



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes May 28, 2024 6:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, located at 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA. Mr. Hassler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. **Roll Call:**

Present: Gary Behler; Dale Hassler; Tim Paul; Jason Frack; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Ilene Eckhart, Manager; Tom Gogle, Public Works Crew Leader, and Andrea Martin, Engineer

Absent: Paul Link; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME

2. **Announcements and/or Actions to Add New Items to the Current Agenda:** No announcements or actions to add new items to the current agenda.

3. **Public Hearings:** There were no public hearings.

4. **Public to be Heard:** There was no public to be heard.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Horwith Howertown Road Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision: Mr. Brad Rock of Lehigh Engineering explained the project and indicated that it is a simple minor subdivision plan that calls for dividing off a two-acre lot from the main property, which will remain as farm and woodland with no development. Mr. Rock corrected himself and explained that it would be a 1.9 acre lot not a two-acre lot.

Ms. Martin indicated that there is one waiver for scaling and Barry Isett and Associates did a brief review of the plan resubmission and it has not been finalized yet, however, there are a few minor comments that are outstanding. Mr. Rock indicated that he is waiting for the Highway Occupancy Permit and that the DEP waiver has been dropped off. Ms. Martin stated that there is an additional comment that is not in the Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. letter dated May 20th, 2024. She indicated that the building height should be shown on the plans to ensure compliance with the Zoning Ordinance § 27-1411.3A.

Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the waiver as it relates to the SALDO §22-502.2A for the scale of the sheet size; seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minor subdivision of Howertown Road as long as it meets all the comments from the Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. letter, dated May 20th, 2024,

and the additional comments provided by the Township Engineer, Ms. Andrea Martin are satisfied; seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

B. Allen Township Municipal and Fire Station Complex Renovations: Ms. Eckhart explained that Allen Township was not awarded the LSA grant application for the first round of grants. She indicated that the LSA grant application was for Phase I of the project for the main building reconstruction. She explained that Phase II of the project is for outside improvements, which the Township applied for a Statewide grant application that will be awarded in September 2024. She indicated that previously, the Board had an intention to award the bids for Phase I during the March 26th, 2024 meeting.

Mr. Behler made a motion to officially award the bid for general contractor to Mohawk Contracting & Development, LLC, for mechanical contractor to ASL Refrigeration, Inc., for electrical contractor to Albarell Electric, Inc., and for the plumbing contractor to the Warko Group, and issue the notice to proceed; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

C. Sale of Items on Municibid One (1) 2003 CAT Backhoe 430D IT Extindahoe (Includes Forks, Grapple Bucket, 3-Cubic Yard, 36 Inch Bucket, 24 Inch Bucket, and 12 Inch Bucket); One (1) Fimco 200 Gallon tank; One (1) 2008 Mack Dump Truck (Includes one (1) Valk Plow and one (1) Flink Spreader); and One (1) Canon imagePROGRAF IPF6100 Printer: Mr. Behler made a motion to advertise the one (1) 2003 CAT Backhoe 430D IT Extindahoe (including Forks, Grapple Bucket, 3-Cubic Yard, 36 Inch Bucket, 24 Inch Bucket, and 12 Inch Bucket); one (1) Fimco 200 Gallon tank; one (1) 2008 Mack Dump Truck (including one (1) Valk Plow and one (1) Flink Spreader); and one (1) Canon imagePROGRAF IPF6100 Printer for sale on Municibid; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all present Supervisors voted yes.

D. General Update – Current Bridge Replacement Projects: Ms. Eckhart indicated that the first lane of the Howertown Road Bridge is scheduled for cure approval and paving for early June. She explained that once the paving of the first lane is completed the traffic will be switched to the newly paved side and the detour will remain in place while the final work is completed. She stated that the projected completion date for the Howertown Road Bridge is tentatively mid to late October 2024.

Ms. Eckhart explained that the final paving for the Indian Trail Road Bridge is scheduled for the week of June 3rd, 2024. She stated that the guiderail, signage, and stripping will follow, allowing for a tentative reopening date of mid-June 2024.

Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Northampton County Bridge #124 on Willowbrook Road has a full closure scheduled to resume on June 5th, 2024. She stated that the Northampton County General Purpose Authority and their contractor, Kriger Construction, anticipate the project to be completed by mid-October 2024.

6. New Business:

A. PPL Siegfried East Palmerton 230kv Rebuild – July 1, 2024, through February 28th, 2027: Ms. Eckhart explained that the Township received notice about the project from

the representative of PPL. She indicated that the notice included a map and a boilerplate copy of the letter that went to the property owner. She stated that the rebuild will originate out of the Siegfried Substation located on the west side of Cherryville Road and head northward to the Palmerton area. Mr. Hassler indicated that much of the rebuild will not be taking place within the Township.

Mr. Hassler announced that he received a notice from PPL that there will be work in the area during the week of June 10th, 2024.

7. Public to be Heard: There was no public to be heard.

8. Announcements:

Ms. Eckhart stated that the Zoning Hearing 2024.01 Application of PTV 1363, LLC, is in the process of being scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th, 2024. She indicated that there will be certified notices going out once the date has been scheduled.

Mr. Hassler announced the upcoming meetings. All meetings and events below will be held at the Allen Township Municipal Building. These meetings and events are as follows:

- Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:00 PM
- Planning Commission, Monday, June 17, 2024, 6:00 PM
- Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 6:00 PM
- Zoning Hearing 2024-01 Application of PTV 1363 LLC, Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 6:00 PM (Tentative Date)
- Park and Recreation Board, Thursday, June 27th, 2024, 6:00 PM

Mr. Behler announced that on June 29th, 2024, the Township will be hosting a Touch-a-Truck and Movie in the Park event at the Howertown Park.

9. Adjournment: There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart