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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 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; Brien Kocher, PE (Hanover Engineering Associates). – Present; and Ilene Eckhart – Present.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Clapp, Summerglen Brookdale, questioning if there were any plans to reevaluate the zoning ordinance for R2 impervious coverage. Ms. Eckhart stated the Planning Commission is discussing this issue presently. Mr. Kocher indicated that the Planning Commission is also studying the application rates of impervious coverage.

Unfinished Business

A. Farm Hill Road, Speed Limit – Draft Ordinance 2015-04, Public Hearing/Enactment:

Mr. Pierce made a motion to open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Treadwell provided a brief summary of the ordinance, which reduces the speed limit to 30 miles per hour. Mr. Hassler made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Hassler made motion to adopt the ordinance as published, made a motion to authorize advertisement of the draft; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Burn Ban: Mr. Oberly made a motion to lift the burn ban; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Frack who voted no.

C. Road Bids Received for Letting: Ms. Eckhart read aloud the bids received as follows, from a single bidder, Asphalt Maintenance Solutions:

PACKAGE #1					
ITEM NO.	APPROXIMATE QUANTITIES	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	12,910	SY	Single Bituminous Seal Coat applied complete in place as per Pub 408 section 470	\$1.66	\$21,430.60
	(more or less)				
2	12,910	SY	Type I Slurry Seal applied complete in-place as per the attached Penn Dot PUB 408 Section 482	\$2.32	\$29,951.20
	(more or less)				
3	300	Gal	Self adhesive polymer modified asphalt binder (Poly Patch Type 2 or equivalent)	\$22.30	\$6,690.00
	(more or less)				
				TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID	\$58,071.80
PACKAGE #2					
ITEM NO.	APPROXIMATE QUANTITIES	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	16,220	SY	Bituminous Binder Course CP-2 in-place as per Pub 408 section 470	\$8.16	\$132,355.20
	(more or less)				
2	16,220	SY	Single Bituminous Seal Coat applied complete in-place as per Pub 408 Section 470	\$1.66	\$26,925.20
	(more or less)		PER ADDENDUM #1 OF BID PACKAGE #2		
				TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID	\$159,280.40

Ms. Eckhart indicated all work is to be completed on or before September 30, 2015. Mr. Oberly made a motion to accept Bid Package #2 and defer Bid Package #1 to be discussed at the Joint Supervisors and Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. The Bid Package #1 was deferred in order to obtain a response from the City of Bethlehem regarding the potential timing of the East Allen Gardens water project.

D. Firearms Regulations – Ordinance Amendment, authorization to advertise: Mr. Treadwell reviewed the draft ordinance amendment which would amend subsection 8 to read; *“Firearms and other weapons. Possession of a firearm is regulated by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Possession of any other type of weapon, including but not limited to*

bow and arrow combinations, air guns, slingshots, and explosive devices is strictly prohibited. Use or discharge of a firearm, or any other type of weapon, in a manner not authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is strictly prohibited. All forms of hunting and target practice are prohibited". Mr. Oberly made a motion to authorize advertisement of the draft ordinance; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

E. LSA Monroe County Grant Application – Board feedback regarding funding request:

Mr. Oberly made motion to prepare and submit a Grant Application for generator and installation and for the Short Lane Relocation; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

A. Howertown Park Maintenance and Upgrades: Ms. Eckhart submitted a report of the Howertown Park Existing Conditions and Upgrade Proposal. Ms. Eckhart will apply for the Phase II Development Monies from Northampton County Open Space after review. She asked for the Board's comments on the submitted report.

B. Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Church – request for sign: Mr. Oberly made a motion to authorize the sign for the event as requested; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Neighborhood traffic safety requests (North Hills area – Cherryville Road & Willow Ridge area - McNair): Ms. Eckhart reviewed the two similar complaints received from the North Hills and Willow Ridge areas. Mr. Hassler indicated that he visited both areas. He noted because several sections of roadways in the vicinity of West 32nd Street have not been dedicated to the Township that perhaps the developer could place a stop sign as an interim measure. He further suggested a stop sign at Kennedy and Center may work to slow down the traffic. He felt this would slow down the traffic. Mr. Oberly indicated that he also visited the Eisenhower Drive area. He was concerned with the limited amount of homes - stop signs may not be warranted. Mr. Pierce advocated the hiring of a part time police officer may be an alternative to handle motor vehicle related issues. The Board discussed the issue and the whether a police presence would have any impact on drivers habits. Mr. Hassler felt that the Township should make some sort of effort to slow people down. Mr. Kocher reviewed the engineering study requirements for the establishment of stop sign intersections. Mr. Oberly questioned if it is a private road, if the Township could put up a sign that indicates the road is private? Following some further discussion, Mr. Hassler made a motion to install a stop sign at the intersection at Kennedy Drive. Motion died for lack of a second.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Manager