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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Paul Balliet.

Roll Call: Paul Balliet -Present; William Holmes – Present; Alfred Pierce – Present; Michelle Drzewiecki - Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. -Present; Ilene Eckhart – Present..

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

Public to be Heard: Tony Bennett, Phyllese Drive, asked for an update regarding the stop sign violation issue in his neighborhood. Mr. Frack indicated that he and Mr. Holmes comprise the newly formed police study committee and will be looking into various options over the next few months. Mr. Bennett indicated that it wasn't necessary needed to obtain a full blown police department but that if the State Police would patrol and issue some tickets the problem would be resolved. Ms. Eckhart further presented information for radar sign equipment as an interim measure to determine the speed incidence violations. Mr. Bennett felt the radar sign equipment may be a useful tool to deter the problem. He felt morning and evening enforcement would be most beneficial. Mr. Jay Hower, questioned if the radar sign technology could be used on State roads? He felt that Indian Trail Road has become a major problem with the trash truck traffic. Mr. Frack indicated he was not convinced that the radar signage would be a benefit.

Unfinished Business

A. Willow Ridge – Singles and Times Security Reduction Requests: Mr. Pierce made a motion to release the \$7,590.00; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

B. Response received regarding Request for Proposal – Non-Uniformed Pension Fund Account Services: Mr. Holmes made a motion to transfer the monies to the Morgan Stanley as a custodial account; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

C. Tomahawk Trail Vacation – discussion regarding closure and related excavation work: Ms. Eckhart presented her notes from a meeting she and Mr. Uhnak attended with the Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Montanari concerning the concept of vacating Tomahawk Trail. She asked for the Board's feedback prior to the formal vacation process. Mr. Kocher questioned if due to the storm water off the Montanari driveway and should a storm water easement be retained. Mr. Pierce questioned if there would be much material required to create the turnarounds. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the material would be taken from the existing bank. In addition she noted the utilities in the area, including the City of Bethlehem, would receive notice of the closure. Mr. Pierce questioned the gates and who should provide the gate. The gate would need to be accessible to emergency services. Mr. Frack felt that without the gates, the road wouldn't be properly closed.

Mr. Dale Hassler, Millrace Road, questioned the closure of the road for one property owner. He felt the road was not in bad condition. He felt the road attributed to the rural character of the Township.

Mr. Holmes felt that Ms. Eckhart should speak to the Montanari's regarding gates. Ms. Eckhart further indicated that a legal description would need to be prepared to attach to the draft ordinance. Mr. Holmes felt that the Public Works Director should develop a real cost to properly repair road. Mr. Kocher suggested that if the bank is eroding in the area of the Bethlehem water line perhaps Bethlehem would better stabilize the bank. Mr. Frack further indicated that an estimate for guide rail should be acquired prior to further discussion.

New Business

A. Date for second general meeting in December 2012 (if necessary) and 2013 Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 7, 2013 (authorization to advertise): Mr. Pierce made a motion to advertise the Reorganization for 5:30 PM for Monday, January 7, 2013; seconded by Mr. Holmes. All yes. The December meeting will be cancelled.

B. Hafner Zoning Appeal: Ms. Eckhart reported that a letter of appeal was submitted to the Township regarding the recent enforcement letter for the 1200 Barkley Drive property.

C. Asplund Tree Co request to parking equipment at park during tree trimming of PPL main line: Ms. Eckhart indicated she received a request to park six to eight trucks at the Howertown Park during a six week period during which work would be performed on the PPL line in the area. The Board agreed to grant approval conditioned upon a certificate of insurance and a hold harmless agreement with the contractor.

D. Krapf Quarry Information: Mr. Treadwell reported on meeting with the recent meeting with the Northampton County Conservation District, the Township Engineer has reviewed a plan submitted by Pennoni Engineering relative to the earth disturbance ordinance; the Zoning Officer has performed four separate field investigations in response complaints received from the neighborhood. He concluded that it is an Industrial use in an Industrial Zoning District and that there appears to be compliance with every agency having jurisdiction over the operation.

E. Executive Session: Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation at the 1228 Old Carriage Road property.

Public to be Heard: No further comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Manager