



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 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 Vice Chairman Bruce Frack.

Roll Call: Paul Balliet -Absent; William Holmes – Present; Alfred Pierce – Present; Michelle Drzewiecki - Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. -Absent; Ilene Eckhart – Present; and Brien Kocher, P.E. - Present.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Jay Hower, Indian Trail Road, voiced concern regarding how the Township would be involved with the upcoming Martin Creek Siegfried transmission line upgrade project. He indicated that he is still working to resolve issues from the last line replacement in the Township. He asked how the Township would insure that the Township residents were protected and if the Township had any authority to regulate the work through the Township. He described very unsafe work zone traffic practices that he viewed the last time they worked within the line right of way. Mr. Kocher indicated this was the first time he was aware of the upcoming project, but he thought perhaps the only regulation that the Township would be able to enforce was the Highway Opening Ordinance. Mr. Pierce indicated that PPL would most likely claim eminent domain authority supersedes and they would do whatever they want. Mr. Hower questioned the height requirements. Mr. Frack indicated that the FAA studies may be required if in the flight path for the airport. Mr. Pierce indicated that the lighting on the cell towers was a result of our zoning regulations because they were subject to the regulations. Mr. Pierce further indicated that the Manager plans to attend the upcoming PPL meeting and would ask what their plans are to address the Township's concerns and would return with the comments to the Township Solicitor to see if the Township has any authority regarding the proposed work.

Michael Tift, also raised questions regarding the definition of the right-of-way language and what type of authority it gives to the utility.

### Unfinished Business

- A. Atlas Road Truck Restrictions: Mr. Kocher reported that he looked at the criteria for the truck restriction. Mr. Kocher indicated that the road doesn't meet the criteria for a restriction but that core samples could be done to make a more accurate determination. Mr. Pierce felt that as long as the stop signs are in place it's not a short cut that trucks will make to save time. Mr. Uhnak indicated that the trucks did not appear to be a problem currently. Upon further discussion, the Board agreed to observe the condition of the road and if it appears to show signs of failure due to the truck traffic to perform core samplings.
- B. Savage Road Trail Extension & Dog Park, discussion regarding public input meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2011: Ms. Eckhart reported concerning the upcoming meeting and the status of the County grant and property management agreement. Mr. Frack had a few comments regarding the further development of the plan. Regarding licensure/permitting, Messrs. Frack and Pierce and Mrs. Drzeiwiecki felt that key card system should be considered. Mr. Holmes was concerned about the cost of the key card system. Further discussion regarding future layout will be discussed following receipt of the public comments at the special meeting.
- C. HOME Program Committee appointment: Mr. Pierce made a motion to appointment Ms. Eckhart to the HOME Program review committee; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- D. Storage Building – Municipal Property – discussion regarding preparation of bid: Mr. Pierce made a motion to advertise for the building (described by S. Uhnak) to be opened at the first meeting in May, 2011; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- E. Hafner Zoning Issues: Mr. Frack asked the status of the Hafner Zoning Issue. Ms. Eckhart indicated that she was working on the matter with the Code Enforcement.

### **New Business**

- A. PP& L Line Extension, Martins Creek Siegfried transmission line upgrade project: Ms. Eckhart indicated a meeting is planned for March 31, 2011 at the Lehigh Township Fire Company building concerning this matter.
- B. Replacement Doors – Municipal Building (rear) and Garage man-door (side): Ms. Eckhart presented a quote for the above door replacements. The Board requested that she obtain additional quotes with alternatives for the rear door to change to a one-door entry option.

**Public to be Heard:** No comments from the public. The Board held an executive session to discuss water service territory agreements within the Township. The Board agreed by consensus to continue with discussions with Northampton Borough Municipal Authority and the City of Bethlehem.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager