



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

**May 25, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Fire Company Building, located at 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA. 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., Ilene Eckhart, Manager. Absent: Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME
2. **Announcements:** Ms. Eckhart announced a communication was received by a resident of Towpath Estates concerning the proposed residential construction associated with the Lot #93 Towpath Estates Subdivision Plan.
3. **Public to be Heard:** No public comments.
4. **Public Hearings:** No public hearings.
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **Trash and Recycling Survey and Follow-up Direction for Bid Solicitation Options:** Ms. Eckhart reviewed the results of the responses to the resident survey, which was available for resident to complete between April 19th through May 14th. She further provided volume data for the past five years of curbside collection of trash and recycling and average household per week volumes.

Mr. Behler stated that he felt the survey looks like residents are comfortable with the current collection. He felt short of some minor adjustments, such as changing the bulk collection to the second Thursday instead of currently as the “second full week of each month”. He felt this was a simple change but would hopeful remove any confusion of the schedule for residents. He also felt grass was an education issue and that if the Board wanted to further pursue the issue with any type of curbside collection component it might be best accomplished as a separate request for proposals.

Mr. Edwards questioned if there was any reason why residents’ collections are sometimes missed. Ms. Eckhart felt this was human error.

Mr. Montanari felt that the contract is fine as currently written and that grass would always be an issue.

Following some further discussion, regarding the cost of services, Mr. Behler made a motion to notify our current waste collector that we are going to exercise the one year extension option and request a minor revision to the collection of bulk items – the discussion was to pick a day for such collection to

eliminate confusion from residents; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Conveyance and Draft Lease of Allen Township Fire Company Building: Mr. Hassler stated he would be abstaining and not participating in the discussion of this item due to his role as Allen Township Fire Chief. Mr. Behler commenced as Vice Chair to lead the meeting at this point.

On the question of the term of the draft agreement and the annual payment amount of the lease, Mr. Treadwell explained that he provided a timeframe and payment amount, which could be solidified to a future Board of Supervisors. Mr. Behler discussed the use of the areas within the existing facility by the Fire Company. Mr. Behler also felt the term should be at least fifty years and the amount should be \$1 per year. Mr. Montanari questioned how the Fire Company operations would be isolated from the Township Offices operations. He felt the Township should have 100% of the say due to the Township purchasing of the fire equipment. Additionally, Mr. Montanari questioned future fund raising activities of the Fire Company.

Mr. Jake Schock, President of the Fire Company, responded that the Fire Company would continue to generate fund raising with the annual fund drive mailer but that all other activities related to the social hall have ended. He stated he was very appreciative the Township financial support and requested the Boards consideration to plan a small training area in the upstairs area, which could be keyed separately from the Township office space functions.

Mr. Frack stated he was in agreement with this type of arrangement and providing proper garage space for the Fire Equipment.

Following some further discussion, Mr. Frack made a motion for the Solicitor to revise the Lease Agreement Draft with the Allen Township Fire Company and submit it to their board for approval; seconded by Mr. Edwards. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Hassler who abstained.

6. New Business: No new business.

7. Public to be Heard:

8. Adjournment: There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart

