



Allen Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2018

7:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors, was held on Tuesday, November 27, 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; Gerald Montanari; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq, Robert Cox, PE, PLS, Ilene Eckhart, Manager.
2. **Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience.
3. **Public Hearings:** No public hearings.
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. JW Development Partners – Northampton Business Center, Revised Preliminary Plan, Acknowledgement of Plan Review Extension until January 23, 2019: Mr. Behler made a motion to acknowledge the extension of time until January 23, 2019; seconded by Mr. Hassler. All yes with the exception of Mr. Frack who voted who abstained.
 - B. 2019 Municipal Trash and Recycling – Clarification and Discussion from Pre-Bid Meeting:

Ms. Eckhart presented the issues which required additional Board input that were brought forth from potential bidders at the mandatory pre-bid meeting of November 27, 2018. On the question regarding splitting the townships collection into multiple zones, Mr. Oberly expressed concern - if the Board would have input on the divisions of the zones if that should be considered by the Board. Mr. Treadwell noted he was not sure of the breakdown of the population in drawing of zone division. Mr. Behler felt that if the Township allows for some flexibility that the bids submitted may be more economical. Mr. Hassler was concerned with the changes creating an undue burden on the Township staff and he felt the Board needed to consider this in evaluating the bids. He felt the Board should really look closely at the numbers received and make sure that the aggravation involved with a lot of changes to the current program are worth the savings.

Regarding the day of the week proposed for collection, Mr. Behler felt that it was important to consider the same day of the week consistently in the zone.

Regarding bulk items, Ms. Eckhart indicated currently, the contract allows for one item once a week. Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to maintain the current one item per week limit.

Regarding collection route start hours, the Board agreed by consensus to allow for a start time of 6 AM.

5. New Business

- A. Kreidersville Land Company, Offer of Property Donation/Request for Value Letter: Mr. Oberly was concerned that the appraisal be completed by a certified municipal appraiser in regard to the value letter requested. Mr. Oberly would like to see the appraisal value letter before making the decision. Mr. Oberly also felt that the Board should also be afforded the opportunity to consider the pros and cons of the acquisition. Mr. Behler was in favor of the acquisition even if there was not from access from the street and considered the property as open space.

Mr. Behler was concerned with doing the appraisal with a certified municipal appraiser (at the cost of roughly \$2,500) and then not purchasing the property. The Board decided instead to table issue until the Township Manager can obtain estimates to have a certified appraiser to perform the appraisal of the offered property. All agreed.

- B. NBMA Water Rate Increase – Sewer Rate: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize the Manager to provide a calculation to equalize the rates between the water providers in Allen Township (Northampton Borough Municipal Authority and the City of Bethlehem; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

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