



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors, was held on Thursday, June 11, 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 Vice Chairman Dale Hassler.

1. Roll Call: Present: Gary Behler; Bruce Frack; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME,; Ilene Eckhart, Manager. Absent: Larry Oberly.

2. Public to be Heard: No public comments.

3. Public Hearings:

i. Ordinance #2019-01 Fireworks Regulations – Public Hearing/Tentative Adoption (Continuance): Mr. Behler made a motion to re-open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Ms. Eckhart reviewed amendments of the Nuisance and Fires and Open Burning as alternatives to the Fireworks Draft as originally published. Following some discussion, Mr. Behler made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Upon consideration of the new amendment proposal of the Nuisance and Fires and Open Burning Code Sections, Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to finalize the draft and authorized advertisement of the suggested revision to the Nuisance and Fires and Open Burning Code sections for public hearing and tentative enactment at the next meeting (depending on advertising deadlines); seconded by Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Ms. Amparo Morris, Graystone Circle voiced concerns regarding the use of fireworks, firecrackers, etc. Mr. Hassler advised that she should consider calling the State Police the next time there is an occurrence of concern.

ii. Ordinance 2019-02 Planning Commission Compensation Public Hearing Tentative Adoption: Mr. Montanari made a motion to open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Behler who abstained. Treadwell reviewed the draft ordinance as advertised providing for compensation to the Planning Commission. Mr. Montanari made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Behler who abstained. Mr. Frack made a motion to adopt the ordinance as published and change the number to 2019-01; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Behler who abstained.

4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14th and 28th, 2019; 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. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Solicitor: On file. Mr. Treadwell indicated he additionally report on certain agenda items.

C. Engineer: On file. Mr. Wojciechowski, PE, CME provided the written report for the last period's activities. Concerning the Towpath Estates Request #2 he restated that there has not be a response to the corrections requested from the applicant or design engineer, therefore he recommended rejection of the request. Mr. Behler made a motion to reject request #2 per the reasons outlined by the Township Engineer; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:

i. Implementation of Property Maintenance Code Inspections (Fire and Life Safety) Commercial and Industrial Uses: Ms. Cathy Witman, Base Engineering, was present to discuss the services available through their firm for the enforcement of the International Property Maintenance Code. She explained the current program that her firm administers in Hanover Township, Lehigh County has been in-place for about 20 years and her firm implements similar programs for multiple other municipalities. She reviewed the fees charged in Hanover Township, Lehigh County for these inspections. The Board was generally agreeable with the implementation of a similar program for commercial uses but wanted to review the list of existing buildings, interval for inspections and fees. Mr. Montanari questioned the apartment buildings. Ms. Witman indicated that they would not go into individual personal living spaces. She indicated a community room (assembly area) would apply. The Board would like to review the number of existing business which would need to comply with the inspections. Ms. Eckhart indicated she would prepare a list. Additionally, Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize preparation of the draft International Fire Code Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Montanari. 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. Addition of Seasonal Laborer for 2019: Mr. Behler made a motion to add Jared Miller to the seasonal laborer list for 2019; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

ii. 2009 Peterbuilt Repairs – Exhaust Leak Catalyst Replacements and Suspension Repairs: Mr. Behler made a motion to proceed with the repairs pursuant to the quote received; 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: Mr. Krill provided the report.

H. Parks: On file. Mr. Behler reminded Ms. Eckhart to continue to pursue options for cameras at Covered Bridge Park due to recent vandalism.

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

K. First Regional Compost Authority: On file.

L. Stormwater: On file.

i. Stone Ridge, Update re: stormwater complaints: Ms. Eckhart provided an update concerning the planned re-inspection field meeting of the Northampton County Conservation District. Mr. Behler questioned the resolve of the Stone Ridge issue. Mr. Treadwell indicated a change to the plan may be impossible for the Township and he was unsure if there was a way to determine if the beds were functioning as designed as this point as the beds were not finally stabilized. Ms. Eckhart confirmed that the Northampton County Conservation District has reaffirmed that the infiltration beds will remain in place. Ms. Eckhart further noted concerns about the note on the plan placing certain responsibilities for sinkhole occurrence remediation on the Township Engineer. The Board was not in favor of this statement being placed on NPDES permits.

ii. Stormwater Ordinance Amendment, Chapter 8: Ms. Eckhart summarized the proposed changes to the infiltration sections to address the Boards concerns. Following some discussion, Mr. Behler made a motion to complete the changes and present them in ordinance form as soon as possible; seconded by Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of Seasonal Saturday Hours for Compost/Mulch Pickup/Drop-Off Areas: Ms. Eckhart discussed the availability of the seasonal hours for the Township drop off/pick up from 8AM to 1PM for Saturdays from June 29th through end of October 2019. She noted that previously the Township had problems with dumping so the Township site was limited to 7AM through 3PM during the weekdays. She indicated she has worked out a schedule with the seasonal laborers that would provide two individuals to man the Township drop off site for this timeframe for the June 29th through October 2019 Saturdays. Mr. Montanari questioned the hours at Weaversville. Mr. Behler felt that it would be a huge help for anyone who works and for someone living at the northern end of the Township. He also felt that if residents are hauling brush that it would help to have a shorter distance. Mr. Hassler felt 8AM to 1 PM would be appropriate for the Saturday hours. He additionally felt that if a resident (using a contractor) that the person should be able to drop off the material with prior arrangements. Mr. Montanari agreed but felt there needed to be a verification process. Mr. Behler felt that if the resident attends to the trip (with his contractor) that should be acceptable verification. Mr. Hassler felt that the prior arrangement part was also very important. Regarding the topic of verification of resident's usage, Ms. Eckhart indicated a list of residents would be maintained on site and usage would be tracked so that if the opportunity is underused the length of the schedule could be adjusted. Mr. Behler and Montanari felt that the initial notice should be through October but the Board could further evaluate in September. The Board requested Ms. Eckhart get the information out to the residents as soon as possible with an email blast. She further

stated she could do a display advertisement if requested. Mr. Behler indicated that he would like the event posted on the Fire Company sign. Mr. Behler made a motion to staff with seasonal laborers (with two employees) every Saturday June 29th through October 2019 from 8AM to 1 PM; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

7. New Business

A. PennDOT Connect Howertown Road Bridge Replacement: Ms. Eckhart provided a recap of the PennDOT Connects meeting concerning the replacement of the Howertown Road Bridge. She indicated that the reconstruction may occur within the same timeframe as the Indian Trail Road Bridge replacement. The Board voiced concerns regarding the impact of Fire response delays due to the close proximity to the Fire Station. She indicated PennDOT presented a full roadway closure and multi-stage construction with a partial roadway closure in stage 1 as alternatives. Similar to the Rt. 329 Bridge replacement, PennDOT representatives felt that a full closure could accelerate construction to approximately 3 months. However, she noted, multi-stage construction would still require a partial detour (proposed as one direction of traffic in stage one and the total construction schedule would be approximately 6 months). She indicated PennDOT is seeking the Board's thoughts on this. She reported additionally, later this year, PennDOT will coordinate a "public plans display" meeting in the Township for the public to come in and be informed of the project. Following some discussion, the Board agreed that a detour with multi-stage construction would be desired by the Township due to the fire response issues.

B. Well Isolation Distance Indemnification Agreement – K4-12-3F Waiver: Ms. Eckhart presented the indemnification waiver request agreement from the required 150' to approximately 90' location between the proposed septic system and wells. Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the agreement as presented; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

8. Public to be Heard: Mike Tift, Indian Trail Road, questioned the "No Trucks" limitation for Kohls and Millrace Road and the associated posting. He questioned if the Board was still considering no truck signage.

Amparo Morris, Graystone Circle, concerned about the condition of Willowbrook Road and Savage Road. She indicated her relative who was not familiar with the condition recent blew out a tire when he hit a section with potholes. Mr. Hassler indicated that these sections would be resurfaced this year.

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart