC the DCED Revenue statement due April 1, 2011 (for 2010) and additionally the Township will need to provide an electronic version of all EIT payers with properly encrypted with the code for Northampton County in the format that will be provided by DCED. Mr. Pierce indicated that DCED has not yet released the specific electronic format.

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. Beiler commended the Road Department for the good job this past storm in clearing the roads. He further questioned the status of posting the minutes to the website. He further questioned if the Board realized the status of the sprinkler requirement in all single family residential.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart