



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, November 22, 2011**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 22, 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 Eckhart – Present..

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

### Unfinished Business

**A. Request to update land developers regarding public sewer connection issues:** Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed to discuss this item at a subsequent meeting due to the ongoing litigation and potential settlement discussions with the Board of Northampton.

**B. Preparation of resolution to establish sewer rental fees, authorization to prepare draft:** Ms. Eckhart present an analysis for the Board's review in determining the potential of a sewer rental fee increase. This increase is necessitated by the recent notification received by Allen Township from Northampton Borough which will subject the Township to a treatment cost of \$3.81 per thousand gallons vs. the prior charge of \$2.91 per thousand gallons. Ms. Eckhart provided an analysis utilizing the date sample of actual billed metered accounts for 2011 to then project an increase from 100% to 115%, 120% and 125% of the billed water amount per billing cycle. Along with a calculation of sewer treatment paid to the Borough at the historic rate of \$2.91 per thousand gallons and the new increased rate of \$3.91, she further provided the project cash carryover balance and an estimation of

2012 expenditures which included estimated debt service payment (86,283), sewer litigation settlement (50,000) and an amount of pump station monitoring (10,000). The total of these estimated expenditures equal \$146,283. The repayment of debt service in this amount will remain for the next three years for the repayment of the existing general obligation note. Following a discussion of the information provided by Ms. Eckhart, Mr. Pierce made a motion to prepare a resolution setting the sewer rental rate at 115% of the water bill with the intention that the rate will be reconsidered in three years; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**C. 2012 Draft Budget for Water/Sewer Fund:**

**D. 2012 Draft Budget, preliminary approval and authorization to advertise for public inspection:** Mr. Holmes made a motion to preliminarily adopt the last revision of the 2012 Draft Budget and advertise for public inspection; seconded by Mrs. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**New Business**

**A. 2011 Fire Relief Allocation, authorization to distribute:** Mrs. Drzewiecki made a motion to distribute the 2011 Fire Relief Allocation to the Allen Township Fire Relief Association Fund; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**Public to be Heard:**

Following a brief executive session concerning the ongoing litigation with Northampton Borough regarding sewer and with there being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager