



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2018

7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors, was held on Tuesday, December 11, 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: Mr. Clater, Snow Hill Road, commented regarding the Freight Truck Study. He indicated the target for the final report and recommendations is April 2019. Mr. Clater further indicated that his current term to the Township Planning Commission and Lehigh Valley Planning Commission will end at the end of 2018. He indicated he would offer to stay on the LVPC for the Freight Truck Study. Mr. Oberly praised Mr. Clater for his work on the Planning Commission and Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. Mr. Behler also thanked Mr. Clater for his many years of service to the Township in other various roles.

George Weaver, Oak Lane, questioned if the City of Bethlehem Pressure Relief Valve would be addressed in the near term. He reiterated this was a proposed repair by the City of Bethlehem that would allow for a stop gap measure to address the Drexel Heights pressure issues. Mr. Weaver also raised concerns regarding the turning lanes at the Rt. 329 intersection. Mr. Cox will review the interim conditions for the intersection turning lanes in the interim condition. Mr. Cox indicated that the work will not be completed until the Spring 2019 per PennDOTs regulations for the installation of paving.

3. Public Hearings: No public hearings.

4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13th and 27th, 2018; seconded by Mr. Frack. 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.

C. Engineer: On file. Mr. Oberly made a correction to Mr. Cox report regarding the reference to the sewer plant as operated by NBMA.

- D. Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:** Nothing to report.
 - E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader:** On file.
 - F. Fire Company:** On file and report supplied by Chief.
 - G. Emergency Management Coordinator:** Mr. Krill provided the report.
 - H. Parks:** On file. Ms. Eckhart reported concerning the Howertown Park Field House Building that the building (plumbing) has been winterized and the building will not be heated (with the propane system) this coming winter until another practical solution can be identified.
 - J. Nazareth Council of Government:** Mr. Krill provided the report.
 - K. First Regional Compost Authority:** On file. Mr. Oberly reminded the Board that the winter hours have commenced at the FRCA Main Processing Facility.
 - L. Stormwater:**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
- A. Resolution #2018-17 – Fixing of the General Purpose Tax Levy at 5.00 mills:** Mr. Hassler made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-17 setting the real estate tax levy for 2019 at 5.00 mills; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
 - B. 2019 Budget Adoption:** Mr. Hassler made a motion to adopt the 2019 Budget; seconded by Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
 - C. Reception Area Security Improvements – Authorization to Commence Project:** Ms. Eckhart presented quotes for the reception area security improvements. She indicated she is working to obtain the third quote, which she thought she would have had in time for the meeting this evening. She will return with this item as soon as she receives a third responsive quote.
 - D. Kreidersville Land Company, Offer of Property Donation/Request for Value Letter:** As follow-up to the Boards discussion, Ms. Eckhart reported on the amount of the appraisal in the amount of \$2,400. Mr. Hassler felt that the Township should provide the value letter with the hold harmless. Following some further discussion, Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the offer of donation of the property and issue the value letter pursuant to the request; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
 - E. Paul Mauser Minor Subdivision, Road Improvement Exemption Request:** Ms. Eckhart presented the request for the waiver of the road improvements pursuant to the Townships amendment to the code section requiring road improvements. Mr. Paul Mauser explained that the background of the prior approval of the plan which would have required the payment of a substantial fee to the Township for roadway frontage widening along Indian Trail Road, even though PennDOT did not require the widening as part of the highway occupancy permit.

Following some discussion, Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the exemption request; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

7. New Business

8. Public to be Heard: Mr. Behler felt that the Board should consider Mr. Clater's continued role of the Northern Airport Freight Study with the LVPC until the project is completed. Mr. Oberly made a motion to all Mr. Clater to serve on the LVPC through the completion of the Northern Airport Freight Study; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

9. Adjournment: There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ilene M. Eckhart