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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 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 Vice Chairman Bruce Frack.

Roll Call: Paul Balliet -Present; William Holmes – Present; Alfred Pierce – Present; Michelle Drzewiecki - Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. -Present; Ilene Eckhart – Present.

Public Hearings:

A. Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement Ordinance #2013-01: Mr. Balliet asked for comments from the audience. There being none, Mr. Holmes made a motion to adopt ordinance #2013-01 which ratifies the Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement between Allen Township and Northampton Borough dated December 12, 2012; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Hal Borger, Church Road, indicated that he owned land adjacent to Tomahawk Trail. He indicated he was opposed to the closing of Tomahawk Trail which is under discussion by the Supervisors. Mr. Hal Borger further indicated that the mailman will not be able to deliver the mail in the winter months. He further commented that the Merkle land would be severely limited with his land if the Tomahawk Trail access would be eliminated. Mr. Borger felt if the road was vacated the Merkle land would be landlocked.

Steven Blishak, Tomahawk Trail, was opposed to the closure. He indicated he used the road every day. He indicated that his wife must travel to dialysis each day. He noted in the winter months the only way out of his property is through the bottom. He indicated he could not turn at the top of his driveway to approach the roadway to the north. He indicated that the road is a must stay open for that

purpose. Mr. Blishak further indicated that the he preferred to see the road stay as it is currently. Mr. Blishak stated that there are ten to fifteen cars traveling on Tomahawk Trail in the evenings.

Mr. Pierce explained that the Supervisors perform a site inspection of the roads each year and the subject of the upgrade of the road was reviewed at that time. Following some further discussion, Mr. Blishak and Borger commented on the dumping that has occurred over the years has become less. Mr. Dale Hassler, indicated that he has a petition circulating that the he will present at the time of a hearing, if a hearing takes place.

Unfinished Business

A. Tomahawk Trail: Ms. Eckhart indicated that the City of Bethlehem has been contacted to mark the water line location. At this time there has not been a confirmation for a meeting with Bethlehem. In addition, Mr. Kocher indicated he has all the permit drawings from when the water line crossing was built. In addition, Mr. Treadwell clarified that if the Township vacates the road that means the Township will not own the road nor maintain it.

New Business

No new business.

Public to be Heard: No further comments from the audience.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Manager