



## Allen Township Board of Supervisors

### Meeting Minutes

**January 14, 2020  
7:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 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 Dale Hassler.

**1. Roll Call:** Mr. Oberly proceeded with calling the roll: Present: Carl Edwards; Gary Behler; Bruce Frack; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari, Sr.; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq.; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME.; Ilene Eckhart, Manager.

**2. Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience.

**3. Public Hearings:** No Public Hearings.

**i. Willowbrook Curative Amendment/Validity Challenge – Hearing Postponed Until February 25, 2020 at 7PM – Location - Allen Township Fire Company:** Mr. Behler made a motion to open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Behler made a motion to continue the hearing to February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019; 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. Montanari. 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 at the conclusion of the meeting.

**C. Engineer:** On file. Mr. Wojciechowski stated he responded to the City of Bethlehem Engineering Department's requests for guidance on the repair of local roads associated with the Drexel Heights water upgrade project and stream-crossing permit.

**D. Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:** Ms. Eckhart provided a recap of items, which will be before the Planning Commission in January.

**E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader:** On file and presented by Mr. Gogle.

i. **2019/2020 Call In Snow Plow Driver List – Additional Name:** Mr. Behler made a motion to add Mark Kocher to the 2019/2020 Call In Snow Plow Drivers List; 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 Second Assistant Chief Krill.

G. **Emergency Management Coordinator:** On file and presented by Mr. Krill.

H. **Parks:** On file.

i. Mr. Eric Miller of the Bath Allen Youth Club was present to provide an update on the progress of the teams including the Basketball program. He indicated baseball signups would again begin for spring 2020 Season. He added the Club was planning an Easter Egg Hunt for the Club in early April 2020. He questioned the fryer hood and ANSUL system and proposed the installation of a gas fryer and flattop griddle. Mr. Miller was unsure of the specifics of the gas fryer and flattop griddle proposed would fit the design layout of the hood and ANSUL system recent installed by the Township. In response to the question regarding the food handling SafeServ requirements for his organization he stated that due to their non-profit status this did not apply. Mr. Hassler noted that he believed the requirement did apply to non-profit organizations and that Mr. Miller needed to confirm this with the appropriate agency. Concerning the gas fryer, proposed Mr. Hassler voiced concerns regarding the automatic shutoff provisions for the gas. Ms. Eckhart indicated the installation would require a building permit and that one of the third party building code inspectors or the Township BCO (Base Engineering) needed to review the proposal for gas fryer, griddle units, and issue the necessary permits. Mr. Miller indicated the first games were proposed for the end of April. Mr. Behler was concerned that the dugouts being finished in time for the opening day of ball season due to weather, time availability of the Public Works, etc. Mr. Behler made a motion to allow the installation of the gas fryer and grill as long as the proposed units and fit out conformed to the UCC and the appropriate permits were obtained by the Bath Allen Youth Club; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

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

K. **First Regional Compost Authority:** Ms. Eckhart indicated there has not been a meeting since the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

L. **Stormwater:** On file.

## 6. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Authorization to Advertise Location for Supervisors Meeting of February 25, 2020:** Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board meeting to the Allen Township Fire Company location at 3530 Howertown Road; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. **Resolution #2020-08 Intergovernmental Agreement East Allen/Allen Township Maintenance of Certain Roads & Stormwater Facilities - Seemsville Road – Northampton Business Center:** Ms. Eckhart explained the Resolution as proposed which spells out

the maintenance responsibilities associated with the old and new Seemsville Road segments (including stormwater infrastructure), which will be relocated as part of the Northampton Business Center Plan (Jaindl/Watson). Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08 as it relates to Intergovernmental Agreement with East Allen Township and the maintenance of the road and stormwater facilities as it relates to the Northampton Business Center Plan; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**C. Rockefeller Land Development Plans Security Reduction Requests and**

**Updates:** Ms. Eckhart updated the Board regarding the correspondence received Rockefeller Development Group in response to the Townships request for the paving of the fire lane at the rear of the Lot #4 building. The Board discussed the option of advising Rockefeller and the eventual tenant of Lot #4 that in case of an emergency the building will only be at the paved fire lane access points. Mr. Treadwell added that a letter should be sent to this effect. Mr. Behler made a motion to send a letter notifying all parties involved (Rockefeller and the future tenant) regarding the situation that the Fire Company and mutual aid will limit their response to paved areas of the property only; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Montanari suggested checking if the surrounding Fire Companies would support this limit when they are asked to access the building. Mr. Behler made a motion to release the security in the amount of \$2,945,391.95 pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Engineer; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Hassler who voted no.

Mr. Behler made a motion to commence the 18-month improvement period for Lot #4; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Mr. Treadwell requested the Boards input, at the request of Northampton County, concerning the Northampton County Bridge #124, regarding the two or three lane design. The County has requested an update from the Board of Supervisors regarding the requested design as they continue to work with the P3 Program contractor regarding contract responsibilities. Mr. Treadwell felt the Board needed to decide one way or the other what they preferred – so that the County can be advised. Mr. Behler stated he supported the design with the third lane. Mr. Hassler disagreed due to the status of the County program, the timeline for construction and the possibility of a financial shortfall that could fall on the Township. Mr. Edwards indicated he received feedback regarding the traffic flow at the location and that the only backups that seem to occur at times are when school buses travel through the intersection. Mr. Frack indicated he favored a two-lane (with a slightly widened area) in a concrete condition similar to the recently reconstructed Valley Road Bridge. Mr. Philpott, Saw Grass Drive, voiced concern regarding the widened third lane – nothing will stop the trucks from coming north of Radar Drive area (which was part of the Rockefeller approval). He felt the bridge in a two-lane condition was the deterrent for additional truck traffic traveling in a northern direction. Mr. Novak voiced concerns regarding the widening of the bridge. Mr. Noll voiced concerns and indicated the third lane would entice the trucks in a northern movement.

Following some discussion regarding future development on the Willowbrook Farms property and possible future traffic improvements, Mr. Montanari made a motion to approve the design of Northampton County Bridge #124 as a two-lane bridge and communicate this to Northampton County; seconded by Mr. Frack. All yes with the exception of Mr. Behler who voted no.

## **7. New Business**

**A. 2020 Electronic Recycling Event Date:** Mr. Behler made a motion to designate the annual Electronics Recycling Event for March 28, 2020 for Allen Township residents only at the Allen Township Fire Company Building; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Behler made a motion to designate the Allen Township Yard Waste Saturday Hours mid-April through the end of October; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Grant Extension Letters:** Mr. Montanari made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to request extensions of time for both the Northampton County Master River Plan and DCED LSA Monroe Safe Meeting Room Grant; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**C. ATFC Support to attend Local Sporting Event:** Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the Allen Township Volunteer Firefighters to attend a local sporting event to show the Townships appreciation towards their ongoing volunteerism as firefighters; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Edwards who voted no and Mr. Hassler who abstained.

**8. Public to be Heard:** Rick Novak, Willow Green, requested an explanation regarding the Rockefeller security releases.

The Board held a brief executive session regarding multiple litigation matters.

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart