



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

**July 23, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 23, 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 Chairman Oberly.

1. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Frack; Larry Oberly; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq., Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME, Ilene Eckhart, Manager. Absent: Gary Behler.
2. **Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience.
3. **Public Hearings:**

Mr. Oberly announced there would be an executive session after the meeting dealing with a personnel issue and to provide an update to the Board members regarding the recent meeting with Northampton Borough representatives regarding the ongoing sewer agreement negotiations.

A. Ordinance #2019-03 Allen Township Code Section 8 – Stormwater Amendment, for public hearing and tentative enactment: Mr. Frack made a motion to open hearing; seconded by Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Treadwell provided a summary of the ordinance amendment draft. Mr. Wojciechowski provided a technical overview. No comments from the Board. Mr. Hassler made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Hassler made a motion to adopt ordinance 2019-03; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Ordinance #2019-04 Catasauqua/Hanover Township, Lehigh County Ordinance Amendment Draft, for public hearing and tentative enactment: Mr. Frack made a motion to open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Treadwell provided an overview of the ordinance and associated agreements (for sanitary sewer service to Lot #4 and Lot #5 of the Rockefeller Industrial Subdivision). Mr. Montanari questioned what would happen if more capacity were necessary to serve the lots. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the property owners would be required to purchase additional amounts of capacity as the sewer flow is metered. Mr. Frack made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Montanari made a motion to adopt ordinance 2019-04; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

4. Public to be Heard (Residents shall limit their comments to no more than three minutes):

Eugene Clater, Snow Hill Road, commented regarding the new trash and recycling contract. He questioned if current tonnage was a consideration in establishing the specifications for the new contract. Ms. Eckhart indicated the performance reports were shared with the consultant who participated in numerous recent bidding procedures throughout the region. Mr. Clater was concerned with items, which would not fit in bags but was lightweight material. He felt the Board would have problems and questioned the fee schedule. Mr. Treadwell indicated the additional fees were set at the last Board meeting in order to resolve the problem of unlimited collection versus the 150-pound limitation. He was concerned that the new contract and program was a step backwards. He felt the Township runs the risk of additional burning and dumping. On another topic, Mr. Clater voiced concerns regarding the LVPC Truck Freight Study and noted the report is scheduled to be discussed on August 7th, 2019 LVPC Committee meeting.

Anthony Morris, 861 Graystone Circle, questioned the ramification of the ordinance on the infiltration beds constructed in the Stone Ridge development. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the development would not be subject to the new regulations.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Update Report Meadow Plantings – Various Township Properties: Ms. Eckhart presented an update on the various planting projects and proposed two new areas for consideration: an area of the Township-owned property near the Covered Bridge as well as a small area in the Kreidersville Park. The Board was in favor of moving forward with both of the new areas but requested that Ms. Eckhart obtain feedback from the Kreidersville Covered Bridge Association to determine a reasonable area of parking in the areas of the Kreidersville Road access area. The Board would like the new planting and the parking area to co-exist with the foot traffic of the biennial events of the Covered Bridge Association.

B. Lands of Ronald & Lisa Check – Minor Subdivision: Benjamin Serrachi presented the plan of behalf of the owners Ronald and Lisa Check. Mr. Hassler made a motion to grant approval subject to the conditions of the Township Engineer; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Northampton Borough/Allen Township – Draft Inter-Municipal Sewer Service Amendment, Tentative Discussion: Mr. Oberly indicated that the Board would hold an executive session to inform the Board members at the conclusion. He felt the response at the Committee meeting was generally positive.

5. New Business

A. Ordinance Amendment Draft, Adoption of 2015 International Fire Code: Ms. Eckhart reported concerning the progress of the development of a draft ordinance for the Board's consideration. She indicated one of the first items to be determined would be the appointment of a Fire Code Official and the delineation of the Fire Code Official, Fire Marshall, etc. She indicated she would follow-up with the Board at the meeting of August 27th, 2019.

B. Truck Restriction Signage – Additional Areas: Ms. Eckhart report of the recent complaints received regarding tractor-trailers sighted traveling on Walker, McNair, Buckingham, Adams, etc. Mr. Oberly was concerned that more signs would not necessarily result in greater compliance. Mr. Hassler felt that the No Truck signs should be placed on all interior development roads. Mr. Wojiechowski provided an update regarding Act 13 of 2018 regarding truck movement and truck restriction. The Board will look at the number of streets to determine the streets which would require studies and which streets would not.

6. Public to be Heard: Mr. Eugene Clater, Snow Hill Road, suggested an alternative to the Howertown Road right turn lane. He asked the Board to consider Savage Road out to Howertown Road, in lieu of the right turn lane at Rt. 329 pertaining to the JW Development Northampton Business Center proposal.

John Swankowski, Jennings Run, voiced concerns about controlling trucks out on Howertown Road from the JW Development Plan. Mr. Swankowski felt that a mast arm would be effective, versus blinking lights. Mr. Oberly indicated that the street would be public and that some fire apparatus may not be able to maneuver under the mastarm. Mr. Swankowski felt that the Board should consider something more concrete.

Mr. Gerald Neff, Nor-Bath Boulevard, questioned the status of Seemsville Road. He further voiced concerns regarding the turning arrow for the various lanes on the improved Rt. 329.

The Board held an executive session regarding the abovementioned matters.

7. Adjournment: There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart