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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES Thursday, August 11, 2016

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, August 11, 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; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr. Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart - Present

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of July 2016 and the Comprehensive Plan Workshop Minutes of July 27th, 2016 as presented, seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Reports

A. **Treasurer:** Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. **Solicitor:** On file.

C. **Engineer:** On file.

i. **Stone Ridge – John Drive – Request for Construction Security Reduction #2:** Mr. Kocher discussed his letter of recommendation dated August 10, 2016. Mr. Pierce made a motion to issue the release in the amount of \$66,508.55 leaving the remaining security in the amount of \$25,429.09 conditioned upon posting maintenance security; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

ii. **Stone Ridge Preliminary/Final Subdivision – Phase 2 Draft Conditions of Approval:** Ms. Eckhart presented the draft conditions of approval which tracked with the recommend approval of the plan with the conditions as follows:

Mr. David Shulman, Esq. and Tom Deilly, PE were present to address the conditions. The following points were discussed in considering the conditions:

a. Mr. Kocher raised the issue of potential ponding water on the interim road. He wished to raise the issue to the Board that until proper stormwater management systems are installed, upon the conversion to the upgraded Township Road specifications, that ponding may occur.

b. Mr. Behler raised the issue of the waiver to the paving specification. Mr. Kocher indicated that the proposed waiver was generally granted to the previous developers. Mr. Hassler voiced concerns that if the pavement specification within the Township Code is problematic, then the ordinance should be changed, as well as the depth of curb.

c. Mr. Pierce questioned the ownership of Lot 118. He was concerned that the lot, which Mr. Shulman indicated would be owned by Stone Ridge Meadows, LLC, would end up in the Northampton County Repository.

d. Mr. Shulman indicated he only received the conditions this evening but that he was generally agreeable. Mr. Treadwell agreed that he would need to further review the draft condition and adjust language as necessary but the conditions were generally in line with the concept recommendation as granted by the Planning Commission (with conditions).

e. Mr. Pierce questioned the difference for the depth of the curb. Mr. Kocher indicated that the depth of the curb relates to the overall strength of the curb. Mr. Kocher indicated PennDOT specifications are 18” depth and the Township specifications are typically 24” depth.

Mr. Clater voiced some points regarding the precedents of how things were handled in previous developments and the plan notes should be added.

Following some further discussion, Mr. Hassler made a motion to table the approval until the meeting of August 23, 2016; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

iii. **Residences at Willow Ridge – Request for Construction Security Reduction:** Mr. Kocher reviewed the release. Mr. Pierce questioned the stormwater ponds. Mr. Kocher indicated they are finished. Mr. Hassler made a motion to install a painted crosswalk in the area of the bulb area of McNair where the public roadway transitions to the private section; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

iv. **Plan Review Process – Fire:** Mr. Oberly made a motion that any subdivision and land development reviews related to local fire service related issues be conducted by the Fire Marshall; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Hassler, who abstained.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

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

i. **Call-In Snow Plow Drivers – authorization to proceed with advertisement:** Ms. Eckhart indicated she would like authorization to advertise if necessary. Mr. Oberly made a motion to proceed with advertisement if necessary; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

G. **Fire Company:** On file. Chief Lalik presented his monthly report.

H. **Emergency Management Coordinator:** On file. Mr. Gary Krill presented his monthly report.

I. **Nazareth COG Report:** On file. Mr. Gary Krill presented his monthly report (no new information).

J. **Parks:** On file.

i. **Lehigh Gap Nature Center Tour – Caretaker Options Lehigh River Property –** Ms. Eckhart provided a brief report of the recent tour and some examples of the caretaker arrangement from a municipality in Bucks County.

K. **First Regional Compost Authority:** Mr. Oberly provide a brief report regarding the new containers and the new truck acquired by FRCA. He further indicated there was a concern raised regarding the openness of the Allen site. Mr. Oberly did not have a resolution to this issue and the restrictiveness of the hours of the main processing site.

L. **Stormwater:** Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

A. **PennDOT Winter Traffic Service Agreement – Follow-up notification regarding clarification of “event” term in standard agreement:** Mr. Behler was concerned that PennDOT has not addressed all of the Township’s issues and PennDOT has been notified that the Township would not consider renewing the agreement. Mr. Hassler was concerned that the Township would have to travel the State Roads anyway and the Township would receive criticism from the motorists. Mr. Hassler felt the Township employees should not be called out to a PennDOT maintenance issue after the event is over. Mr. Hassler felt dropping the plow on a PennDOT road was one thing – because the Township would not be exerting an expense (by salt and anti-skid). Mr. Oberly felt that the comments received regarding the service to our community, by our road crew is top notch and if the relationship is altered (with PennDOT) the good part of the system could be ruined.

Mr. Oberly made a motion to accept the agreement; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the suggestions from Mr. Hassler, Mr. Oberly amended his previous motion to approve the agreement with the change for Seemsville Road (from Rt. 329 to the intersection of Dannersville Road); seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. **Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Various Use and Text Changes:** Mr. Oberly indicated that he met with Mr. Clater to review the draft for clarification. Mr. Hassler voiced his

concerns regarding the height amendment. Following some discussion, the Board agreed to table the matter.

C. Resolution #2016-10 Howertown Road Dry Run Bridge - TIP: Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-10 and transmit the Resolution to the LVTS, LVPC and PennDOT; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. Rockefeller Industrial Subdivision – Preconstruction Meetings: Ms. Eckhart provided a brief report regarding the planned Rockefeller Industrial Subdivision preconstruction meeting with the Northampton County Conservation District and the Township. She indicated she would provide an update (at the next available Supervisors meeting) concerning the plan to construct the required improvements, which would involve Willowbrook Road and the tapping of the City of Bethlehem water main.

New Business

A. Supervisory Training – Public Works Leader: Mr. Behler made a motion to send Mr. Gogle to the two Supervisory one-day training at the cost of \$350.00; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Drexel Heights Water System – Letter of Concern: Mr. George Weaver, 99 Oak Lane, and several of the residents from Drexel Heights were present to address the water pressure issues. Ms. Eckhart indicated she had a meeting planned with representatives from the City of Bethlehem regarding another matter on August 25th, 2016 and she will discuss the residents concerns and request a meeting with the City, the Township and the residents to further discuss the status of the system and if any upgrades could be considered. Mr. Oberly discussed at length his experience as a resident (on the Atlas Road area). Following a further discussion, concerning the issue, the Board indicated they would work with the residents to obtain feedback from the City. Ms. Eckhart requested a list of residents experiencing low pressure and any further details which could be presented to the City concerning this matter.

C. Monroe County Local Share – Grant Application(s) 2016: Ms. Eckhart reviewed some possibilities for grant applications for the Board's consideration. The Board directed Ms. Eckhart to prepare multiple applications based on her suggestions.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart