



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

**February 25, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA 18067. Mr. Hassler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Frack; Gary Behler; Carl Edwards; Dale Hassler; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq., Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME, Ilene Eckhart, Manager.
2. **Public to be Heard:** No public comments.
3. **Public Hearings:** Mr. Treadwell announced the Willowbrook Curative Amendment/Validity Challenge has been continued to May 12, 2020.
4. **Unfinished Business**

A. Authorization to Advertise Change in Meeting Location – May 12, 2020 – Willowbrook Curative Amendment/Validity Challenge: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the meeting location to change to the Fire Company building located at 3530 Howertown Road; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Northampton Business Center – Wetlands Mitigation Easement for Army Corps Permit: Mr. Treadwell explained that Mr. Wojciechowski prepared an exhibit depicting two wetland mitigation areas along with the conservation easement to be conveyed to the Township. Following some discussion, Mr. Behler made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the wetland mitigation easement; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. 2020 Allen Township Volunteer Fire Company Non-Firefighting Activities Authorization (Insurance Coverage): Ms. Eckhart reviewed the proposed dates provided by the Fire Company President as follows: Sunday, March 8th Indoor yard sale, End of March/beginning of April Spring Filling Sale, Saturday, July 25th Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale and the Social Club is open every Thursday from 4-6 or 7pm. Pursuant to the Workers Compensation requirements, these non-firefighting events must be approved in a public meeting in order to be covered under the policy. Mr. Behler questioned if funds from these events are certain to be going to the purchase of firefighting apparatus or training costs. Mr. Behler asked if we have evidence to this. Mr. Behler indicated he had a problem with taxpayer monies if the funds do not come back to the firefighting operations such as the purchase of firefighting apparatus or firefighting training. Ms. Eckhart indicated the financial reports

do not make a clear correlation of the revenues to expenses that all of the proceeds would be encumbered directly to firefighting apparatus. Mr. Edwards asked if a meeting has been planned. Mr. Montanari asked about the status of a financial report from the Fire Company. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Township funding agreement requires a statement of the accounts from the Fire Company. Mr. Hassler felt the Board should authorize the requested events but the Board should request the financial report going forward as well as the meeting the Board has requested. Following some further discussion, Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the requested non-firefighting activities as requested with the stipulation that evidence and documentation be provided by the Fire Company evidencing that at least a portion of the monies being raised are used to fund firefighting apparatus and firefighter training; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Additionally, Mr. Montanari made a motion to request a financial audit of the financial records of the Fire Company or there would be no further approval of similar events; seconded by Mr. Edwards. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. John Mann Lot Line Adjustment – MPC Review Time Extension: Mr. Behler made a motion to accept the extension of time until June 30, 2020; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

5. New Business

A. Towpath Estates – Request for Transfer of Sewer EDU: Ms. Eckhart explained that a written request was submitted by attorney David Shulman (on behalf of Tim Livengood) requesting the transfer of one EDU from the Stone Ridge project to Towpath Estates. On the question from Mr. Behler regarding if Mr. Livengood anticipated the transfer of EDUs from one project to Towpath as a regular occurrence, Mr. Livengood felt it would not be a regular occurrence and this would allow for the sale of the house that has been rented in the past.

Mr. Hassler voiced concern regarding finishing the paving of Graystone Circle. Mr. Hassler felt this needed to be finished. Mr. Livengood stated that as long as they would be released to pave the roadways could be completed in the near term.

Mr. Hassler raised the completion of West 27th Street also needs to be addressed. Mr. Wojciechowski felt that the widening of West 27th Street would destroy the trees in the process and that a meeting in the field should occur with representatives of the Township and the developer to determine the extent of the paving and if curb should be considered. Following some further discussion, regarding the connection to the West 27th Street address without a sewer permit, Mr. Behler made a motion to authorization to grant the transferring of one sewer EDU from Stone Ridge to Towpath Estates; seconded by Mr. Montanari. All yes with the exception of Mr. Hassler who voted no.

B. Lehigh River House Removal: Mr. Hassler made a motion to begin the process to removing the house structure from the property; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors voted yes, Mr. Behler with voted yes with regrets.

C. Land Acquisition Executive Session: Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session to discuss potential land acquisition.

6. **Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart