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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 8, 2011

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, September 8, 2011, 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 Vice Chairman Bruce Frack.

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

Public to be Heard: No public comments.

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

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

Reports

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

B. Solicitor: On file. Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter at the conclusion of the regular meeting items.

C. Engineer: On file.

i. W. 27th Street Storm Water and development issues: Ms. Eckhart indicated this is a follow-up item to the Hanover Engineering report from August. She indicated that the Northampton County Conservation District made a site visit to the area concerning the erosion issues following the past several severe rainstorms. Mr. Kocher indicated that one of the canal crossings has been installed. Mr. Tim Livengood and Mr. Louis Tepes

Jr. were present for the meeting as was requested by Ms. Eckhart. A lengthy discussion concerning the contributing factors and the property owners responsible for the erosion problems in addition to the cleaning of the railroad culvert downstream of the Yastrop property ensued. Mr. Livengood felt that the stormwater improvements installed in his developments, Hampton Ridge and Towpath Estates have not contributed erosion to the Yastrop property. He further indicated that was unsure of the stormwater on eastern side of West 27th Street. He felt that the problems were occurring from the eastern side of W. 27th Street to the western side via the intermittent stream. Mr. Livengood presented some photographs from the area including sections of the pipe that were installed by Mr. Yastrop in the area of the railroad culvert that further exasperated the problem. This added to the problem when the force of the water moved the pipes he installed and further blocked the natural channel of the intermittent stream. When Livengood installed the grate then channel was completely free of the debris and functioning properly. He indicated that the heavy silt laden flow is not coming from the Towpath Estates and Hampton Ridge ponds. Following some further discussion regarding the impacts of this event Mr. Pierce suggested the following: 1.) since no work may be done until the weather stabilizes regarding the blockage in front of the railroad culvert grate to monitor the situation and when the weather stabilizes the Township cleans the culvert out; 2.) to make a physical inspection of the 12 acre property on the east side of W. 27th Street to determine a comprehensive understanding of the path of the water and photograph the area; 3.) to maintain the area around the railroad pipe in the interim; 4.) to replace the pipes under West 27th Street in the near future and 5.) to contact the Yastrop property owner concerning the work on his own property. The Board generally agreed. Mr. Pierce made a motion to direct the Public Works Director to monitor until he thinks he can clean out the grate associated with the culvert under the railroad to return to the Board with a plan for work; make a physical inspection of the 12 acre property on the east side of W. 27th Street with documentation and to determine the path of the water and eventually fix the pipes under W. 27th Street when the developer (Livengood) is ready to proceed with the W. 27th Street road improvement work; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Holmes added that both Yastrop and Kocher the adjoining property owners should be contacted regarding this matter.

ii. Residences at Willow Ridge, Extension of time to meet approval conditions: Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant an extension of time until October 123, 2011 to meet the conditions of approval; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

iii. Willow Ridge – proposed site escrow breakdown of responsibilities to finalize construction of improvements: Mr. Kocher indicated has reached a determination in the review of the existing security proceeds versus the remaining improvements that a shortfall exists on both the apartment area and single/twin area. Following some discussion, the Board agreed to allow that the agreement with the Franklin Realty developer to proceed based on the security analysis of the Township Engineer.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

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

G. Fire Company: No report.

H. Parks: On file.

Unfinished Business

A. Interstate Waste Service Conditional Use, approval of opinion: Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the opinion as prepared by the Solicitor; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

A. 2012 Budget Workshop, schedule of dates for meetings: Following some discussion, the Board agreed to schedule a 2012 Budget Workshop for Tuesday, October 11th at 6 PM.

B. Appointment of evaluation committee members from Board: Mr. Pierce made a motion to appoint William Holmes and Bruce Frack to the committee as suggested by Ms. Eckhart; seconded by Mrs. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

New Business - No new business.

Public to be Heard: The Board held a brief executive session concerning a personnel matter. There being no further comments the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart