



**Allen Township Supervisors**  
4714 Indian Trail Road  
Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067

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Larry Oberly, Chairman  
Dale Hassler, Vice Chairman  
Bruce Frack  
Alfred Pierce  
Gary Behler

Robert J. Cox, P.E., P.L.S.  
B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.  
Ilene M. Eckhart, Manager

**ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 28, 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:**

**A. Conditional Use Application Hearing – Veterinary Hospital – 90 Atlas Road, Abby Gerenser (Applicant):** Mr. Behler made a motion to open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

See stenographic transcript.

Mr. Hassler made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the conditional use subject to the Planning Commission recommendation of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the stipulations agreed during the testimony and the written opinion of the Township Solicitor; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**Public to be Heard:** No Public Comment at this time.

**Unfinished Business**

**A. Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Various Use and Text Changes– Additional Recommendations from Planning Commission – LVPC Comments (Resubmission) and Setting of Date for Hearing/Enactment (March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017) – Package #1 of 2017:** Ms. Eckhart reported regarding the most recent LVPC comments and the setting of the hearing/enactment for March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**B. PPL Seigfried Substation Relocation Project – Spring Hill Road Driveway:** Mr. Cox felt the Township should obtain the full plan set for further analysis concerning stormwater in addition to the Spring Hill Road Driveway.

**C. Stone Ridge – Request for Security Reduction:** Mr. Cox indicated he was contacted by Mr. Livengood and that he still stands behind his initial recommendation. Mr. Pierce suggested if the core test fails the Developer is responsible for the cost of the core test and repairs OR if the test passes the Township should split the cost of the testing with the Developer. Mr. Hassler was not in favor of having the tax payer cover the cost of the core borings. Mr. Behler stated he was leaning towards Mr. Pierce's compromise. Mr. Pierce made a motion to perform cores (5) at the recommendation of the Township Engineer and if the results are unsatisfactory, then 100% of the cost of the core testing will be paid by the developer or if the cores are acceptable then the core cost will be split 50%/50% between the developer and the Township; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote: Mr. Behler – yes; Mr. Frack – yes; Mr. Hassler – no; Mr. Pierce – yes; Mr. Oberly – yes.

### New Business

**A. Lehigh River – House Property – Repairs (Vandal Damages):** Ms. Eckhart requested the Board's permission to obtain estimates for the window repairs and obtain an assessment of the septic system. Mr. Frack voiced concerns regarding floor tiles. Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to obtain estimates for window repairs, floor tile repairs and assessment of the septic system; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. 2017 Road/Facilities Inspection – (Schedule Date):** The Board agreed upon April 8, 2017 at 8am as the date and time to perform the 2017 Road and Facilities Inspections.

**C. MS4 Municipal Garages – Stormwater Improvements Project:** Ms. Eckhart discussed the webinar viewed by the road crew on various topics of Stormwater Managements and Improvements. Ms. Eckhart discussed Stormwater runoff and general housekeeping regarding truck washing and Salt Storage. Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the Engineer to produce a sketch plan for Best Management Practice of the Stormwater Runoff and General Housekeeping of the northern property boundary and the truck washing area located between the main municipal garage and the storage building; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**D. Capital Equipment Replacements (Loader/Mowing Equipment) per 2017 Budget, Authorization to Purchase:** Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the purchase of the John Deere 544J Wheel Loader with Trade-in of the 2004 John Deere 544J Wheel Loader in the amount of \$102,900 and the ExMark 72" Zero Turn Mower in the amount of \$11,421.20 pursuant to the COSTARS contracts; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**E. Jaindl Extension of Time (Northampton Business Park Plan Howertown Road) –** Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Board received an extension of time for the review of the Northampton Business Park plan until May 30, 2017.

**F. Northampton County Earned Income Tax Commission –** Mr. Pierce reported that the five year contract to Keystone Collections was renewed.

**G. Tree Maintenance – Proactive Program** – Mr. Pierce per PSATS Township News article regarding who is responsible to remove dead trees in the right-of-way. Mr. Pierce suggested the Board look into this.

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. Mike Tift, Indian Trail Road, voiced concerns regarding the location of trees and the responsibility of the trees being the property owner and notifying the property owner of the trees.

There being no comments from the public the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager