



# Allen Township Supervisors

4714 Indian Trail Road

Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067

Larry Oberly, Chairman  
Dale Hassler, Vice Chairman  
Bruce Frack  
Alfred Pierce  
Gary Behler

Robert J. Cox, P.E., P.L.S.  
B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.  
Ilene M. Eckhart, Manager

## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 24, 2016**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2016 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 Bruce Frack.

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

### **Public Hearings:**

**A. Ordinance #2017-01 Parking Prohibitions in Certain Areas:** Mr. Behler made a motion to open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Treadwell provided a brief summary of the ordinance contents. Mr. Behler indicated that he previously requested language regarding if some portion of the vehicle. Mr. Treadwell felt the language “no portion of the vehicle may protrude over the sidewalk” would remedy Mr. Behler’s concern. Mr. Hassler questioned the railroad track language. Mr. Treadwell felt it would cover the issue. Mr. Frack made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Upon the closing of the hearing, Mr. Treadwell indicated he would make the amendment to “on the sidewalk or obstructing the sidewalk.” Mr. Hassler made a motion to adopt ordinance 2017-01 as amended by the Solicitor; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. Donald Knoll, Pinehurst, voiced concerns regarding the parking of a portalet contractor parked in the opposite direction of travel in the early morning hours on Willowbrook Road.

### **Unfinished Business**

**A. Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Various Use and Text Changes– Additional Recommendations from Planning Commission – Authorization to Resubmit to LVPC – Package #1 of 2017:** Mr. Oberly introduced the amendments for consideration of the Board sending the draft for LVPC review. Mr. Hassler voiced concerns regarding the height. Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the Manager to send the draft to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

for comments; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Hassler who voted no.

**B. Recycling Container/Lid Purchase:** Mr. Frack made a motion to purchase 250 Recycling Containers and Lids and 200 Extra Lids; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**C. Resolution 2017-08 – SR 329/Howertown/Weaversville Road Traffic Control Signal Modification:** Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to sign the necessary documents in regards to the Traffic Signal at SR329/Howertown/Weaversville Road; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**D. Resolution 2017-09 – SR 329/Savage Road Traffic Control Signal Modification:** Behler Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to sign the necessary documents in regards to the Traffic Signal Modification at SR329/Savage Road; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**E. Rockefeller Industrial Subdivision – Release Request #2:** Mr. Hassler made a motion to release \$187,386.65; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**F. Summeglenn Lot M4-3-4-127 – Analysis of Lot Area and Detention Area & Consideration of Appraisal:** Mr. Pierce made a motion for Barry Isett and Associates to perform a feasibility analysis to determine if a building lot/envelop may be carved out of the overall lot and then to submit to Miklas Realty to obtain an appraisal to convey the portion that is buildable as a building lot for sale; seconded by Mr. Hassler. Mr. Behler voiced strong opposition regarding open space development even in urban areas. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Behler who voted no.

**G. Sanitary Sewer Standards Amendment – Technical Specification – Authorization for Township Engineer to Complete per Estimate:** Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize the engineer to develop draft uniform sanitary sewer standards for both the Catasauqua and Northampton Borough Sewer System; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

### **New Business**

**A. 90 Atlas Road Veterinary Office – Conditional Use Request:** Attorney Janes Holzinger representing Ms. Abby Gerenser approached the Board to discuss the conditional use fees associated with the conditional use application to utilize the existing building located at 90 Atlas Road for a veterinary hospital. Attorney Holzinger requested the Boards consideration in lowering the fee for conditional use and to lower the amount of parking spaces could be reduced by the Board of Supervisors as written in the Zoning Ordinance. Upon the request Mr. Pierce suggested concerning the fee that a tiered system for the conditional use where a non-conforming use is involved that would not require a traffic study, environmental impact and other specific uses. Mr. Pierce made this as a motion for the Board’s consideration regarding the fee schedule; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. The Board discussed scheduling the meeting for the last meeting in February and advised the applicant must first proceed to the Planning Commission.

**B. New Legislation - Incentives for Municipal Volunteer Fire Companies – for discussion:**

Mr. Behler suggested setting up an ad hoc committee to address the new legislation and make suggestions to the Board on how to proceed. Mr. Pierce raised if Allen is served by NREMS volunteers. Mr. Behler believed that NREMS did have both paid and volunteer participants. Mr. Pierce felt the ad hoc committee would need to look into what is a viable plan and who should be involved (as far as neighboring communities). Mr. Oberly felt that the matter should be tabled until surrounding communities can be contacted regarding the issue.

**Public to be Heard:** There being no comments from the public the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager