



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes November 10, 2020 7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. held by teleconference due to the Disaster Emergency (Resolution 2020-10 & Resolution 2020-11 – with a sunset clause of September 9, 2020) created by the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Dale Hassler.

1. **Roll Call:** Present: Gary Behler; Bruce Frack; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari, Sr.; Carl Edwards; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME; Ilene Eckhart, Manager.
2. **Announcements:** Ms. Eckhart requested the Lehigh River Property building demolition quotes be added as a discussion item this evening.
3. **Public to be Heard:** No comments from the public.
4. **Public Hearings:** No Public Hearings.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
6. **Reports – All Reports with exception of the Treasurers Report noted as “on file”.**
 - A. **Treasurer:** Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Edwards. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
 - B. **Solicitor:** On file.
 - C. **Engineer:** On file.
 - D. **Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:** On file.
 - E. **Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader:** On file.
 - F. **Fire Company:** On file.
 - G. **Emergency Management Coordinator:** No report.
 - H. **Parks:** On file.
 - J. **Nazareth Council of Government:** No meeting since last report

K. First Regional Compost Authority: No report.

L. Stormwater: On file.

6. Unfinished Business

A. 2021 Budget Draft: Mr. Behler made a motion to advertise the draft budget for public inspection of the 2021 Budget Draft; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Format of Future Meetings – Remainder of 2020: Ms. Eckhart explained the technological ability to simultaneously operate in the Zoom format in concert with the in-person meeting happening at the same time. Messrs. Behler and Hassler felt that with the rising numbers of cases it might be best to revisit the matter in January. Mr. Hassler explained the Sunshine Law regarding the open meeting requirements. Mr. Behler suggested that the meetings remain in Zoom through the end of the year and that just for the Reorganization Meeting we hold an in-person meeting. Mr. Edwards felt the same as in the past. Mr. Montanari agreed with Messrs. Behler and Hassler.

C. Lehigh River House Demo Quotes: Ms. Eckhart reported that three written bid quotes have been received. She indicated she based her cost assumption on a past demolition project performed by the Township. Mr. Treadwell suggested either advertising for formal bids or waiting based on the market for better prices. Mr. Behler made a motion to advertise for competitive bids for the Lehigh River House demolition; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

7. New Business

A. Resolution 2020-15 NazCOG Intermunicipal Agreement Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals: Ms. Eckhart explained this is a follow-up item from the last meeting to formally adopt the NazCOG Intermunicipal Agreement Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals. Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-15; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Yard Waste Saturdays: Ms. Eckhart explained that due to the unseasonable warm weather the yard waste area continues to be very busy. She indicated the next two Saturdays forecast nice weather and recommended the drop off site remain open. She added the Saturdays would then end until Spring next year. Mr. Frack made a motion to staff the yard waste drop off site on Saturday November 14th and 21st and end the season thereafter until Spring 2021; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

8. Public to be Heard: Mr. Edwards questioned if the draft budget could still be modified in light of the direction to advertise. Mr. Treadwell indicated that if there would be a change it would depend on the magnitude of the change, which may necessitate re-advertisement for public inspection. Ms. Eckhart believe this was 10% of a major category or 25% of the overall budget. Mr. Behler suggested if Mr. Edwards had any suggested changes that he bring them forth prior to advertisement.

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart