



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors, was held on Tuesday, September 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: Present: Larry Oberly; Gary Behler; Bruce Frack; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME.; Ilene Eckhart, Manager.

2. Public to be Heard: Mr. Tony Bennett, 9 Phyllese Drive, questioned the contract for Advanced Disposal. Mr. Oberly responded that the contract was derived with the guidance of a consultant due to several economic factors include the national sword recycling impact on the industry. Mr. Bennett felt this should have been better communicated to residents. He felt that the decision to change should have been based on what the people of the Township wanted for service. Mr. Oberly stated the contract is already in play and it cannot be changed. Mr. Bennett felt that there should have been more options and people do not know what to do with their trash items anymore. Mr. Montanari did not feel you could please everyone and that the contract provided was equitable to most residents. Mr. Montanari indicated that actually the complaints received were from a very small amount of residents and that most complaints seemed to be coming from a small number of residents who were disposing of large amounts of bagged grass. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter, Mr. Oberly felt that the Board acted on the matter within their function of representative government.

Greg Seng, 15 Phyllese Drive, voiced similar concerns regarding the garbage service contract with Advanced Disposal.

3. Public Hearings: No Public Hearings.

4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13th and 27th; seconded by Mr. Montanari. 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. Hassler. 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.

C. Engineer: On file. Mr. Wojciechowski reported on the analysis of the Fed Ex lighting complaint as well as the correspondence to Fed Ex about the problem. He felt some of the lights may

be shielded to resolve the issues. Additionally, he noted lights in non-compliance on Radar Drive. Mr. Wojciechowski will not be in attending the next meeting.

- D. Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:** Nothing to report.
- E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader:** On file and presented by Mr. Gogle.
- F. Fire Company:** On file and report supplied by Chief Hassler.
- G. Emergency Management Coordinator:** Mr. Krill provided the report.
- H. Parks:** On file.
- J. Nazareth Council of Government:** On file and presented by Mr. Krill.
- K. First Regional Compost Authority:** On file.
- L. Stormwater:** On file.
- 6. Unfinished Business**

A. Howertown Park Retention Pond – Fence Quote: Ms. Eckhart provided a quote in the amount of \$18,200.00 for the Howertown Park Rt. 329 Improvement project. Mr. Hassler voiced concerns regarding the water in the pond, which is still present after the conversion and there has been no appreciable rainfall. Mr. Hassler asked the Board to review the conditions of the pond. Mr. Hassler indicated his opinion was not any different regarding the other Township properties that contained running or standing water (Dry Run Creek through the Howertown Park; Hokendauqua Creek through the Covered Bridge Park; etc.) and which are not fenced. Mr. Behler made a motion to table the estimate; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Howertown Park Dug-Outs Main Field – Preliminary Estimates: Mr. Hassler approved the installation of the dug outs pursuant to the estimates of \$49,000 as provided by Ms. Eckhart; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

7. New Business

A. Draft Ordinance 2019-05 Unemployment Compensation Insurance Coverage PSATS Group Trust: Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize advertisement of the draft ordinance; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. 2020 Non-Uniformed Pension Plan - Minimum Municipal Obligation: Mr. Behler made a motion to accept the MMO as present in the amount of \$30,953.18; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Towpath Estates – West 27th Street Improvement Requirements: Mr. Hassler raised concerns about the improvement requirements for West 27th Street which were required as part of the development. Mr.

Hassler was concerned that the road improvements were not being completed along W. 27th Street. Mr. Hassler felt W. 27th Street was to be widened. Ms. Eckhart explained the last stipulation of Final Plan Conditional Approval for Towpath Estates Subdivision, which occurred in 2007. Following some discussion regarding the best time for the W. 27th Street in consideration of the construction truck traffic coming in and out of the development, Mr. Hassler voiced concerns that this was going to be a very swift buildout. Mr. Treadwell noted that he believed there was a stipulation in the agreement regarding the number of houses to be constructed before the W. 27th Street work is completed. Mr. Oberly felt that the issue need to be researched and the developer reminded of the obligation.

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

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart