

# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 26, 2012**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 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; Ilene Eckhart – Present; and Robert Mack, Hanover Engineering - Present.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

### Unfinished Business

- A. Kreidersville Covered Bridge Association – update: Bob Filipovits, President Kreidersville Covered Bridge Association, along with Sue Irons and Thomas Christopher thanked the Township for their support and assistance for the 2012 Festival. He indicated it was the best festival to date both turnout and financially. Mr. Tom Christopher and Sue Irons also gave reports on the success of the Festival this month.

### **New Business**

- A. RCN Highway Occupancy Permit work in Wynnefield Estates and Penn's Chase: Ms. Eckhart indicated that RCN has been issued a highway occupancy permit to perform some work in Wynnefield Estates and Penn's Chase. She indicated RCN approached the Township for a highway occupancy permit that would apply to road crossings, storm water,

sewer and any other public improvements. It is her understanding that RCN is working in an easement. She further indicated that Hanover Engineering is inspecting any items in the public areas. She reported the Township office has received many calls from the property owners in the development. She indicated that a representative from RCN is in attendance. Mr. David Doole, the subcontractor for RCN performing the work, was present in lieu of an RCN representative. Mr. Doole explained the boring process being utilized to install the line. He indicated that a different type of equipment will be utilized for the remainder of the construction project. Mr. Doole affirmed that the workers on site generally did not speak English. He further affirmed that the process currently utilized did damage some driveways. He indicated the driveways would be repaired and that the new process to be utilized would eliminate damage.

Following a lengthy debate regarding the authority of the PUC concerning this project between residents present and the RCN subcontractor, Mr. Mack explained the 15 foot general utility easement present in the subdivisions. Mr. Treadwell explained that the subdivision plan called for the general utility easement as a location for the utility providers such as RCN.

Mark Gans, 653 Buckingham Drive, voiced concern regarding the entry of RCN on the easement area on his property. He was concerned that the contractor left holes open, littered on his property, and the workers did not have identification. He was alarmed by the presence of the contractor with no notice. He felt that the franchise should be revoked. Several other unidentified residents voiced similar concerns. Mr. Doole indicated that the workers will have proper identification and will not work beyond 6:30 PM.

Mr. Pierce indicated that all of the easement is private issue between the property owner and easement holder. Mr. Gans felt that the franchise agreement was between the Township and RCN so therefore Township gave RCN the right to enter his appropriate within the easement. Mr. Gans wanted to know who was responsible for the open holes. Mr. Pierce indicated the contractor was responsible. Mr. Gans questioned if he could leave open holes on his property? He further indicated that the contractor was smoking and littering on his property. He further indicated that he none of the workers spoke English.

The contractor admitted that door hangers need to be in place three days prior to the work.

Mr. Treadwell indicated the Township has an agreement with RCN that requires any damages to be repaired on private properties. If RCN doesn't repair damages the Township will pursue RCN. Mr. Treadwell further explained the insurance provided by RCN.

Mr. Holmes confirmed with the contractor present that henceforth: all workers would be properly identified; all open holes would be closed by the end of each work day; all work would cease by 6:30 PM; all homes are being tagged in advance. Mr. Holmes reaffirmed that all these things are being done now that weren't done before.

Mr. Pierce reviewed the ordinances regarding barking dogs and nuisances. Mr. Pierce indicated that if there are witnesses to substantiate violations regarding barking dogs and nuisances.

Mr. Frack provided contact information for Bill Reese of RCN. Mr. Frack indicated that it was his understanding that Mr. Reese is on vacation is unavailable this week.

Mr. Gans questioned how quickly damage must be identified. Mr. Treadwell indicated he was unsure of the specifics of the timeframe in the agreement.

- A. Emergency Operations Plan – 2012 Update: Mr. John Demeyan, Emergency Operations Coordinator provided a status of the update of the Allen Township Emergency Operations Plan. He indicated he would provide a brief summary of the basic plan as a reference for the Board.

**Public to be Heard:** A resident raised concerns regarding the timing of the Savage/Rt. 29 signal.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager