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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 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; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Alfred Pierce – Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Jim Milot. (Hanover Engineer). – Present; and Ilene Eckhart – Present.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Cyle Strauss, 43 Phyllese Drive, was present to complain regarding the salt brine damage at the cul-de-sac. He asked the Township to look at this issue again, as it occurred in the past. He was looking for a long term solution to this issue. The Board agreed the Public Works Director would look into this matter.

Unfinished Business

A. Savage Road Trail – Dog Park, follow-up discussion: Ms. Eckhart requested direction regarding this matter. Mr. Oberly did not see the need to such a large area for large and small dogs. He was also concerned with the 6' fences and the associated cost. Following some discussion, the Board authorized Ms. Eckhart, Messrs. Oberly and Frack to meet with Hanover Engineering representatives to discuss possible revisions to the concept plan, review cost estimates and then return to the Board for further discussion.

B. Act 537 Sewer Planning: Mr. Clater commented regarding sewer service private versus public relative to the Rockefeller Industrial Subdivision area. He was concerned that private would not be beneficial in a long range planning sense. He felt that even a private interim status type sewer connection would be a nightmare to manage. Mr. Clater voiced concern with regard to multiple tenants access to a private sewer line that parallels a public road. Mr. Pierce felt it was a

policy decision for the Township. Mr. Oberly felt that due to the potential for development in the area, philosophically, it should not be private. Mr. Pierce felt that the Planning Commission will review this matter at their meetings in April and the matter should then be returned to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kocher indicated there was a time limit of 60 days to act on the submitted Sewer Planning Module. Mr. Kocher further indicated DEP has agreed to accept the Planning Module in lieu of the full Act 537 Plan Amendment. Mr. Kocher will prepare exhibits and mapping based on some of the information received from the Rockefeller Subdivision design engineer for the Board's reference to further discuss this matter.

New Business

A. Public Water Service - southern portion of Township: Mr. Pierce felt this was a subject akin to sewer service in the Township. He felt there were reasons to discuss the matter even though we do not have any direct involvement in the outcome. Mr. Pierce felt that representatives of the Board should review water options for service to the southern area of the Township. Messrs. Oberly and Hassler agreed to represent the Township in a meeting to discuss water issues south of Route 329 with Northampton Borough Municipal Authority.

B. Northampton Area School District – request for Township representation on newly formed Northampton Area School District Community Council Committee: The Northampton Area School District Superintendent has announced the formation of the Northampton Area School District community Council. The goal of the Committee is to improve communications with local municipalities, develop an emergency response plan with local municipalities, etc. Following some discussion the Board authorized Messrs. Hassler and Oberly to attend and they agreed to meet as requested.

C. Zoning Hearing Board – Appointment: Mr. Oberly made a motion to appoint Mr. Gary Behler to fulfil the vacancy appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

D. LVPC – Tiger Grant: Ms. Eckhart reported the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission has requested a letter in support of a grant application under the United States Department of Transportation, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant project consisting of a series of improvements including:

- Widening and intersection improvements along Airport Road, Race Street, and Willowbrook Road
- Signalization enhancements and intersection improvements along Schoenersville Road
- Creation of a coordinated public and private bus/shuttle/taxi intermodal on airport property
- Safety gateway enhancements into and on airport property
- Route 22 on-ramp improvements (west bound at Airport Road)
- Series of pedestrian and bicycle enhancements

Mr. Frack made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to provide a letter in support of the TIGER grant application to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

E. Executive Session to discuss personnel matter: Mr. Balliet announced the Board would meet briefly in executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Public to be Heard: Steve Pignato, 10 Country Road, asked the public water service southern portion of the Township agenda item be explained to him. Mr. Pierce summarized the status of the Bethlehem Water Authority in the Township and the various arrangements in the Township to service portions of Allen Township. He further explained the areas of gaps in service such as west of Willowbrook Road. Mr. Pignato was concerned that he would have to hook up to public water. Mr. Pierce felt the City would not have the authority to make Township residents connect to their water system.

The Board adjourned to an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
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