



**Allen Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**6:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, located at 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA. Mr. Behler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Gary Behler; Dale Hassler; Jason Frack; Paul Link; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Ilene Eckhart, Manager; Tom Gogle, Public Works Crew Leader, and Layla Denissen, Engineer (Barry Isett & Associates, Inc)

Absent: Tim Paul; Michael Schwartz, PE, Engineer (Gilmore & Associates, Inc.)

**2. Announcements and/or Actions to Add New Items to the Current Agenda:** Ms. Eckhart requested to add two items to the agenda. She indicated that the items pertained to the winter material situation and update on the building. Mr. Link made a motion to add the two items to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

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

**4. Public to be Heard:**

**A.** Mr. Dale Hassler of 115 Millrace Road indicated that he is not seeking reelection and he wanted to let the public know and for the news to report this so other people will run for his term.

**B.** Ms. Rosann Correll of 3717 Howertown Road indicated that she wished to address the heavy truck traffic that has appeared on Howertown Road over the last month. She estimated that there is approximately fifty dump trucks a day, Monday through Sunday, traveling down the road. She stated that she followed one of the trucks to a gas station, and spoke with the driver. She stated that the driver explained to her that they were coming from the coal mines to the Northampton Generating Plant. She indicated that then they take the ash from the Northampton Generating Plant to the abandoned coal mines. She stated that they the driver claimed that the trucks were thrown off Seemsville Road because they ruined the road, however, they are ruining Howertown Road. She stated that PennDOT came out to fill in the potholes, which does not make a bit of difference because this is the third time they have been filled. She stated that PennDOT threw the debris out of the pot holes and into her yard. She expressed concerns about increased traffic on the road and generally discussed tractor trailers and triaxle trucks and how she thought they were not allowed onto Howertown Road. She stated that the trucks start to travel in the early morning into late evening. She stated that the noise that they make from the brakes, shifting, and hitting potholes is an

overall nuisance. She indicated that the truck driver stated that eventually they would go down 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Northampton Borough to go across the Cementon Bridge, however, that is currently closed.

Mr. Behler explained that the truck traffic has been an ongoing issue for years. He stated that the residents on Seemsville Road came in and voiced their displeasure previously, however, the truck traffic has been reduced. Ms. Correll indicated that the trucks are banned on Seemsville Road. Mr. Link stated that they are not banned from Seemsville Road because the route was changed and Ms. Eckhart has some information regarding the route changes. Ms. Eckhart stated that they are alternating routes. She indicated that the trucks used to go down Kreidersville Road and directly into Northampton Borough, however, they have been avoiding this route due to the turn they would have to make onto Rt. 329. She explained that they are looking into a circular route. Ms. Eckhart explained that during the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025's meeting there was a complaint about the trucks, however, it was primarily for jake brake noise. She explained that in 2017 PennDOT sent a letter to the Township's request regarding jake brake noise. She stated that PennDOT conclude that there were no criteria being met to make the engine retarder illegal. Mr. Link stated that an issue with Kreidersville Road is the hills. Ms. Correll stated that the trucks do take Kreidersville Road. Mr. Link stated that PennDOT will not ban the jake brakes on Kreidersville Road because it is a safety issue. Mr. Correll stated that she did not care about Kreidersville Road but trucks in general on Howertown Road. Mr. Hassler stated that years ago, the trucks could not use Howertown Road because the bridge on Howertown Road had a weight restriction. He indicated that since PennDOT fixed the bridge, the weight restriction has been lifted. Mr. Hassler stated that the trucks are taking the shortest route with the least amount of stop lights. Ms. Correll questioned why the trucks could not take Rt. 248 to Airport Road and not go through the Borough as it is dangerous. Mr. Link stated that the issue here is that the roads with the truck traffic complaints are on State Roads. Ms. Correll stated that the Township has power over the residents to complain to the State. Mr. Link stated that they do and have complained. Mr. Link stated Ms. Eckhart does call the Northampton Generating Plant about changing the logistics of the truck routes. Mr. Link said that based on Ms. Eckhart's conversation the route will be changed. Ms. Correll questioned who will be accountable for fixing her driveway from the damage from the trucks. She questioned who will replace Howertown Road as the whole road needs to be replaced. Mr. Link stated that Howertown Road is a State Road. Ms. Correll stated that the Township has more power over the State than the residents do. Ms. Eckhart stated that the Township has been in contact with the State, which is why the potholes are being fixed. Ms. Correll indicated the repairs are a joke and requested the Township furnish the residents with names and numbers to call. Ms. Correll indicated that years ago she spoke with a State Representative and he indicated that it is Harrisburg that makes the rules for State roads. Mr. Behler suggested that the Township reach out to State Representative Zach Mako, Senator Nick Miller, and PennDOT. Ms. Correll stated that the trucks are banned on Seemsville Road and questioned why they could not be banned from the other roads. Mr. Link stated that he did not believe that they were banned from Seemsville Road and the information from the driver might have been bad. Ms. Correll stated that the driver told her that they received a \$10,000 fine. Mr. Link stated the fine could be due to being overweight. Mr. Link concluded that there are still trucks on Seemsville Road. Mr. Frack indicated that he passed a semitruck the previous day on Seemsville Road. Ms. Correll indicated that the problem on Howertown is the dump trucks and that they are coming both ways with materials. Mr. Frack stated that the truck he passed on Seemsville Road goes to the Northampton Generating Plant and was hauling the same materials that Ms. Correll was describing.

Mr. Behler questioned when the Cementon Bridge would be reopened. Mr. Link stated not

for a while. Mr. Frack stated that the trucks used to be allowed on Cherryville Road, however, they are no longer allowed on Cherryville Road. Mr. Frack stated that the trucks are getting their routes cut off, which is not the Supervisors fault. Ms. Correll stated that the Generating Plant needs to loosen up their pockets and have the trucks go a different route. She concluded they needed to find a safer route and that the trucks should not be on the road to the extent that they are.

C. Ms. Kerri Micklos of 4218 Howertown Road stated that her and her husband were lying in bed and that Sunday into Monday at 2:30 am, the trucks were starting their route. She indicated that she wakes up at 4:45 am and that she has not been getting enough sleep. She asked if a time limit could be put into place for the truck traffic. Additionally, she questioned if the road could close from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am. She stated that the truck traffic is almost 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She stated that her grandchildren cannot spend the weekends at her house because the dump trucks drive all night, all morning, all day. She stated if someone is sick, they cannot get rest. She stated just sitting in the Township building is quiet which she does not have at home. She indicated that the trucks ride their jake brake constantly to the stop sign at Kreidersville Road and Indian Trail Road. She stated that she has lived in her house for 20 years and that she has never come to a meeting to complain about anything, even when the warehouses were built. She indicated that the warehouses were built due to advancement, however, the trucks with their jake breaks are insane. She stated that she has two small grandchildren and other homeowners have pets. She expressed concern about a child or pet getting hurt due to the trucks. She questioned if there were any Township ordinances that were being violated or if restrictions could be placed on Howertown Road.

## 5. Unfinished Business

- A. **Dollar General Market Preliminary Final Land Development Plan:** Mr. William Owen introduced himself as the Vice President of the Engineering and Permitting Department at Penntex Ventures, a Real Estate Development Company based out of Pittsburgh. He stated that they did a lot of Dollar Generals as well as other tenancies. He indicated that Mr. Dennis J. Reichel, PE, LEED AP, is joining him for tonight's meeting. Mr. Owen explained that they have been before the Township's Planning Commission multiple times and they have worked with the Township's Engineer, Barry Isett & Associates, as well as Mr. Treadwell for agreements. He indicated that they had some waivers that they were seeking in regards to stormwater management. Mr. Reichel explained that at this point, they have addressed the majority of the Engineer's comments and there were numerous other agencies such as PennDOT and the Conservation District where they are expecting approval shortly. Mr. Reichel discussed various waivers and modification requests from the Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.'s letter dated February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 which read as follows:

*"3. SALDO § 22-306, which requires separate submission of preliminary and final plans.*

*4. SMO § 8-224.3, which requires a freeboard of 1.0 feet for the 25-year storm and 0.5 feet for the 50- and 100-year storm events between the water surface and the invert of the spillway. An analysis is provided showing that back-to-back 100-year event storms can be contained in the BMP-3 without overtopping.*

*5. SMO § 8-229.9 which requires certain loading ratios of drainage shed area to an infiltration area. The Applicant's Geotechnical Engineer has reviewed this requirement, and*

*we have no issues with their conclusions.*

*6. SMO § 8-229.9.B(2)b, which establishes setbacks from basin to building foundations. The Applicant's Geotechnical Engineer has reviewed this requirement, and we have no issues with their conclusions.*

*7. SMO § 8-229.9.B(2)h, which requires a basin to be offset 50 feet from a right-of way line.*

*8. SMO § 8-231.8.F(5), establishes a setback from the water surface in basins and buildings during certain storms. The Applicant's Geotechnical Engineer has reviewed this requirement, and we have no issues with their conclusions.*

*9. SMO § 8-231.8.I, requires a basin to have an access ramp for maintenance equipment access.*

*10. SMO § 8-232.2, sets a minimum velocity of three feet per second for flow in a storm pipe. The PCSM Plan notes that if necessary this storm line will be flushed."*

Mr. Reichel explained that the first modification of preliminary plans is to allow a combined preliminary and final plan. He indicated that is a standard request for a project of this size and the modification approval would allow them to streamline the process. He added that they have obtained the capacity for water and sewer. He stated that the second modification is regarding the freeboard on the spillway. He stated that they have worked with Barry Isett & Associates to the fullest extent to provide spillways and they have consulted with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. He stated that both have supported the modification request. For the third modification, Mr. Reichel explained that it was in regard to the loading ratios as well as pertaining to the drainage areas going to the detention basins. He indicated that the basins are relatively small with small drainage areas. He concluded that the geotechnical report supported the modification request. Mr. Reichel explained that the next modification request regarding the basin and building setback. He stated that he could not remember the exact requirement, however, a 10-to-15-foot separation is typical with other Dollar General sites. Mr. Reichel explained that the next modification was regarding the basin setback from the right of way which typically is a 50-foot setback, however, on a site this size and having public streets on two sides of the lot as well as placing a parking lot and detention basin on the lot will be cumbersome to meet that requirement. He explained that the next modification pertains to a setback from the water surface elevations in the basins and the rear detention basin. He believed that they are providing about 10-to-15 feet of separation. The next modification request pertains to the access ramps for the detention basins. He stated that the basins are small and are about a foot and half to two feet deep. He explained that the basins have access on multiple sides and since the basins are minimal in nature, access ramps are not typically provided because it allows for easy access for equipment. For the last modification, Mr. Reichel stated that it pertains to the three feet per second velocity. He stated that the velocity is a bit under the requirement at about two and half feet per second.

Mr. Behler questioned if Mr. Reichel meant waivers when he used the term modifications. Mr. Owen stated that was correct. Mr. Behler questioned if Barry Isett had any objections to any of the waivers that did not have "no objection" noted on the waiver request. Ms. Denissen stated that Barry Isett left that off of the Barry Isett Letter dated February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, because the Supervisors are acting on the direction of the Planning Commission, but as discussed with the Planning

Commission, Barry Isett did not have any objection due to the Barry Isett Geotechnical Engineer and the applicant's Geotechnical Engineer reviewal of the plans, which no issues were found. Ms. Denissen stated that the applicant added a note for waiver #10 which satisfied the comment.

Mr. Treadwell stated that should the Supervisors make a motion they will need make a motion to approve the one SALDO waiver and the seven Stormwater Management Ordinance waivers as outlined in the Barry Isett letter of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Mr. Link made the motion as stated by Mr. Treadwell; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

Mr. Behler questioned if the condition of having the applicant install the sidewalk on the neighboring property still was in place and if the Township received permission from the land owner. Mr. Owen stated that was correct. Mr. Hassler questioned who would be responsible for the sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Behler stated that would have to be the property owner. Mr. Hassler indicated that the property owner needs to know up front that they would be responsible for the sidewalk. Mr. Link stated that the short-term maintenance would be snow removal. Mr. Behler questioned Mr. Treadwell if the Township could not get permission for the sidewalk to be installed when Dollar General's sidewalk would be installed, could the Township obtain an escrow fund. Mr. Treadwell indicated yes. Mr. Owen stated that would be agreeable, however, a reasonable time frame would need to be set or else they would provide a check for the Township to fund the sidewalk installation.

Mr. Hassler made a motion that the Township contacts the property owners and ask them if the sidewalk could be put in and notify them that they are going to be responsible for it and liable going forward. He stated it will be up to the property owner to say yes or no. Mr. Frack seconded Mr. Hassler's motion. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

Mr. Treadwell stated that Supervisors could make a motion to grant preliminary/final approval subject to the comments contained in the Barry Isett's February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 review letter. Mr. Link made the motion as stated by Mr. Treadwell; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

**B. Stone Ride Phase 3 Sewer Capacity Memorandum of Understanding (Allen Township/Northampton Borough):** Mr. Treadwell stated that about a month ago, Ms. Eckhart, himself, and the Township's Sewer Engineer had conversations with the Borough of Northampton for acquiring an extra 100 EDUs of sewer capacity. He explained that the Memorandum of Understanding grants the Township the ability to purchase an additional 100 EDUs of sewer capacity. He indicated that Northampton Borough has approved the Memorandum of Understanding at their Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. Mr. Behler questioned if the Township must purchase all the EDUs upfront. Mr. Treadwell stated that was incorrect. He explained that the Memorandum is the same as the old sewer agreement, where the Township purchases them as needed. Mr. Treadwell stated that the old agreement gave the Township 323 EDUs, however, the Memorandum will give the Township a total of 423 EDUs to purchase. Mr. Treadwell explained that the reason for the Memorandum is due to Stoneridge Phase III Residential Project. He stated the project has 78 EDUs that were not included in the 323 EDUs.

Mr. Link made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Allen Township and the Borough of Northampton, dated February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025; seconded by Mr. Hassler.

On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

## 6. New Business

**A. Ratification of Conditional Offer of Employment – Treasurer – Candidate JS:** Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Township had this position out for advertisement. Ms. Eckhart explained that she interviewed the candidate and found the applicant to be acceptable. She stated that the candidate accepted the conditions as presented with a start date of March 11th, 2025.

Mr. Hassler made a motion to hire candidate JS and ratify the employment; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

**B. Lot Consolidation for North Hills Section B Lots 123-124:** Mr. Gary McEwen of Berks Homes introduced himself and stated that Berks Homes is the entity that purchased the lots from Mr. Tim Tepes. Mr. McEwen explained that Berks Homes is requesting the consolidation for lots 123 and 124. He explained that the lot is a corner lot and that Berks Homes only has a duplex product which will not fit on the lot. Mr. McEwen referenced the LVPC letter dated January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 and stated he would like to note a correction on the letter. He explained that the letter indicated that there is a dwelling on lot 124, however, there is not an existing dwelling on lot 124. He clarified that both lots are vacant. Mr. McEwen questioned if Barry Isett received the three waiver requests. Ms. Eckhart indicated that she received them this afternoon. Mr. McEwen stated that they have received the Barry Isett letter dated January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and he discussed the waiver requests as outlined in Martin H. Schuler Company letter dated February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, which read as follows:

*“1. Section 22-502.2.A – Horizontal plan scale of 1” – 50’*

*We base our request on the following:*

*We have used a larger scale size for the purpose of clarity.  
We therefore request a waiver of this section of the ordinance*

*2. Section 22-502.3A – Existing Features Existing utilities within 200 feet.*

*We base our request on the following:*

*The existing utilities are shown on the approved North Hills subdivision plans.  
All utilities will be shown at the time when the Lot Grading Plan is prepared.  
We therefore request a waiver of this section of the ordinance.*

*3. Section 22-502.3.B – Existing Features Existing and proposed contours.*

*We base our request on the following:*

*The existing and proposed contours are shown on the approved North Hills subdivision plans.  
All existing and proposed contours will be shown at the time when the Lot Grading Plan is prepared.  
We therefore request a waiver of this section of the ordinance.”*

Ms. Denissen indicated that Barry Isett did not have any issues with the waiver requests due to the items being shown on the overall North Hills Subdivision plans. Mr. McEwen indicated that the Township would gain an EDU.

Mr. Treadwell stated the Supervisors could make a motion to approve the waivers as outlined in the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Martin H. Schuler Company correspondence. Mr. Frack made the motion as

stated by Mr. Treadwell; seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the Lot Consolidation for North Hills Section B Lots 123-124 Plan; seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

**C. Winter Material (*Item Added to Agenda*):** Ms. Eckhart stated that there has been correspondence in the news regarding municipalities running out of salt and antiskid. She stated that the Township's stock pile is about 1600 tons of salt. Ms. Eckhart stated that there have been two mild winters and the new salt shed was built which allowed the Township to purchase material ahead of its contract while the price was low. She stated that the COSTARS contract will open up on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. She indicated that Tom and herself will put in an amount that will allow the Township to keep the material up. Mr. Behler questioned how much material was for this winter season. Ms. Eckhart indicated that she would estimate about 300 tons for January and February. She stated that if the Township had a blizzard a week, the Township would have enough supplies. She concluded that other municipalities do not have the stock pile capacity.

**D. The Allen Township – Fire Company Complex Update (*Item Added to Agenda*):** Ms. Eckhart stated that the Township did receive the Phase II bids for the building renovation. She explained that the lowest bidder was a local business and is very reputable. She stated that the bids are about \$400,000.00 under the estimate. She stated that they are getting close to finish and would like to welcome anyone who wishes to stop by to see the building. She stated that the carpet colors are dark and will need to be cleaned. Ms. Eckhart explained that the canopy work has started and that the office would be set to be occupied in April 2025.

## **7. Public to be Heard:**

**A.** Ms. Rosann Correll of 3717 Howertown Road indicated that she wished to make an addendum to what she said earlier in the meeting. Ms. Correll stated that under Howertown Road there are two main waterlines. She expressed concern for the heavy truck traffic disturbing the waterlines. She indicated that the waterlines should be something to be considered, despite the homes being on wells. She explained that the waterlines were the City of Bethlehem's lines. Mr. Hassler stated that there is a new line directly across from Ms. Correll's home and the older line is in the center of Howertown Road.

**B.** Mr. Tim Tepes of 3224 Center Road, thanked Mr. Hassler for his time as a Supervisor. Mr. Tepes indicated that he has learned two new items tonight with one being the EDUs. He questioned how Ms. Eckhart and Mr. Treadwell were able to obtain additional EDUs. Ms. Eckhart stated that the Township made a request. Mr. Tepes stated that he made requests for many years and there were not any available EDUs. Mr. Treadwell stated that the Township asked for the EDUs and that the Borough did have plant upgrades. Mr. Tepes stated that he was not aware that North Hills would be present at tonight's meeting. He questioned that since one of the EDUs that he paid for was no longer to be used, if he would get refunded the amount he paid for. Mr. Treadwell stated that if he wishes to sell the EDU back to the Township then he could sell it back. He stated that he presents for tonight's meeting due to Dollar General being on the agenda, however, he asked Ms. Eckhart to

let him know what would need to be done so he can receive his check for the EDU. Mr. Tepes thanked Mr. Hassler again for his time.

C. Mr. James Hower of 4200 Howertown Road, he stated that he was present for tonight's meeting due to the truck traffic. He explained that there is a serious safety issue with the trucks traveling on the road. Mr. Hower questioned what the maximum weight was for the trucks. Mr. Link stated he believes it is 80,000 or 82,000 lbs. Mr. Hower stated that would be more than 20 tons and the weight from the trucks is causing the road to collapse. Mr. Hower stated he expressed his concern to PennDOT. He stated that when he comes home for lunch, within 30 minutes he has counted ten trucks. Mr. Link questioned Ms. Eckhart what the truck count is. Ms. Eckhart indicated it is about 120 trips a day. Mr. Link indicated that he can hear the trucks from his house. He stated that he lives off of Valley Road and he can hear the trucks around 4:00 am. Mr. Hassler stated that he lives on Millrace Road and he can hear the trucks as well. Mr. Hower questioned if there was a Township noise ordinance. Mr. Treadwell stated that noise ordinance covers noise issues that are not in the normal course of business. He stated that cars on the road and airplanes in the sky will not be a violation of the noise ordinance. Mr. Link stated that an issue with the jake breaks on Kreidersville Road is the hills. Mr. Link indicated that he felt the trucks were coming down Rt. 248 onto Kreidersville Road and then they make a left onto Howertown Road. Mr. Hower questioned if there is a weight restriction on the Indian Trail Road Bridge. Mr. Hassler stated that there is not, however, there is a section of Indian Trail Road that is owned by Lehigh Township. He explained that Lehigh Township placed no truck signs on their portion of the road, which they took over from PennDOT. He explained that at the Township line, the road turns into a State Road in Allen Township, which is why Allen Township does not have control over Indian Trail Road. Mr. Hassler stated the same circumstance applies to Cherryville Road. Mr. Hassler stated that PennDOT paid Lehigh Township to take the road over. Ms. Eckhart stated that was in 1992. Mr. Hassler stated that Lehigh Township can ticket trucks.

D. Mr. John Sickonic of 3064 Center Road indicated that Lehigh Township did a buyback for Cherryville Road and that went into effect about 4 to 5 years ago. He indicated there was an issue with trucks and the jake brakes, however, when Lehigh Township took over their portion of the road they kicked the trucks off the road. He stated that the trucks had to go through Pennsville. Mr. Sickonic indicated that if you go over the hill in Pennsville, you can hear the trucks echoing in the valley. Mr. Sickonic questioned if the Board could buy back Howertown Road. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Board in the 1990s rejected owning Howertown Road. Mr. Behler stated that even if the Township owned Howertown Road, the Township does not have a police force meaning that the Township does not have a way to enforce the signs. Mr. Sickonic indicated that he wanted to open discussion to see if the Supervisors were interested in buying back Howertown Road. Mr. Link indicated that the State does not want to give the municipalities pristine roads. Ms. Correll questioned if the Generating Plant can be held responsible for the roads they drive on. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the trucks can lawfully drive on Howertown Road. Ms. Correll questioned if they are responsible for any damages done to the road. Mr. Treadwell indicated that most of the drivers are probably independent contractors. He explained that if he drove his own vehicle on the road, he is not responsible for fixing it. Mr. Link indicated that if the trucks over weight, then they would be responsible. Mr. Treadwell stated that is why fines are in place to cover the costs for overweight trucks. Ms. Correll stated that the truck driver she spoke with indicated that the drivers are bonded for the roads. Mr. Link indicated for a while the trucks were primarily using Seemsville Road. Mr. Link stated that the Township cannot place a sign on a State road. He stated that even the mobile trailer signs probably should not be placed on the State roads unless they are on someone's property,



however, that is probably a grey area. Mr. Link stated that when they change the route about half of the traffic will still be using Howertown Road. Ms. Eckhart indicated that there is a capacity payment that is currently being held by the Federal Government. She explained that once the funds are released to them, they maybe able to afford belly dump trucks that are designed to transport the material. Ms. Eckhart stated that they are not as noisy. Mr. Link stated that the truck traffic will change once the Cementon Bridge is open. Ms. Correll questioned if the State would be concerned about the waterlines. Mr. Link stated that the lines are most likely four feet or more underground. Ms. Micklos questioned if something could be done about the times of the trucks driving on the road. Mr. Treadwell stated that the Township does not have any authority over State roads. He explained that the Township could pass an ordinance that says no trucks on Howertown Road, however, that is 100% unenforceable. Ms. Correll stated that she wishes for the Township to speak to the State on behalf of the public. Mr. Treadwell indicted that is understood, however, every municipality has similar issues where they reach out to the State. Mr. Treadwell stated that the Township has reached out to the State on multiple occasions and sometimes they respond and other times they do not. Ms. Eckhart stated that there was an area on Kreidersville Road and Howertown Road where there were passing zones. She explained that in the mid-2000s the Township reached out to PennDOT about the dangers of the passing zones. She stated that PennDOT studied the areas and removed the passing zones. She concluded that sometimes PennDOT will positively respond to requests, but other times request responses are no. The Board generally discussed engine brakes.

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

- Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00 PM
- Planning Commission, Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6:00 PM

**9. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber R. Averbek