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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES Thursday, November 10, 2016

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, November 10, 2016, 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 Chairman Bruce Frack.

Roll Call: Bruce Frack - Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Dale N. Hassler - Present; Gary Behler - Present; Brien Kocher, PE - Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. - Present; David M. Backenstoe, Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart - Present

Public to be Heard: Joe Novak, Mud Lane, voiced concerns regarding the issuance of the temporary extension.

Meritt Snyder, Hogan Way, voiced concerns regarding the added signage on Willowbrook Road.

Mickey Philpot, Saw Grass Drive, Willow Green, questioned if Willowbrook Road was still considered for closure during construction.

Barbara Sommers, Hogan Way, voiced concerns regarding where the construction workers walk.

Mike Tomsic, McNair Drive, voiced concerns regarding cars parked on the sidewalk.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Oberly made a motion to approve the general meeting minutes and the Comprehensive Plan Workshop minutes of October 2016 as presented, seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

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.

i. PennDOT Winter Services Maintenance Agreement – Modifications to document executed by Board of Supervisors submitted to PennDOT: Mr. Backenstoe advised, based on Mr. Treadwell's review that the revised document be signed. Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the agreement; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Engineer: On file.

i. Willowbrook Farm Berm – Earth Disturbance and Driveway Relocation – Mr. Kocher reviewed the plan briefly. Mike Stadulious, P.E. was present on behalf of the Fuller Trust and indicated that the fill will be taken from the western basin at the south end of Willowbrook Road. Mr. Kocher further voiced concerns regarding the continued use of the existing driveway until the new road is available. Mr. Stadulious indicated there are two elderly residents on the property and therefore requested that both driveways be kept available for service.

Mr. Pierce acknowledged that Mr. Stadulious felt that the existing Fuller Drive needed to be maintained due to infirmed people residing on the site.

Mr. Behler made a motion to allow Fuller Farm to keep the existing Fuller Drive open during the construction of the berm; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

ii. Willowbrook Road Verizon Line Relocation – Mr. Kocher presented the plan showing the location of the Verizon line relocation. Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize the Verizon Relocation on the condition that the road will remain open (with no lane closures), but that if lane closures become necessary the contractor will need to return to the Board for approval; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

F. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file.

G. Fire Company: Mr. Mark Kocher present to provide report. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Township received a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Nick Lalik effective November 30th, 2016. Mr. Oberly made a motion to accept the letter of resignation of Fire Chief Nick Lalik effective November 30th, 2016; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Hassler who abstained.

H. Emergency Management Coordinator: On file.

I. Nazareth COG Report: No report.

J. Parks: On file.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: On file.

L. Stormwater – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

A. City of Bethlehem Meeting re: Drexel Heights Water System - Report: Mr. Hassler provided a brief report concerning the meeting which contained four alternatives the City will review including: by-pass north of the pressure reducer; pump station to increase pressure; development improvements from north of Rt. 329; adjustment to existing pressure to increase from 60 psi incrementally. Following some discussion regarding the delays and associated costs with some of the options presented by Bethlehem, Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to notify Bethlehem in writing to proceed with one of the above mentioned options in order to provide the residents with relief of the low pressure situation; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B: Emergency Standby Generator – Authorization to Proceed with Purchase Order for Electrical Installation Contract: Mr. Oberly made a motion to authorize SMEEC, LLC in the amount of \$8,790; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Sidewalk Ordinance Amendment - Parking of Outdoor Vehicles and Parking on Sidewalk: Mr. Pierce requested the Board's authorize the Solicitor to develop a draft to address the sidewalk ordinance issue (returning to the Board) and authorize the Solicitor to develop a draft to the Zoning Ordinance amendment for the parking of trailers in yards (returning to the Planning Commission); seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisor present voted yes.

New Business

A. PPL Request for Grant of Right of Way, East Side of Savage Road – Howertown Park for installation of three new poles and one new anchor guy: Nicole Lacouve, EIT, PPL was present to review the location of the poles in the grant request. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the Grant of Right of Way as requested; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Request for Executive Session - Personnell: Ms. Eckhart requested an executive session to discuss personnell.

Public to be Heard:

Mr. Don Knoll, Pine Hurst Drive, Willow Green, questioned if the developer has provided a maintenance of traffic plan regarding the management during construction on Willowbrook Road. Mr. Frack indicated a traffic plan was still pending.

Mr. Gene Clater, Snow Hill Road, voiced concerns regarding the timing of the access of the new access to Willowbrook Road on the Fuller Farm property.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart