



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 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 Vice Chairman Bruce Frack.

**Roll Call:** Paul Balliet - Absent; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Alfred Pierce – Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Jim Milot (Hanover Engineering Associates). – Present; and Ilene Eckhart – Present.

**Public Hearings:** No public hearings.

**Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience.

### **Unfinished Business**

**A. Stone Ridge, Phase IB, Request for Security Release:** Mr. Pierce made a motion to release the security by \$66,180.88; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Roadway Improvement Fund – Ordinance Request, discussion:** Pursuant to the continuation of the Board's discussion of October 8, 2015, Mr. Pierce suggested that anything that remains agricultural (subject to Act 319) would be grounds for a waiver. He felt, other than that, the ordinance should remain. This was Mr. Pierce's opinion. Mr. Oberly was concerned and felt the provision should be made part of the SALDO and felt if the Board wanted to add it to the SALDO, the wording needs to be reconsidered. Mr. Hassler and Mr. Oberly agreed that did not feel comfortable accepting the fee on a State Road. Mr. Pierce felt that the theory is subsequent users should not reap the reward paid by previous taxpayers. Mr. Milot stated that the ordinance is consistent for any resident regardless of the road they live on, state road or township road. Mr. Pierce made a motion to

amend the existing ordinance in two ways; to amend the ordinance for any Act 319 eligible property and that the section be transferred from Chapter 1 ordinance which imposes fees for road improvements in lieu of road improvements and to amend Chapter 22 to allow a waiver provision for Act 319 eligible parcel and to direct the Solicitor to prepare a draft for the Board's review; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**C. Landis Subdivision:** Mr. Oberly made a motion to approve the plan subject to the last Township Engineer review letter and draft conditions of approval dated September 9, 2015; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

### **New Business**

**A. Official Map – Planning Item:** Ms. Eckhart provided background concerning an extensive discussion at the October 19, 2015, concerning the Savage Road extension northward of Nor-Bath Boulevard. She indicated that the applicant (Northampton Industrial Development) seemed resistant to provide anything other than a future right of way or easement to provide for the future extension. The applicant was resistant construction of the extension of Savage Road as shown on the last revision of Township Official Map and verbalized his intentions not to construct the extension of Savage. Ms. Eckhart was seeking the input of the Board of Supervisors in advance of the applicants return to the November 2015 Planning Commission meeting. Messrs. Hassler and Oberly were in favor of obtaining the right of way for the future (reserving the right) but not requiring the construction of the extension. Mr. Pierce would like to see the extension constructed and the Township would then have to fund construction if it is not done by the applicant. Mr. Pierce was strongly in favor of making the construction of Savage Road a condition of subdivision approval. Mr. Oberly indicated that all of the members voiced concerns about the congestion if it were constructed and perhaps creating issues for businesses (Miller's Hardware). Mr. Milot indicated that it would not help all of our existing problems but it would provide a good detour point during the reconstruction of the Dry Run Bridge (Nor-Bath Boulevard). Mr. Pierce was concerned regarding emergency vehicle access because it provided a south bound route, if there was problem at the Rt. 329/Howertown Road intersection. He compared the situation to the improvement of Frank's Corner (aka Airport Road/Rt. 329). Mr. Treadwell asked if the Board would have a different perspective if the Northampton Industrial Development would agree to the Rt. 329 improvements (previously agreed by Rockefeller Development Group)? Mr. Frack indicated that he believed that the Rt. 329 improvements are a much better alternative. Mr. Clater provided some thoughts to protect the options which he asked the Board to consider. Mr. Treadwell discussed how the roadway improvement fund could be used for this project. Mr. Hassler indicated that when he was traveling south on Howertown Road it really did not take him long to get through the intersection – coming back from Northampton was a different story. Mr. Oberly felt very strongly that the Board should determine how PennDOT feels about the Savage Road extension. The Board agreed with the PennDOT meeting. Ms. Eckhart confirmed she is working actively with Jim Milot to coordinate with PennDOT for a meeting with the Supervisors, Planning Commission, Rockefeller, and the Northampton Industrial Development developers. The Board tabled the Savage Road extension matter for further discussion following the future PennDOT meeting.

**B. Willow Ridge – Drainage Issues McNair Drive:** Mr. Milot indicate that Mr. Roger Wilcox of the Residences of Willow Ridge requested the Township to provide the stakeout of the plan for drainage improvements. Mr. Pierce made the motion to authorize the Township Engineer to provide the stakeout if the Residences of Willow Ridge builds the improvements for the drainage

improvements; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Hassler forewarned the Board that the construction should not take place until the Spring season – since currently the site is stabilized.

**Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager