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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

A **General Meeting** of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 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 Larry Oberly.

Roll Call: Bruce Frack - Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Gerald Montanari - Present; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Gary Behler - Present; Robert Cox, P.E., P.L.S. (Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.) – Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr. Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

Public to be Heard: Rick Novak, Bally Drive, questioned if the Board of Supervisors saw a recent Morning Call article regarding recent law changes concerning truck access. Mr. Oberly indicated that there are a number of agreements with the developers regarding the use of certain roads under the law and that certain roads are currently restricted by existing studies. He questioned if the existing studies will stand and he was unsure. He felt that if there is a restriction on a State Road there was no municipal authority at all. Mr. Novak questioned if the signs which were placed, such as the Savage Road restriction, are they backed by Township ordinance. Mr. Treadwell responded that he was unsure if the new law would restrict both Commonwealth and local roads. Mr. Eugene Clater, Snow Hill Road, commented that he would try to seek additional information and understanding at the LVPC meeting he will be attending in the coming week. Mr. Clater's understanding was that the new law primarily applied to State Roads. He felt unless PennDOT goes back and does additional studies he felt that short of that trucks may be able to travel anywhere on any State Roads. He indicated he would provide further comments based on the information he obtains.

Mr. Bob Nelson, Sawgrass Drive, questioned the absence of the No Parking signs in front of the Catasauqua High School and he questioned when they would be replaced by the contractor.

Unfinished Business:

A. PennDOT Winter Service Agreement: Ms. Eckhart provided a brief summary of the memorandum. She said due to the winter storms that were high wind events, it was time consuming to clean up and there was considerable overtime from the Public Works department.

She noted accusations of property damage and wear and tear on the equipment. Ms. Eckhart asked if they should consider continuing the relationship. Mr. Behler commented that he felt it was a safety issue he was not in favor of continuing to provide the State Road service. He noted we have had safety issues due to the overtime hours and that we should get out of the agreement. Mr. Montanari asked what we would do about the roads if we decided to get out of the PennDOT agreement. Mr. Oberly commented that the problem is that the state roads lead to our township roads but very few of our township roads inter-connect, except in the developments in the south. He said we are not behind on the overtime or the contract because of the state road and the cost parameters are within the amount of money that they have allotted Allen Township to perform under the agreement. He commented that we should continue the agreement for another year.

Mr. Hassler commented that this discussion should be tabled until the next meeting and requested that the Road Foreman, Manager and some of the Supervisors come up with a plan to not work greater than 12 hour shifts with adequate breaks. Mr. Frack was concerned with the lack of follow-up in the subdivisions. He felt that this was the source of many complaints and that this should be looked at versus the PennDOT services. Mr. Frack felt this had to be a consideration in the discussion as well. Mr. Hassler made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Kohls Road Weight Restriction Study: Mr. Cox reviewed his report and the underlying analysis. He recommended that a truck restriction, between Indian Trail Rd. and Kohls Rd., would be appropriate. Mr. Behler was concerned that the Board should wait and verify the new State law discussed this earlier this evening. Mr. Oberly confirmed that the study has been done and if the Board acts on it they will be fine because if it hasn't been signed by the Governor yet, it's not a law. Mr. Treadwell suggested that the Board compile the ordinance now. Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft the ordinance; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Willowbrook Golf Pro-Shop, Sewer Planning Module: Mr. Cox reviewed the Planning Module which was specifically for the renovation of the existing L-Shaped Barn as the Golf Pro-Shop for the on-lot sewage disposal system. Mr. Cox said there was a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve this project. Following some further discussion regarding the on-lot sewage system and piping. Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-010 concerning the Willowbrook Golf Pro-Shop, Sewer Planning Module; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. City of Bethlehem, Parkview Drive, Wet Tap for Hydrant Installation: Ms. Eckhart reviewed the hydrant installation information. She stated the Township will accept the wet tap quote and reimburse the City of Bethlehem for the cost of \$32,945.00 to install a hydrant at Parkview Drive. The wet tap quote does not include the cost for the turn-around installation or the hydrant. Mr. Oberly explained that this is to provide a hydrant location to a Bethlehem water line in a Kreidersville neighborhood for fire safety. He stated the reason for doing this is for public safety. Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the City of Bethlehem, Parkview Drive, wet tap for hydrant installation pursuant to the City's quote as well as the turn-around and the installation for the hydrant, seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Hassler abstained from voting.

E. Salt Storage Shed Bidding Update: Mr. Cox provided an outline of the bidding schedule for the Salt Shed with construction by November.

F. Sewer System: Ms. Eckhart provided a verbal report of estimates from TDI for the data loggers for \$9,470. And for the flushing of the mains, for the entire Dry Run Interceptor and the entire Railroad Interceptor, for \$19,300. from Mr. Rehab Sewer System Rehabilitation located in Mechanicsburg, PA. Mr. Cox provided an overview of the interceptor areas. Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the dial-log bid to TDI for \$9,470 and to award the flushing of the mains bid to Mr. Rehab Sewer System Rehabilitation for \$19,300. Seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

A. Allen/East Allen Speed Study Request to PennDOT, Update: Ms. Eckhart reported that PennDOT responded back to the request for a speed study to be done in Allen/East Allen on Indian Trail Rd, Howertown Rd, Weaversville Rd, and Nor-Bath Blvd. PennDOT sent a letter back stating that they will be getting back to Allen Township in the next 6-8 weeks.

B. 2008 Mack- Engine Repairs, Update: Ms. Eckhart reported that with the one year warranty, for parts and labor, the cost may be less than the \$17,000. Mr. Hassler made a motion to send it out to Trans Edge and get it fixed; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Fire Company- Replacement of Announcement Sign: Ms. Eckhart reported that the total cost for the digital sign will be \$18,945. And that there is money in the budget for the sign. Mr. Behler felt that giving 50% of the cost for the sign would be appropriate. Mr. Oberly felt that with electrical fees, the cost for the sign will be approximately \$20,000. And that the Board may want to give \$10,000. Mr. Behler made a motion that \$10,000. be provided to the Fire Company for the purchase of the sign insulation; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, Mr. Frack- no, Mr. Hassler- abstained, Mr. Behler- yes, Mr. Montanari- yes, Mr. Oberly- yes.

Public To Be Heard: Gene Clater, Snow Hill Rd, questioned the size of the Fire Company sign. Mr. Hassler said the sign will be 5 X 8, the same size as the sign that is currently there.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart