



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

**February 23, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. by teleconference due to the Disaster Emergency (Resolution 2020-10, 2020-11 and 2020-12) created by the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. Mr. Hassler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. Roll Call: Present: Bruce Frack; Gary Behler; Carl Edwards; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq., Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME, Ilene Eckhart, Manager.

2. Announcements: Ms. Eckhart announced the request of the Bath Allen Youth Club for a letter to support their Small Games of Chance License. The letter of support would be to allow the physical location of the Howertown Park to be the primary location for the license. Ms. Eckhart further reported on the progress of repairs on the Fire Company property electronic sign.

3. Public to be Heard: No public comments.

4. Public Hearings: No public hearings.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Snow Hill Road Bridge – Engineers Report and Improvements Options Discussion:

Mr. Wojciechowski presented the report prepared by Pickering, Corts and Summerson report dated August 12, 2020 for the Snow Hill Road Bridge located over a tributary to the Hokendauqua Creek. The Engineer will meet on site with some Board members to discuss alternatives repairs that would address issues stated within the report. The meeting will occur when weather permits. Mr. Montanari made a motion to proceed with the traffic count for the roadway as it pertains to the bridge repairs; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

6. New Business

A. 1024 Valley Road Subdivision (Vertek) – Sewer Planning Module: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the sewer planning module as submitted for the 1024 Valley Road Subdivision (Vertek); seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Bath Allen Youth Club Request for Small Games of Chance Letter: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize a letter stating the Clubs use of the Howertown Park as the physical location for

the Club Small Games of Chance License; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Format for In-Person Public Meetings: Ms. Eckhart requested additional guidance from the Board concerning the return to in-person meetings, as was discussed by the Board over the past several months. She suggested a physical separation of the public as well as physical separation of the Board members. She noted returning to in-person meetings would be at the Fire Company Building location. She discussed the ability to have the property personal protective measures in-place for review by the Board for adequacy in early April. She questioned what the Board would like to see as far as continuation of the virtual aspects - she proposed the virtual element be provided via live stream, without public interaction. The public could attend in-person or submit questions in advance. She further discussed the option for a work session type agenda, where items could be discussed but not necessarily acted upon for the first in-person meetings. She suggested perhaps the fourth Tuesday meeting could be designated as workshops (for discussions and presentations) and the first Tuesday meeting could be considered for action on items and continue as virtual.

Mr. Frack was in favor of returning to in-person. Mr. Hassler felt that it was only a matter of time until things start opening up. He felt that there should be plexi-glass protections, masks, etc. Mr. Frack felt it would be better for the Board to work together if they met in-person. Mr. Montanari agreed and felt what Ms. Eckhart outlined sounded like a good plan to move ahead. Mr. Behler was in favor of the concept of a Workshop but did not want to leave all meetings open for the option to vote at any public meeting. Additionally, he felt that proper ventilation was another factor to consider when returning to in-person, as the pathogens if not properly ventilated would still be circulated in the building. He felt that the masking would remain in place for a long time. He was in favor of return to in-person meetings but wanted to do so safely.

7. Public to be Heard: No public comments.

8. Adjournment: There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart