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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 14, 2010

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 14, 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 – Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Ilene M. Eckhart – Present; Brien Kocher, P.E. (Hanover Engineering) - Present.

Public to be Heard: Lin Ditty, Northampton Public Library, thanked the Board for the 2009 contribution and stressed that the Library needed the continued support in 2010.

Public Hearings: None.

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

Reports

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

B. Solicitor: On file. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the Employee Disability Leave Policy Draft has been submitted for their review.

C. Engineer: On file.

- i. **Church Road Culvert Condition Report (1/7/2010):** Mr. Kocher indicated that at the last meeting he was directed to prepare a culvert condition report. He indicated that the report was not a field survey. He indicated Mr. Trinkle provided some additional measurements of the existing pipe. He felt that the first option described in his report was to close the road. He felt this was not

the cheapest option due to grading issues and intersection improvements at Granger and Indian Trail. This may also entail removing the pipe which would create a yard maintenance issue for one property owner and probably a driveway relocation problem for another property owner. Engineering costs may be incurred if additional property is required for the intersection improvements. The second option was a temporary repair to span the culvert with a steel plate or a concrete arch concrete arch. This is a low cost option which would be intended to last for a number of years, but Mr. Kocher warned that erosion will eventually undermine this repair. Costs for this option include road crew time and the steel plate or concrete material and paving. Mr. Kocher described the third option as replacement of the culvert. This offers the best long term solution. It is also the highest cost option. It is unclear whether the Department of Environmental Protection would allow a "same size replacement", so exact costs are difficult to estimate until engineering studies are complete. Cost for this option included engineering and permitting, pipe costs up to a 6-foot diameter pipe, road crew time, and paving. Mr. Kocher concluded that at the meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning with representatives of DEP, he should be able to determine how much engineering would be required to replace the culvert.

Mr. Balliet made a motion to proceed with the Township Engineer's to replace the pipe under the direction of DEP's approval. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Frack was concerned that the Board should wait to see what DEP has to say a tomorrow's meeting. Mr. Pierce questioned Mr. Kocher regarding the reasonable life of the pipe as it exists? Mr. Kocher projected that without any significant storm events over the next two to five years the pipe would deteriorate significantly. Mr. Kocher added it should probably be posted now with a weight limit. Mr. Pierce questioned how this would be determined. Mr. Kocher indicated that there are ways that the Bridge Inspectors make that determination. This would be there determination to make and Hanover Engineering does have Bridge Inspectors on staff. This has not been performed yet.

Mr. Frank Trinkle, requested the response of Mr. Kocher pursuant to Mr. Trinkle's letter dated January 6, 2010. He indicated that in the letter he requested the engineer's comments to his suggestion which involved inserting a 60" HDPE pipe. Mr. Balliet interjected that the Township employs the Engineer for this type of direction. Mr. Trinkle stated that his estimated cost was \$20,000. He also requested the Engineer's opinion of his proposal regarding the feasibility, economic, longevity and durability of same, along with an estimated capital expenditure. Mr. Kocher felt that Mr. Trinkle's letter was a form of his option #3 if DEP does not impose permitting conditions. Mr. Kocher felt that Mr. Trinkle's estimate was in line with option #3.

Mr. Pierce questioned the option #2, what was the life of the repair. Mr. Kocher estimated 10-15 years based on storms. Mr. Kocher estimated less

than \$5,000. Regarding option #3, it will outlive the Board, if it not is dislodged out of place. This should be \$12,000 or less.

Following some further discussion, Mr. Frack felt that the Board should wait for DEP so that we can have clearer direction to obtain the correct estimates based on the allowed application. Mr. Trinkle indicated that the pipe has not overflowed in the forty years he has lived at this location. N

- ii. Hampton Ridge North, Security Reduction Request #6: Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant the security reduction in the amount of 3,811.50; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- iii. Stone Ridge Phase 1A, Security Reduction Request #4: Mr. Frack made a motion to grant the security reduction in the amount of \$2,140.88; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- iv. Minor Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Plan for Thomas L. and JoAnn Koehler: Mr. Frack made a motion to approve contingent upon satisfaction of the Hanover Engineering Associates letter of review dated January 13, 2010; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

D. Zoning Officer: On file. Ms. Eckhart indicated that a Zoning Hearing

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

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

G. Fire Company: On file.

H. Parks: On file.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Public to be Heard: Mr. Frank Trinkle, questioned how many Supervisors would be present at the DEP meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning. Mr. Balliet indicated that two supervisors would be present, himself and Mr. Holmes. Mr. Treadwell indicated that only two supervisors could be present or the meeting would need to be advertised as a public meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart