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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 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; William Holmes – Present; Alfred Pierce – Present; Michelle Drzewiecki - Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. -Present; Brien Kocher, P.E. – Present; Ilene Eckhart – Present.

Public Hearings:

A. Ordinance #2013-02 House Numbering: Mr. Holmes made a motion to open the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, all supervisors present, voted yes. Mr. Treadwell summarized the ordinance as advertised. Mr. Balliet requested public comment. Hearing none he moved on to comments from the Boards. Mrs. Drzewiecki voiced concern regarding the appearance of the signage when houses are located directly adjoining the street and the house number already exists on the door. He indicated that the green with white specification has been proven and suggested that the Supervisors should obtain input from the emergency services providers regarding their concerns and needs to respond and locate Mrs. Drzewiecki felt that if the standard could be modified to be within 20 feet of the door. Mr. Kocher provided input based on his experiences at Bushkill Township. Mr. Frack was not in favor of the penalty provisions. He felt it was too harsh. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the penalty provisions allowed for a six month notice to place the sign, after that a 30 day notice is mailed to the property owner with provisions for penalties thereafter.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Gary Behler who works in the medical field provided some statistics regarding the critical response time to save a life. He urged the Board to go forward with this system.

Mr. Gensits, McNair Drive, voiced concern regarding the excessiveness of signage if a structure is located in close proximity.

Mr. Frack was of the opinion to table it. Mr. Pierce was of the opinion to adopt the ordinance but to change the penalty to \$25. Mr. Holmes felt strongly that a letter should be sent to residents in order

to educate the system will be implemented. Mr. Pierce did not feel it required a mailing previous to adoption of the ordinance. Mr. Holmes was concerned with the signage in multi-unit areas. He was concerned that if a structure is beyond 20 feet of the road a sign will need to be on both the mailbox and in proximity of the house. Mr. Pierce made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Balliet. On the roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Pierce made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the change of the minimum penalty to \$25.00; seconded by Mr. Balliet. On the motion, by roll call vote, Mr. Holmes – abstained; Mr. Frack – no; Mrs. Drzewiecki – no; Mr. Pierce – yes; Mr. Balliet – yes. Motion failed. Mr. Holmes asked if this can be brought up again. Mr. Treadwell indicated it could be brought up again. Mr. Frack agreed. Mr. Holmes proposed that it be brought up again. Mr. Pierce asked that the Township Manager to contact someone more urban regarding how this is to be handled.

B. Ordinance 2013-03 Tomahawk Trail – Speed Limit 15 Miles Per Hour: Mr. Holmes made a motion to adopt ordinance 2013-03 regarding a reduction in speed limit to 15 miles per hour; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

Unfinished Business

A. Tomahawk Trail Presentation: Mr. Kocher reviewed his report concerning the roadway conditions and roadside erosion.

New Business

A. Block Party Request Form: Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the form as presented; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes

Public to be Heard: Mr. Steve Gensits, McNair Drive, was present and voice concerned regarding the through traffic to the Willow Ridge Apartment project. He proposed a three-way stop at McNair and Gray Drive due to speeds and children in the area. He requested what the Township would require to achieve a stop intersection at that location. Mr. Pierce suggested that the stops be placed on Gray instead of McNair so that they have to stop. Mr. Kocher suggested an alternative to the official speed study. Mr. Kocher recommended that the Township request the Northampton Borough Police Chief review the intersection and provide a suggestion.

Dale Hassler, suggested the Board review some house numbering systems used in other jurisdictions as they further discuss the ordinance draft.

Mr. Pierce requested an executive session for a legal matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Manager