



## Allen Township Board of Supervisors

### Meeting Minutes September 28, 2021 7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 28, 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 (by voice only 7:10 PM); Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq., Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME; Ilene Eckhart, Manager. Absent: Carl Edwards.

**2. Announcements and/or Actions to Add New Items to Current Agenda:** Ms. Eckhart requested the Board amend the agenda to address an issue concerning the repair of the 2008 Mack Truck. Mr. Behler made a motion to amend the agenda to add the 2008 Mack Truck repair item; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

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

**4. Public Hearings:** No public hearings.

**5. Unfinished Business**

**A. Resolution 2021-15 High Meadow Subdivision Approval:** Mr. Treadwell explained the resolution to extend the Preliminary Plan Approval granted to the High Meadow Estates residential subdivision to be calculated to be four (4) years from the date that public sanitary sewer service capacity becomes available for purchase from the Township or any other authorized entity. Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-15 as presented; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Resolution 2021-16 Accepting Deed of Dedication Eisenhower Drive North Hills Section** Mr. Wojciechowski reported the recently completed Eisenhower Drive and 32<sup>nd</sup> Street have been completed and are ready to be accepted. Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-16 as presented; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**C. Resolution 2021-17 Accepting Deed of Dedication 32<sup>nd</sup> Street North Hills Section B:** Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-16 as presented; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**D. 2008 Truck Repair Estimate:** Ms. Eckhart presented the estimate for repairs, which was previously for \$10,000. Mr. Montanari questioned if there were no other alternatives. Mr. Gogle that

at first it was an EGR valve and turbo repair. However, an exhaust manifold bolt was broken therefore adding additional costs to the overall repair. Mr. Gogle system additionally the unit needs an exhaust system replacement. Mr. Gogle indicated now the repair estimate is in the amount of \$25,000. He added that the truck is currently out of inspection. He indicated this unit is the first of it kind in manufacture and only has 40,000 miles on it. Mr. Montanari indicated the initial estimate was \$10,000 he was concerned why the bill was now \$25,000. Mr. Gogle indicated that he did not completely understand everything that was wrong with the truck. Mr. Montanari felt that someone should speak to them about the estimate. Mr. Montanari felt that the amount should be more in line for the complete overall of the engine. Mr. Montanari indicated he did not blame Mr. Gogle but felt that the Township should not use this vendor in the future. Mr. Gogle is to come up with a long-term plan (five year) on replacement of vehicles and a study of justification. Mr. Gogle estimates the need to replace two trucks and backhoe within four years. Mr. Edwards joined the meeting via voice only at this point in the meeting (approximately 7:10 PM).

On the question from Mr. Behler, Mr. Gogle indicated that the manifold bolt was broken off by the shop and the exhaust system requires replacement due to findings by the repair shop. Mr. Hassler felt the truck needs to be repaired and brought back into service as winter is approaching.

Mr. Behler made a motion to pay for the repairs with the addition of the inspection fees and that the vendor is to be held responsible for their mistake in breaking the manifold bolt; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**6. New Business**

**A. 2022 Budget Workshop:** Ms. Eckhart requested the Board consider a date in mid to late October for a budget workshop meeting. Following some discussion, the Board selected Tuesday, October 19th at 6 PM for this meeting. Ms. Eckhart confirmed she would advertise accordingly.

**7. Public to be Heard:** Mr. Tim Tepes questioned the status of the public sewer connections. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the issue remained in litigation.

**8. Adjournment:** There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart