



# 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.  
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Ilene M. Eckhart, Manager

## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 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:** 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:** No public hearings

**Public to be Heard:** No Public comments.

### Unfinished Business

**A. Jaindl – Watson, Northampton Business Center Revised Preliminary Plan, Access Drives and Internal Road Network - Request for Board of Supervisors Comments:** Bruce Anderson PE, representing Jaindl Watson was present to discuss the stand by lane. Mr. Anderson stated there would be notice to make truck traffic aware to not go out to Howertown Road and a turn around. Mr. Pierce does not see this as beneficial to the Township if it does not connect roads. Mr. Pierce is concerned about the traffic going to Howertown Road. Mr. Oberly is concerned about eliminating the traffic light. Mr. Hassler is concerned about the logistics of keeping the roadway open during snow events with trucks staging on the roadways, if they are Township Roads. Mr. Behler questioned the traffic leaving the buildings going onto Howertown Road. Mr. Anderson stated these would be for emergency vehicles only. Mr. Behler would like to see the road stay private and allow the development to restrict the traffic if they chose too. Mr. Behler is concerned about cost of maintenance. Mr. Jaindl is concerned about the liability of the road being private. On the question of maintenance of the two proposed auxillary lanes, Mr. Jaindl offered to provide winter maintenance for these areas. Mr. Frack was annoyed that the Supervisors were not privy to previous discussions. Mr. Treadwell explained that the only comments were those of the June Planning Commission meeting during the initial presentation of the plan and no decisions were made. No action was taken regarding the presented question of public vs. private for the access road.

**B. First Regional Compost Authority/Allen Township – Contamination of Yard Waste Materials:** Mr. Oberly provided an update FRCA operation including: Winter Operations Hours

beginning on November 15, 2017; the office trailer replacement; the Lehigh, Bushkill and Moore Townships have decided to gate their respective sites due to contamination. Allen Township is one of the only municipalities which does not control the access to their municipal sites. The contamination in the loads to FRCA is an ongoing issue. Mr. Oberly suggested storing the bins behind the gate and have the Loader Operator load the material into the bins prior to FRCA pickup.

**C. Employee Healthcare Insurance – Alternative Providers/Plan Options:** Ms. Eckhart informed the Board that she was speaking with Brokers and getting quotes for Employee Healthcare Insurance. Ms. Eckhart will have price quotes for the next meeting as per the Boards instruction.

**D. Radar Speed Sign Project – LSA Monroe – Request for Scope Modification:** Ms. Eckhart informed the Board of the cost of Radar Speed Signs. Mr. Behler questioned if the signs die out because of being solar powered. Mr. Behler made a motion to modify the grant request as needed; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Ms. Eckhart indicated she would return with contractor estimates, in any case.

### **New Business**

**A. Department of Agricultural – Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Update:** Ms. Eckhart notified the Board that Allen Township was added to the Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Area. Ms. Eckhart reviewed the Spotted Lanternfly Certification Checklist and what residents should do regarding the Spotted Lanternfly. Mr. Oberly reviewed the email from the Penn State Extension regarding insecticides and pesticides that kill the Spotted Lanternfly. Mr. Oberly discussed the email from the Director of FRCA and their response to the Spotted Lanternfly. Ms. Eckhart stated there will be a new procedure if/when East Allen Township (the location of FRCA) enters the quarantine area.

**B. Engineer Report:** Mr. Cox was asked by Alston Construction to request the Township request more State Police presence on Willowbrook Road due to speeding. Ms. Eckhart stated she was in contact with the State Police that morning to talk about traffic and speeding and the concerns are being addressed.

Mr. Cox requested all the parties get together and discuss the paving of Willowbrook Road before the paving begins to discuss the paving and some concerns of the Township. Mr. Behler questioned if all the utilities are crossed under the road. Mr. Cox believes they are and will ask again.

**C. LVPC Traffic Committee:** Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Gene Clater to represent the Township on the LVPC Traffic Committee; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**Public to be Heard:** No Public comments

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager