



## Allen Township Board of Supervisors

### Meeting Minutes

**October 9, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors, was held on Tuesday, October, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA 18067. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Larry Oberly.

**1. Roll Call:** Present: Gary Behler; Bruce Frack; Gerald Montanari; Dale Hassler; Larry Oberly; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq, Robert Cox, PE, PLS, Ilene Eckhart, Manager

**2. Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience. On the request of Mr. Oberly, Ms. Eckhart provided a brief report regarding the communications with Fed Ex management and Pennsylvania State Police on the steps being taken to correct trucks traveling on road which are posted to prohibited truck traffic.

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

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14 and 28, 2018; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Oberly who abstained from the minutes of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **5. Reports**

**A. Treasurer:** Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Solicitor:** On file. Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session to discuss potential land acquisition and a personnel matter.

**C. Engineer:** On file. On file. Mr. Cox reported that the red, yellow and green for the traffic signals on Willowbrook would be occurring on October 16th. Mr. Cox indicated that the pavement markings are approximately 90% complete. Mr. Behler requested an update on the paving of Radar Drive. Mr. Cox responded that his recommendation still stands that the paving needs to be milled. He did not recommend the release of financial security due to the condition of the base course installation. Mr. Treadwell indicated that he has had conversations with both Rockefeller and Fed Ex regarding the issues. Mr. Montanari questioned how long the Township could hold the security. Mr. Treadwell indicated indefinitely.

D. Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement: Ms. Eckhart reported that the fireworks testing at the Lappawinzo would occur on October 20th, 2018 and the testing event would conclude by 10 PM on that date. Ms. Eckhart further reported that the October 15 PC meeting was cancelled.

E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file. Regarding the Call in Snow Drivers, Mr. Behler made a motion to approve Frank Csencits for part time call in snow plowing; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. The call in drivers from last year would need to submit new applications.

F. Fire Company: On file and report supplied by Chief.

G. Emergency Management Coordinator: Mr. Krill provided the report. Mr. Krill updated regarding the approval of the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was approved by FEMA.

H. Parks: On file. Ms. Eckhart reported concerning the Howertown Park – DCNR Correspondence and the impacts of the Rt. 329 Improvements conversion. Ms. Eckhart provided a brief update concerning the issue and the assistance offered by Senator Scavello in seeking grant assistance to acquire additional open space, recreation and park properties. Senator Scavello did reach out to DCNR Central Office and the Township would need to comply in the future.

J. Nazareth Council of Government: Mr. Krill provided the report. Mr. Oberly indicated that the NASD has requested the Municipal EMC be included to serve and attend the upcoming Community Safety Council scheduled for the coming months.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: No meeting – nothing to report.

L. Stormwater: Nothing to report.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

- A. Willowbrook Road – Sinkhole in Utility Area, Report: Mr. Cox reported regarding the sinkhole in the area of various utilities included the UGI gas main and observations from the recent field visit (one of three which have occurred over the past few months). He indicated he has reviewed the adjacent area to ascertain the location of the right of way. He felt the sinkhole was just outside of the Township right of way and the land was owned in some form by Northampton County including the land under the roadway. He indicated he felt Northampton County and UGI were backing away from any responsibilities. He noted it was not a combative meeting and that the UGI representative indicated that the line was not in jeopardy as it was a solid steel encased line. Mr. Cox noted that the area could impact other utilities in the immediate area. Mr. Cox felt another meeting would need to convene to determine the responsibility. Mr. Oberly questioned the odors of gas in the area. Mr. Cox noted that all the times he has been at the site there were no gas odors. Ms. Eckhart added she did contact the PUC Gas Main Safety Inspector who participated in the site visit last week. Ms. Eckhart further noted that an as built should be requested from UGI due to conflicting information in the Township's files (which were submitted by UGI as part of the road opening application to the Township in the mid-1990's). Mr. Hassler further questioned the survey markings. Mr. Cox indicated that UGI had marked the location of the line very recently.

- B. Lehigh River – Railroad Crossing, Estimate McNees, Wallace and Nurick,LLC: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the Law Firm of McNees, Wallace and Nurick pursuant to letter of engagement; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- C. Atlas Street Townhomes – Request for Certification of Wastewater Conveyance: Mr. Oberly explained the request for four EDU's. At the present time the Board is unable to certify the conveyance of the request for sewer EDU's. Mr. Behler made a motion to table the EDU's request; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Treadwell suggested that the response to the request be provided in writing and explain the reason that the request is tabled.
- D. Allen Township Fire Company, Appreciation Christmas Dinner 2018 and Iron Pigs 2019: Mr. Behler made a motion to include all Allen volunteers (including NREMS and the volunteer Boards) to the Christmas appreciation dinner and approve an Iron Pigs for the Volunteer Fire Company; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Hassler who abstained. Mr. Montanari suggested exploring a Phantoms game as well.
- E. Fed Ex Ground Hub Truck Traffic Complaints/Conditions Enforcement: This item was covered initial in the meeting under Public to be Heard.

## 7. New Business

- A. Authorization of Transfer Joint Ownership Interest of 2003 Tymco Sweeper to North Catasauqua Borough: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the transfer of the 2003 Tymco to North Catasauqua at the fair market value share of not less than \$2,000 (or as otherwise determined if greater than \$2,000); seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**8. Public to be Heard:** Mr. Donald Knoll, 4040 Pinehurst Drive, requested the Board contact the individual from FedEx responsible for managing the facility to attend a Board meeting to address the residents regarding the truck concerns.

Mr. Mickey Philpot, 5016 Sawgrass Drive, asked if the Board was communicating all complaints to FedEx including the traffic north and also on Weaversville Road. Mr. Oberly indicated that all complaints are forwarded. Mr. Hassler indicated that he had been investigating the navigation apps and he felt that was part of the problem as they direct drivers to follow routes without regard for route restrictions. Mr. Hassler felt a great deal of the problems was with the in-bound truck traffic.

Mr. Robert Nappa, 382 East Bullshead Road, noted the majority of cabs are owned independently.

Mr. Bob Bysher, Weaversville Road, felt the Township should be more pro-active. He felt the Township had someone to point the finger at (Fed Ex) but when the next round of warehouse generating thousands of additional trucks – there would be no way to identify the issue or the party responsible. Mr. Bysher felt that additional signage should be added in order to be pro-active. Mr. Oberly indicated the Township has been proactive on the planning but there were a lot a cogs in the process. Mr. Bysher further questioned if the Weaversville Road truck restriction signage could be replaced. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the signs Mr. Bysher is referring to must be authorized by PennDOT including the location.

Mr. John Kellhart, 4065 Pinehurst, questioned the widening of the Northampton County Bridge #124 across the Catasauqua Creek. He opposed the widening of the bridge to a three lane bridge as it would create an attractive nuisance for trucks. He suggested leaving the County bridge to service class 1 vehicles only - it would create too much of a temptation. Mr. Hassler noted that he agreed with the bridge being kept narrower and was an appropriate traffic calming measure. Mr. Kellhart was concerned with enforcement.

Cameron Smith, 626 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Catasauqua, wished to thank the Board for their diligence in resolving the FedEx Ground truck issues.

**9. Adjournment:** There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart