



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2019
7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 27, 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; Gary Behler; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq., Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME, Ilene Eckhart, Manager.
2. **Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience. Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session following the meeting to discuss potential sewer litigation.
3. **Public Hearings:** No scheduled public hearings.
4. **Public to be Heard (Residents shall limit their comments to no more than three minutes):**
5. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Resolution 2019-010:** PennDOT TE-160 for JW Dev Eastbound Right and Northbound Right Rt. 329/Howertown/Weaversville Road and Coordination of Signals – Authorization to Sign: Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-010; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. **Howertown Park Dug Out Request – Stormwater Data/Mapping:** Ms. Eckhart provided examples of dugouts, which were provided by the Bath Allen Youth Club pursuant to the Boards direction. She provided the stormwater data from the project engineer for the Rt. 329 project. Additionally, she updated that the City of Bethlehem would like to pursue the upgrade of the line to the upgrade the line servicing the Drexel Heights development by replacing the line within the 30-foot easement, which is just north of the northernmost field. Ms. Eckhart was unsure if the construction would provide an issue for the northernmost field as all of the details are not yet engineered. Following some discussion, the Board opted to focus the dugout proposal for the existing ballfield in the location of the Field House. Following some discussion, the Board directed Ms. Eckhart to obtain some estimates, get the feedback of the Bath Allen Youth Club and return to the Board of Supervisors with the information and further direction.

C. **Proposal for Exterior Riser – Meeting Room Security Project (Roy J. Shelton Inc.):** Mr. Hassler made a motion to accept the proposal of Roy J. Shelton, Inc. in the amount of \$5,425.00; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. **FRCA Correspondence:** Ms. Eckhart requested the Boards guidance on the letter received from the attorney for the First Regional Compost Authority. She explained the letter cites concerns about contractors using the Township facility instead of complying with the Authority requirements for contractors to utilize the

main First Regional Compost Authority site at Weaversville. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Saturday drop off days have not shown an influx of commercial contractors attempting to use the Allen Township site and that a log was kept of individuals using the site on Saturdays. She further indicated that during the week, the site is locked at 3 PM and most of the issues in the past were occurring after 4PM. Mr. Oberly did not feel the problem was with the Saturday but challenged the use by commercial operators any day and asked that the motion be rescinded because the action did not comply with FRCA regulations. Mr. Hassler felt the intention was to help the residents, especially the older residents who needed assistance with the moving of materials and that the change was not to help the contractors. Mr. Frack agreed and was concerned for the older residents using the site. Mr. Hassler added the Allen site is not being abused. Mr. Behler added that the resident needed to show the identification at the site. The Board briefly discussed the reason for the change and the intention to provide services to the Township residents. Mr. Oberly was concerned that the problem was this could create a financial impact to FRCA, which relied on the commercial accounts to stay afloat. Mr. Oberly objected because he felt it was a violation of the First Regional Compost Authority rules and regulations. He stated FRCA was a separate entity governed by their own rules and regulations. Mr. Behler felt the Township was not allowing commercial drop offs at the Allen site and that Allen was only allowing residential drop offs. In conclusion, Mr. Behler requested a change to the website language to state that a resident must be in the vehicle in order to drop off at the Township site. The majority of the Board agreed with this clarification.

E. Curbside Collection Program – Resident Feedback: Ms. Eckhart provided an update to the Board regarding the new collection program, which began at the beginning of the month. She indicated residents are adapting in the purchase of stickers for additional bags, an increase in recycling containers have been purchased and the main problem is bagged grass clippings. She indicated that there has been consistent feedback regarding the request for a Fall and Spring curbside pick-up days for organic materials. She indicated that feedback has been that residents have a problem transporting these materials to the Township site or FRCA. The Board agreed by consensus that Ms. Eckhart should provide some alternatives to develop a program of this type providing for curbside collection of organics curbside twice a year: once in the Fall and once in the Spring of the year.

F. City of Bethlehem – Update Drexel Heights/Parkview Hydrant Installation: Mr. Hassler provided an update that the project should be completed in early September.

G. Fed Ex Lighting Complaint: Ms. Eckhart provided a summary of the complaint received regarding the lighting. Ms. Eckhart indicated that she contacted the attorney for Fed Ex regarding the complaint. Mr. Hassler noted that he visited the site following the complaint. Ms. Eckhart requested the Board consider authorizing the Township Engineer and Building Code Official to provide a technical review of this issue for use with enforcement. The Board agreed to authorize both the Township Engineer and Township Building Code Official to review the issue and provide a technical review of Township ordinance conformance.

6. New Business

A. Rt. 329 Improvements Stormwater Area – Fence Location Sketch: Ms. Eckhart presented the sketch of the stormwater area for consideration of a fence. She is awaiting an estimate for the fencing if the Board wished to consider a fence installation. Ms. Eckhart confirmed the fence was not a PennDOT nor Conservation District requirement.

B. Lappawinzo Fish and Game Association – Request for Assistance Stone Leveling of Parking Lot: Ms. Eckhart indicated the Township received a request from the Lappawinzo Fish and Game Association for the leveling of stone milling materials in the parking lot. Following some discussion Mr. Behler made a motion to allow the Public Works crew to level the materials; seconded by Mr. Montanari. Mr. Oberly confirmed that the

Lappawinzo was a non-profit entity recognized by the Commonwealth. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Hassler who voted no due to his membership.

7. Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

8. Adjournment: The Board held an executive session to discuss potential sewer litigation. There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart