



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

**January 22, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors, was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA 18067. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Oberly.

1. Roll Call: Present: Gary Behler; Bruce Frack; Larry Oberly; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq, Robert Cox, PE, PLS, Ilene Eckhart, Manager.

2. Public to be Heard: Mr. Donald Noll, Pinehurst Drive, questioned the speed limit for northbound Willowbrook Road. Mr. Cox will review and commented 25 MPH in the areas of the construction work zones. This speed limit is dictated as part of the PennDOT highway occupancy permit conditions for installation of the new traffic signals.

3. Public Hearings: No public hearings.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Street Trees – Buckingham, Joseph, Old Gate, Hogan, Wynnewood and White Circle: Ms. Eckhart explained there were about a dozen properties who have not responded regarding the Township request to respond to the street tree correspondence. Following some discussion, Mr. Hassler made a motion to make one final attempt to contact the property owners for a response via certified mail; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Municipal Trash and Recycling Bids for Consideration: Ms. Eckhart read the bids received as follows:

	Advanced Disposal	County Waste	JP Mascaro	Republic Services	Waste Management
OPTION 1					
FULLY AUTOMATED COLLECTION					
1. Annual Solid Waste Collection/Disposal	\$269,205.67	\$399,800.00	\$311,304.00	\$278,385.00	\$318,905.00
2. Annual Recyclables Collect/Processing	\$101,141.67	\$0.00	\$108,552.00	\$87,405.00	\$87,576.00
3. Annual White/Metal Goods Collection/Processing	\$15,377.00	\$0.00	\$3,396.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
4. Annual Bulk Items Collection/Disposal	\$86,414.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
5. TOTAL ANNUAL COST FOR SERVICES	\$472,138.34	\$399,800.00	\$423,252.00	\$365,790.00	\$412,481.00
6. Fuel Clause	\$22,426.83	\$19,990.00	\$21,162.00	\$18,289.50	\$20,600.00
7. TOTAL COST OF 3-YEAR CONTRACT	\$1,416,415.02	\$1,199,400.00	\$1,269,756.00	\$1,097,370.00	\$1,237,443.00
OPTION 2					
FULLY MANUAL COLLECTION					
1. Annual Solid Waste Collection/Disposal	\$255,022.00	No Bid	\$341,424.00	No bid	\$404,772.00
2. Annual Recyclables Collect/Processing	\$94,860.67		\$102,012.00		\$117,480.00
3. Annual White/Metal Goods Collection/Processing	\$13,428.00		\$3,396.00		\$3,000.00
4. Annual Bulk Items Collection/Disposal	\$10,303.00		\$0.00		\$3,000.00
5. TOTAL ANNUAL COST FOR SERVICES	\$373,613.67	\$0.00	\$446,832.00	\$0.00	\$528,252.00
6. Fuel Clause	\$17,750.33		\$22,341.00		\$26,400.00
7. TOTAL COST OF 3-YEAR CONTRACT	\$1,120,841.01	\$0.00	\$1,340,496.00	\$0.00	\$1,584,756.00

Mr. Treadwell indicated that the decision before the Board was to consider the options between the fully automated collection versus full manual collection. Mr. Hassler stated his preference was the full manual due to the topography in the Township as well as the long driveways. Mr. Behler agreed with Mr. Hassler assumption and felt the cost was not a savings due to the additional capital outlay for containers. Mr. Hassler indicated there were grants but the grants were not necessarily guaranteed. Mr. Hassler made a motion to continue with the manual pickup services as currently in place in the Township; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote all Supervisors present voted yes. Following the discussion, Mr. Treadwell indicated that there were some comments raised by Republic Services. Mr. Behler made a motion to award the bid to Advanced Disposal in the amount of \$1,120,841.01 for the three year contract for municipal waste and recycling services; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

- C. Annual Electronics Recycling Event – June 1st 2019: Ms. Eckhart indicated that she had reserved the tentative date of June 1st, 2019 for the annual Electronics Recycling Event with Responsible Recycling. The Board was agreeable to proceed with the date and authorized Ms. Eckhart to organize and publish the event.
- D. PA DEP Act 101 Section 902 Grant Pre-Application Conference: Ms. Eckhart suggested the Board proceed with the submission of an Act 101, Section 902 Grant for the following items based on the Board decision to proceed with the manual curbside collection option:
 - 1. Request for funding to upgrade the current 20-gallon recycling container with freestanding lid to a 35-gallon roll out cart with attached lid.
 - 2. Request for funding to improve the Township Yard Waste Drop Off/Pickup Site with the following items:
 - a. 30% of the cost of a replacement (including the trade-in value of the current unit) of the 2003 Caterpillar Backhoe for the purpose of management of yard waste material

received for processing as well as distribution of finished material to residents (on-site loading). If the grant funding is awarded the equipment purchase would not occur until 2020 (the estimate utilized to support the grant application would be based on 2020 pricing). The purpose of this improvement would be to better serve the residents and allow for better access to the site by residents.

b. Security Upgrades at Drop Off/Pickup Site. This would include additional cameras and automated locking gate. The purpose of this improvement would be to avoid contamination issues and provide continued control of material received.

She indicated the first step would be to commit to the necessary pre-application conference with the Department. Following some further discussion regarding the necessary amendments to the Township Code to bring the Township into compliance with the standards of the Commonwealth Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize attendance at the pre-application conference to review the proposed grant application with PADEP; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

- E. Ratification of Hire of Call In Snow Plow Drivers: Ms. Eckhart reviewed her recommendation regarding the recently interviewed candidates Kyle Walbert and Brian Kulp and requested the Board's consideration to add both Mr. Walbert and Mr. Kulp to the call in snow plow drivers list at the current wage rate. Mr. Behler made a motion to hire Kyle Walbert and Brian Kulp as call in snow plow drivers at the current wage rate; seconded by Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- F. Rt. 329 Improvement Project – Authorization to Release Security of Rockefeller Development Group Financial Security in Lieu of Security Posted by Liberty Property Trust (with PennDOT): Mr. Behler made a motion to release of the letter of credit of the \$2,898,609.86 in lieu of the financial security posted by Liberty Property Trust (to PennDOT); seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- G. JW Development Partners – Northampton Business Center, Revised Preliminary Plan, Acknowledgement of Plan Review Extension until 2/28/19 and Board Discussion Right Turn Lanes: Mr. Behler made a motion to acknowledge the plan extension until 2/28/19; seconded by Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Frack who voted no.

In addition, Mr. Oberly reviewed the issue of the Rt. 329 right turn lane as discussed at the Allen Township Planning Commission on January 21st, 2019. Mr. Oberly felt it should be deferred due to property acquisition issues. Mr. Oberly felt that once the Rt. 329 improvements currently underway are completed and the build-out performance can be analyzed, perhaps then the Board could consider the appropriateness of the additional lane. Mr. Behler felt the Township should negotiate with the developer for a period of time for the full intersection improvement to occur. Mr. Hassler felt it should be deferred as well and felt that three years would be a good timeframe. He further felt that we should wait and see until the roadway construction underway is completed.

Mr. Oberly further questioned the stormwater ramifications if further lanes are added. Mr. Cox indicated that the current basin is adequate for the additional improvement and added lanes.

Mr. Montanari agreed with the deferral. Mr. Hassler made a motion to defer the right turn lane for the Rt. 329/Howertown Road intersection and have a post time limit to be determined and provided for in the final plan review by the Board of Supervisors; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

5. New Business

A. Pesticide Training Course Authorization: Mr. Montanari made a motion to send Tom Frack to the pesticide training course (estimated cost \$370.00); seconded by Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Allen Township Youth Association – Mr. John Colisino and Mr. Eric Miller were present to discuss the merger of the Bath Allen Youth Sports program and to request use of the Howertown Park Facilities. The Bath Allen Youth Sports program would merge the Allen Township Youth Association into the Bath Youth Program. John Colisino, is the new president of the Allen Township Youth Association. He has requested to merge with the East Allen Youth Association. The proposed name would be Bath Allen Youth Association. A biddy baseball program as well as basketball would be offered to the participants. Mr. Colisino indicated that the group would offer a variety of programs. Mr. Eric Miller, Bath/East Allen Youth Club, indicated currently there are 70 children in basketball program with one to two teams per age level for baseball.

On the question from Mr. Behler, Mr. Miller indicated that East Allen has their own program and would be separate from the new program. The new name for the group will be called “Bath Allen Youth Club”. Mr. Miller felt having multiple sports helps the overall program grow. Mr. Behler felt that it presented no problem. Following some discussion, Mr. Behler made a motion to support the proposal of the organization and allow the organization to the utility the Howertown baseball fields and Field House and building must be brought up to code regarding food preparation; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors yes.

C. Receipt of 2019 Tax Duplicate and Presentation to Real Estate Tax Collector for Collection Based on Assessed Valuation of \$171,205,300: Mr. Hassler made a motion to present the duplicate for 2019 to the Township Tax Collector; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. Agricultural Security Area Modification Request to Add Lands of Brad and Allyson Weinhofer, 143 Rinker Road, (K4-15-9 and a portion of K4-15-2): Mr. Hassler made a motion to prepare the hearing notice and authorize the appropriate publication; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

6. Public to be Heard: Mr. Rick Novak, Bally Drive, requested clarification regarding the right turn lane discussion under the JW Development item. Mr. Oberly further explained the deferral. Mr. Novak further questioned the landowner issue should the intersection degrade. Mr. Novak questioned what could the Township do if the landowner never cooperated. Mr. Oberly indicated that the Board does not support eminent domain. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the applicant can't build the road on land that they do not own. Mr. Oberly further noted that the timeframe discussed the opportunity for the Township to evaluate the real traffic impact versus the projected level of service study.

Messrs. Hassler and Oberly further noted that this is also the intersection of two PennDOT roads – so it is ultimately the Commonwealth's responsibility. Mr. Novak was very dismayed that the improvement may not be performed as promised by the Planning Commission. Mr. Oberly indicated the potential for the improvement is still intact with the deferral. Mr. Novak felt that remediation may not be possible.

Mr. Gene Clater, Snow Hill Road, asked for clarification requiring remediation of all legs of the intersection per PennDOT. Mr. Clater felt the Township is correct with the deferment. Ms. Vigilante indicated that originally PennDOT did not require the southbound right turn lane. Ms. Vigilante further clarified that the PennDOT had the ten second rule but that the eastbound right turn lane. Mr. Kutzler further noted that PennDOT did not require the southbound right turn lane. Mr. Hassler stated that if PennDOT needs right of way PennDOT can take it.

Sue Lindenmoyer, 766 Mud Lane, questioned if Willowbrook Road was a PennDOT or a Township road. Mr. Behler indicated that Willowbrook Road is a Township Road. She further questioned why Willowbrook Road was widened but the JW Development project is allowed to access.

Ms. Lindenmoyer further discussed the stormwater issues in this area and what was the Township planning to do to improve them.

Regarding the Jaindl Watson Land Development Plan presentation before the Board on February 12, 2019, Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to advertise to change the location of the meeting to the Fire Company Building; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

7. Adjournment: There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart