



**Allen Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
March 10th, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, located at 50 Snow Hill Road, Northampton, PA. Mr. Frack led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Jason Frack; Gary Behler; Paul Link; Tim Paul; Sean Sculley; Ilene Eckhart, Manager; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Michael Schwartz (Gilmore & Associates, Inc.)

- 2. Announcements and/or Actions to Add New Items to the Current Agenda:** Ms. Eckhart noted there are no announcements and/or actions to be added beside one brief item, that requires no action, under the Zoning report.
- 3. Public Hearings:** No public hearings.
- 4. Public to be Heard:** Mr. Marc Francola, resident of 930 Graystone Circle, questioned how many responses are being sought from the mailed survey and asked what the outcome would be if there is opposition to removal of the pathway. Mr. Treadwell stated that residents may contest its removal due to reliance on the convenience of the walking path. Mr. Francola said residents do not understand his concerns regarding the path and also raised nuisance issues involving idling trucks on the roadway outside the walking path and headlights flashing into his home. Ms. Eckhart noted that while the driveway cannot be blocked, enforcement may be possible if the commercial property owner installs signage. She also stated that although the fence design has not been finalized, it is likely it will not cover the walking path in question. Mr. Paul suggested an offset fence with a zigzag design to help block headlights from shining into nearby homes. Mr. Francola recommended installation of an overhead trellis-style gated fence so it could remain closed, and Mr. Behler noted that he would be liable for any accidents. Mr. Francola then asked about responsibility for pathway maintenance, including snow removal, and Mr. Link confirmed that he and his neighbor are responsible for maintaining the pathway, as it lies between their homes. Ms. Eckhart stated that survey responses will be accepted through March 16th and that further discussion is expected at upcoming meetings.
- 5. Approval of Minutes (February 10th, 2026, and February 24th, 2026):** Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors voted yes.
- 6. Reports**

A. Treasurer: Mr. Link made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Paying of the Bills; seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors voted yes.

B. All Staff and Departmental Reports (On File): Ms. Eckhart referenced a notation in the Zoning Report and Code Enforcement Report indicating that an application had been received from Supervisor Mr. Link for a Zoning Hearing Board matter involving the front yard setback. She stated that the hearing was scheduled for March 19th and explained that the request was a typical variance to permit additional improvements to his single-family structure, along with associated farm improvements. Mr. Behler suggested withholding any motion on the item to allow the Zoning Hearing Board to proceed as it deems necessary.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Authorization to Proceed – Howertown Park Basketball Court Repair and Recoating Quote: Mr. Sculley made a motion authorizing to proceed with the Howertown Park Basketball Court Repair and Recoating Quote mentioned by Ms. Eckhart at \$10,500; seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors voted yes.

8. New Business:

A. Allen Township Public Works Facility Proposed Renovation & Requests for Proposals: Ms. Eckhart stated that the Board agreed to move forward with modifications to the Public Works facility. She noted that she is in the process of gathering additional information and ideas in order to complete a plan.

B. Capital Equipment Replacement Schedule – Additional 10-Ton Dump Truck: Ms. Eckhart explained that this item was being brought forward ahead of schedule due to the increase in the number of roads maintained by the Township, as well as for redundancy purposes with an additional 10-ton dump truck. She opened discussion, noting that the Board requested information on other models. Mr. Frack suggested obtaining comparable quotes from local dealerships to broaden the pricing options available. Mr. Behler questioned whether the truck would be an addition to the inventory or a replacement, and Ms. Eckhart clarified that it would be an additional vehicle. She further stated that adding a larger truck with the same capabilities as the 2014 MACK truck would provide reinforcement in the event that the original truck went out of commission during the winter. She noted that, with this addition, the Township would be better prepared in the event it could not otherwise handle the wide roads serviced by the 2014 MACK truck. Mr. Behler also asked where the truck would be stored, given that no other vehicles were being replaced or reduced, and Ms. Eckhart replied that the facility improvements would allow ample space. Mr. Gogle generally explained that the engine model on the newer vehicle would offer significant benefits and noted the possibility of two vehicles being removed. While Mr. Frack expressed support for the additional 10-ton dump truck, he strongly recommended obtaining additional quotes. Ms. Eckhart confirmed that further information would be gathered and presented at an upcoming meeting.

C. Emergency Operations Plan Update of Promulgation Resolution #2026-13: Ms. Eckhart explained that, with the addition of the new Supervisor member, the resolution reflects the change in Allen Township's governing body. Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-13 as mentioned; seconded by Mr. Sculley. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors voted yes.

D. Executive Session (tentative): Mr. Frack confirmed an executive session would be held regarding personnel matters.

9. Public to be Heard: No public to be heard.

10. Next Meetings: Mr. Frack announced the upcoming meetings. All meetings and events will be held at the Allen Township Municipal Building. These meetings and events are as follows:

- Planning Commission – Monday, March 16th, 2026 6:00 PM
- Board of Supervisors – Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 6:00 PM

11. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Rodriguez-Colón