



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2019

7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 24, 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; Gary Behler; Larry Oberly; Dale Hassler; Gerald Montanari; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq., Bob Cox, PE, PLS, Ilene Eckhart, Manager.
2. **Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience. Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss litigation (PUC Application).

3. **Public Hearings:**

A. **Draft Ordinance #2019-05 Unemployment Compensation Insurance Coverage PSATS Group Trust:** Mr. Frack made a motion to open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Oberly asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, Mr. Frack made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Hassler made a motion to adopt ordinance #2019-05; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

4. **Unfinished Business**

A. **City of Bethlehem – Pressure Upgrades Howertown Park/Drexel Heights:** Ms. Eckhart reported on the item. Ms. Eckhart indicated the proposed permitting and bid scheduling would be over winter with construction Spring/Summer 2020. Mr. Cox provided some comments regarding the existing pressure for the Oak Lane hydrants. Mr. Hassler indicated these were pressure tested and would only be improved with the proposed upgrade.

B. **Covered Bridge Property – Meadow Planting Layout:** Mr. Behler proposed an interest in utilizing the turnaround (on the east side of the bridge) to a formal easement as the turnaround. Mr. Hassler did not feel that we should maintain the fence if the Township does not have formal easement or formal ownership of the property. Mr. Cox volunteered the plotting of the deed in the area of the turnaround to determine the location of the turnaround.

Mr. Behler made a motion to proceed with the meadow planting based on the information provided by Ms. Eckhart; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. The Board opted to table the request for the fence on east side request tabled until more

information is reviewed by the Township engineer and the deed plotted to obtain more definitive information regarding the area.

C. Yard Waste – Study of Curbside Collection Options: Ms. Eckhart suggested the Board consider a further study of curbside yard waste collection (via contract as opposed to local forces performing the work) including estimates for a full variety of option for the collection of yard waste collection available: from weekly to monthly to annually. Ms. Eckhart indicated she would prepare a spreadsheet report with the options to be considered for study prior to the preparation of a formal bid proposal to obtain cost estimates.

D. Rockefeller Lot #4 – Fire Lane Construction: Ms. Eckhart explained that the initial shell building walkthrough has occurred and it was revealed that the lane around the northern side of the building. Mr. Hassler voiced concerns about the access to the four man doors located at the rear of the building. He was concerned that the stone road condition would not be acceptable especially for winter maintenance issues. Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize a letter to Rockefeller formalizing the request for Lot #4; seconded by Mr. Montanari. All yes.

5. New Business

A. Township Trick or Treat Night – Thursday, October 31, 2019 6 – 8 PM: Mr. Behler made a motion to set Township Trick or Treat Night for Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. 2020 Budget Workshop: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Budget Workshop for Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 PM; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

6. Public to be Heard: No further public comments.

The Board held a brief executive session regarding litigation, as noted by Mr. Treadwell at the beginning of the meeting.

7. Adjournment: There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart