



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, November 8, 2012**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, November 8, 2012, 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 Paul Balliet.

Roll Call: Paul Balliet - Present; William Holmes- Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Michelle Drzewiecki – Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Ilene M. Eckhart – Present; Brien Kocher, P.E.(Hanover Engineering) - Present.

Public to be Heard: John Pesick, 7 Phyllese Drive, voiced concerns regarding the stop signs on Phyllese Drive. He indicated people frequently fail to stop and it is getting worse. He noted there are a lot of children in the neighborhood. He suggested maybe the Board could consider asking Northampton Police to patrol the area. Mr. Balliet felt the only option available to the Board at this time would be to request the State Police to increase patrols. Mr. Tony Bennett, Phyllese Drive, also voiced concerns regarding this problem. Mr. Treadwell, on the question from Mr. Balliet regarding patrol provided by others, indicated that a mutual aid agreement would be required to allow any other police force (other than State Police) to patrol. Mr. Balliet indicated the Board would consider some other options, as well as request a response from State Police by the next meeting and report back to the Messrs. Pesick and Bennett.

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

### Reports

**A. Treasurer:** Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Solicitor:** On file. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the he

**C. Engineer:** On file.

i. Private water lateral standards, for discussion: Mr. Kocher indicated that it is clear that neither the City of Bethlehem nor Northampton Borough Municipal Authority perform inspection of private water laterals. Mr. Kocher further suggested the building code does not adequately addresses backfill issues for our geographical area. Mr. Kocher questioned if the Board wanted address this matter by way of the UCC regulations or develop an independent standard. Mr. Kocher explained that if the laterals are not inspected they may leak and in our geology may create sinkholes. Mr. Pierce was not in favor of being involved in water lines because the Township did not have any ownership of the system. He felt that to be independently regulating the water line was not beneficial to the Township. Mr. Pierce felt that the Township should not be involved with the regulation of the water line. Mr. Frack felt in this incidence, because it is private (streets) in a private development but in the future, the Township should come up with some sort of standard when the water lines (and laterals) about the public street. Ms. Drzewiecki felt if it is preventing a future problem she could agree with coming up with a standard. Mr. Pierce felt that if the Board really wanted to inspect it that the Building Code Inspector should be authorized inspect it. Following some further discussion, the Board agreed to authorize the Building Code Inspector to inspect the private water laterals from the curb to the structure pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Construction Code.

**D. Zoning Officer:** On file.

**E. Code Enforcement:** On file.

**F. Road Superintendent/Public Work Director:** On file.

**G. Fire Company:** On file.

**H. Parks:** On file.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**A. 2013 Budget, for authorization to advertise:** Mr. Frack made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to advertise the 2013 Preliminary Budget for public inspection; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Tax Collection Committee (Earned Income Tax) – reappointment of delegate:** Mr. Holmes made a motion to appoint Mr. Pierce as the Tax Collection Committee (earned income tax) reappointment for the 2013; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**C. ATV Ordinance, draft:** Ms. Eckhart requested the Board to consider adding snowmobile provisions with the limit riders to the current draft in process pursuant to a recent

draft received from Northampton County to enforce provisions. Mr. Holmes made a motion to include provisions regarding snowmobiles to the draft and authorize advertisement of the draft ordinance pursuant to the public notice requirements; seconded by Ms. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

#### **New Business**

**A. Police Issue:** Mr. Frack suggested creating a new committee to review police service. Messrs. Frack and Holmes agreed to serve as a committee to review police service. Following some discussion, Ms. Drzewiecki made a motion to appoint Messrs. Frack and Holmes to the new study committee; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**Public to be Heard:** There being no further comments the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart