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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES Thursday, July 14, 2016

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, July 14, 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 June 2016 and the Comprehensive Plan Workshop Minutes of June 22nd, 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: Mr. Kocher discussed his letter of recommendation dated July 13, 2016. Mr. Hassler made a motion to issue the release in the amount of \$136,924.17, leaving the remaining security in the amount of \$66,508.54; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted

yes. Mr. Frack further reported concerning the status of the Township's portion of the paving, which will be finished by Friday. Mr. Ernst, of Willow Green, questioned the amount of subsoil material removed. Mr. Frack indicated he was unsure of the amount that would effect the overall price of the overall project. Mr. Frack indicated that it would be an additional cost and at this point he did not know the difference. Mr. Kocher indicated that the areas of John Drive did not have storm sewers and therefore the road base absorbed water. Mr. Hassler was concerned if the Township was taken advantage of by the builder or if inspections were not completed properly.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

i. Off-Premise Sign Permit Request Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Church: Mr. Oberly made a motion to approve the sign as requested; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote all Supervisors present voted yes.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

F. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file. Mr. Frack reviewed the report as submitted.

G. Fire Company: On file. Chief not present for report. Report presented by Second Assistant Chief. Mr. Oberly made a motion to issue a letter congratulating Ms. Rachel Solarek on her recent achievement of completing the three year Firefighter Essential as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Health as a certified EMT; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

H. Emergency Management Coordinator: On file.

I. Nazareth COG Report: No meeting.

J. Parks: On file.

i. Howertown Park Field Usage – Ms. Eckhart met with the Youth Association President and voiced all the concerns of the Board.

ii. Treevitalize Grant – Targeting Allen Township Dog Park and Covered Bridge Park- Mr. Oberly made a motion to prepare a grant for the application timeframe for September 15, 2016; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: Nothing to report.

L. Stormwater – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

A. Northampton Borough Bike Lane Parking Enforcement Response and Update: Ms. Eckhart indicated that Northampton Borough declined from any municipal agreement with

patrolling the bike lane on W. Bullshead. Mr. Hassler informed the Board of the meeting with the State Police. The State Police will patrol the area and issue citations to anyone parking illegally.

B. Northampton Industrial Park – Final Subdivision Plans Lot 1, 2 & 3, and Supplemental Submissions – Plan Action Extension until October 24, 2016: Mr. Pierce made a motion to accept the granted extension until October 24, 2016; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Northampton Industrial Park – Preliminary Subdivision Plans Lot 1, 2 & 3 – Extension of Time to Satisfy Conditions of Approval: Mr. Pierce made a motion to accept the granted extension until October 24, 2016; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. TIP Howertown Road – Dry Run Bridge: Mr. Oberly reported on the recent comments submitted by the Township regarding the TIP plan for the bridge. Mr. Oberly conveyed the information submitted to TIP and felt that PennDOT may adjust the plan accordingly.

New Business

A. Resolution #2016-09 Disposition of Records: Mr. Hassler made a motion to dispose of records per the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. 2016 Northampton County Gaming Uncommitted Funds Municipal Grant Application: Ms. Eckhart reviewed possible projects for the upcoming round. The Board will review and direct accordingly upon further consideration.

C. Executive Session – Personnel: Ms. Eckhart requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Philpot questioned the progress of Fed Ex. Ms. Eckhart stated that the project was started.

Mr. Clater approached the Board and requested they stay on top of the TIP with PennDOT regarding the Howertown Road Bridge. Mr. Tift questioned the rating of the bridges and the numbering value.

Mr. Deichmeister suggested checking out the Dry Run area for sinkholes due to the lack of rain.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart