



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2018

7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors, was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 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: Gary Behler; Bruce Frack; Larry Oberly; Dale Hassler; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq, Robert Cox, PE, PLS, Ilene Eckhart, Manager. Absent: Gerald Montanari

2. Public to be Heard: Ms. Erica Eberts, 3638 Kreidersville Road, pyrotechnics at Lappawinzo for 12-hours straight no breaks. She questioned if there was a noise ordinance. She was not in favor of the practice continuing. Mr. Oberly indicated that the Board has begun to look at the issue.

3. Public Hearings: No public hearings.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Radar Speed Signage, Payment Release #2 (Final): Mr. Cox reported that the final payment was Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize the payment in the amount of \$32,250.00; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Draft Municipal Waste and Recycling Bid Specifications – Authorization to Advertise Public Notice to Bidders: Cindy Oatis, presented that the Township would be going out to bid at the worst possible time (in the past thirty years) with some municipalities bids coming in a full third higher. She felt that the Township could position themselves better if they considered the options she outlined which include both manual and automated collection and provide for a three-year term contract with a year to year extension (up to three years). The options would allow the Board to see the differences in price manual versus automation in ultimately making the decision on a new contract.

Ms. Oatis further outlined the availability of DEP grants to purchase both the curbside automated containers as well as additional recycling equipment to address curbside leaf collection. Mr. Behler voiced concerns regarding the use of the automated curbside containers. He questioned what happens when containers are knocked over on a windy day. Ms. Oatis indicated she was not aware of a full container blowing

over when full. Mr. Behler was also concerned with the grass going in with the garbage. Mr. Frack was concerned with getting residents educated to mulch their grass instead of bagging grass. Mr. Hassler was concerned that the automated containers would not work in the rural area of the Township. Ms. Oatis noted that the trash industry was one of the highest in worker's compensation claims. Ms. Eckhart indicated she would continue to work with Ms. Oatis and Mr. Treadwell to develop the upcoming bid specifications to include Ms. Oatis's recommendations and options.

- C. Resolution 2018-16 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption: Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-16 accepting the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- D. JW Development Partners, Northampton Business Center, Revised Preliminary Plan, Acknowledgement of Plan Review Extension until December 31, 2018: Mr. Behler made a motion to acknowledge the extension of the 90 MPC review timeframe until December 31, 2018 with the caveat that the developer provide an additional due to the fact of having to meet with East Allen Township; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- E. Savage Road Extension, N. of Rt. 329, Offer of Dedication, Miller: Mr. Treadwell requested if the Board wished to take dedication of the property at this time or request for an extension of time. Mr. Treadwell explained that the past grant of an offer to dedicate this are for a future extension of Savage Road. Mr. Hassler made a motion to accept the offer of dedication; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

5. New Business

- A. Replacement of Telephone System & Upgrade from Hosted PBX Cloud to SIP Trunking System: Ms. Eckhart presented the quotation for the replacement of the phone system in the amount of \$3,255.00. Mr. Hassler made a motion to replace the system pursuant to the estimate; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- B. Draft Conditional Offer of Employment, Full Time Secretary/Accounting Assistant, Y. Vega: Mr. Frack made a motion to provide the draft conditional offer of employment to Yohanna Vega; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

6. Public to be Heard: Mr. Mickey Philpot, Sawgrass Drive, questioned the Savage Road extension. Mr. Treadwell provide a history of the offer for dedication which occurred many years prior (about 21 years prior) to the industrial development in the southern area of the Township. Mr. Treadwell indicated that it was not the intent of this dedication to building a road at this time. Mr. Behler noted that it may never be used but allows the Township the option, especially in light of the upcoming bridge replacement on Howertown Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart