



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019

7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors, was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 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: Prior to Roll Call, Mr. Oberly announced Mr. Gerald Montanari Sr. has resigned his position as a Zoning Hearing Board Member. Mr. Montanari Sr. was appointed as a Board of Supervisors member at the Board Meeting of November 26th, 2019 to fill a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Behler made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Montanari Sr. from the Zoning Hearing Board; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Mr. Oberly proceeded with calling the roll: Present: Larry Oberly; Gary Behler; Bruce Frack; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari, Sr.; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME.; Ilene Eckhart, Manager.

2. Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

3. Public Hearings: No Public Hearings.

4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12 and 26; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

5. Reports

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

B. Solicitor: On file. Additionally, Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session to discuss litigation at the conclusion of the meeting.

C. Engineer: On file.

D. Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:

i. Willowbrook Curative Amendment/Validity Challenge – Waiver of Planning Commission Review by Applicant/Property Owner: Mr. Behler made a motion to acknowledge and approve the waiver; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Behler made a motion to redirect Gary Asteak to defend the Township Zoning

and SALDO as they exist; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file and presented by Mr. Gogle.

i. 2019/2020 Call In Snow Plow Driver List – Additional Name: Mr. Behler made a motion to add Mark Kocher; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

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

G. Emergency Management Coordinator: On file and presented by Mr. Krill.

H. Parks: On file.

i. Howertown Park – Lighting Upgrades: Mr. Frack made a motion to authorize the lighting upgrades at approximately \$3,000; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

J. Nazareth Council of Government: On file and presented by Mr. Krill.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: Mr. Oberly indicated there has not been a meeting since the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

L. Stormwater: On file.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Advanced Disposal - Municipal Waste and Recycling Contract, Performance Issues/Complaints: Ms. Eckhart reported and updated to the Board regarding recent complaints concerning Advanced Disposals performance under the new contract. The complaints included:

- Not picking up bulk items as spelled out in the contract and adding provisions not in the contract such as wrapping of mattress in plastic in order to be picked up;
- Not picking up metal items on dates established on the white goods/metal collection dates - after I confirmed items which were to be collected well in advance of the date (such as barbeque grills – Advance attempted to call these “appliances”;
- Confusion between the dates established for bulk items vs. white goods and metal collection dates resulting in return trips through the Township;
- Cutting into bags and leaving the contents behind (usually when yard waste may have been expected);
- Not notifying the Township in changes or delays in pickup schedule – lack of communication;
- Throw off cans after emptying them – breaking of recycling cans and trash cans reported

The Board directed Ms. Eckhart to arrange a management meeting with Advanced to review these issues.

B. Authorization to Proceed with Purchase and Order of Class 5 Medium Truck per 2020 Budget Item: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the order of the Class 5 Medium Truck per the 2020 Budget Item at a cost of \$97,687.00; seconded hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Travel Authorization – January 22/23rd, 2020 PUC Mediation Session (#2) Harrisburg: Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to travel on behalf of the Townships PUC Mediation Session #2 to Harrisburg, PA; seconded Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

7. New Business

A. 2020 Auditors Meeting – Authorization to Advertise Reorganization for Tuesday, January 7th: Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize advertisement of the Auditors Reorganization Meeting; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

8. Public to be Heard: Mr. Behler thanked Mr. Oberly for his many years of service including past participation with Fire Company, Zoning Hearing Board, Township Auditor, as well as a well-known local historian and his role with the Siegfried train station preservation efforts.

The Board held a brief executive session regarding multiple litigation matters.

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart