

Phillip Kline, Chairperson of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order. Present were Phillip Kline, Michael Stump, Sam Mallatratt, Township Solicitor Gary Swavely Jr., and Mary Anne Fieux. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Chairperson Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Chairperson Kline presented the Minutes from the April 6, 2016 Supervisor's Workshop meeting. Michael Stump made a motion to approve the Minutes, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the Minutes were unanimously approved. Phillip Kline abstained from voting due to not being present at the April 6, 2016 meeting. Mr. Kline noted the Minutes from the March 16, 2016 Business Meeting were not available and would be approved at the May meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairperson Kline asked for approval of the Township payment of bills. Michael Stump had a question regarding the amount of bills paid out of the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund. Mr. Kline directed Michael Stump to review the check register in the meeting packets for the WWTO Operations and Maintenance Fund. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$78,419.16 from the General Fund, \$13,477.30 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$1,872.86 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$0.00 from the Liquid Fuels Fund, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was unanimously approved. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to pay taxes, payroll and interim bills, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Phillip Kline directed the Supervisors to review the financial reports. Mr. Kline explained the pie charts are a new addition to the financial reports and provide for a visual "snapshot" analysis of the revenues and expenses for all funds. Mr. Kline noted the balance sheets for each account had not changed format. Michael Stump made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Debbie Poelhuis from public stated she resides at 2 Cralou Drive, which is located at the corner of Cralou Drive and Mt. Laurel Road. Debbie Poelhuis asked for assistance regarding drainage issues from runoff from Schmehl and Mt. Laurel Roads. Ms. Poelhuis explained the runoff from these roads runs across their yard depositing debris and has eroded the edge of the property where it meets the road. Debbie Poelhuis expressed her concern over the safety issues for drivers who utilize Mt. Laurel Road. Ms. Poelhuis said she has spoken with Ray Eppler from PENNDOT several times about the drainage issues and has had no resolve of the issue.

Ray Eppler informed Ms. Poelhuis PENNDOT is unable to resolve the problem due to a drain, which was not installed by PENNDOT. Ms. Poelhuis explained the drain is blocked and she has photos to illustrate the problems. Ms. Poelhuis further explained the previous homeowner installed a make shift pipe constructed of multiple buckets laid end-to-end on the property which she replaced the pipe with an 8" pipe from drain to drain. Mr. Eppler informed Ms. Poelhuis PENNDOT could not help her due to the pipe she installed and that the issued was closed.

Vice-Chairperson Michael Stump informed Ms. Poelhuis the Township is not responsible for roadwork or drainage issues on State roads and therefore cannot do the work necessary to resolve the situation. Mr. Stump expressed his concern over the safety issues on the road, as well as other State roadways within the Township. Specifically Michael Stump explained there are rules associated with MS4 and stormwater, which PENNDOT informed Mr. Stump they are not responsible for addressing. Vice-Chairperson Stump said when runoff erodes the shoulder of a roadway it becomes a safety issue.

Chairperson Kline added water from Schmehl and Mt. Laurel Roads always ran down to Cralou Drive, which has a detention basin to accommodate the runoff. The detention basin was designed to accommodate the drainage and is still functioning as originally designed. Phillip Kline said the Township would address PENNDOT through their chain of command to resolve these important safety issues. Mr. Stump assured Debbie Pohluis the Township will continue to follow-up with her concerns.

Mr. Dennis Sweinhart from the public spoke about the property he owns at 3142 Pricetown Road, which is a daycare facility. The property is located at the intersection of Pricetown and Mt. Laurel Roads. Mr. Sweinhart expressed concern about the water runoff from Pricetown Road running down Mt. Laurel Road creating erosion along the edge of the road. Mr. Sweinhart said he is worried about the children who attend the daycare facility. Phillip Kline explained to Mr. Sweinhart that the Township is unable to correct the problem due to the property being located at the intersection of two (2) State roads. Chairperson Kline suggested Mr. Sweinhart contact their local representative to advise them of the problem.

Lieutenant Vincent D'Angelo from the local Reading State Police barracks reported on crime in the Township. Lt. D'Angelo said there have been no significant reports of crime in Alsace Township and asked the Supervisors if there were any areas of concern. Lt. D'Angelo asked Vice-Chairperson Stump if he could meet with the Lieutenant to go over the areas of concern regarding safety issues on State roads. Michael Stump said he would be glad to meet Lt. D'Angelo to drive him through the Township to observe the unsafe roadway areas.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Township Solicitor Gary Swavely presented Ordinance 2016-1 amending the Schuylkill River Watershed Stormwater Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2008-2, adopted on April 16, 2008, to adopt a Design Option for Projects Exempt from Rate Control Design to be known as Amendment H. Solicitor Swavely noted Ordinance 2016-1 was duly advertised in the Reading Eagle and reviewed by Township Engineer Gary Kraft. Mike Stump made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Michael Stump reminded those present Ordinance 2016-1 helps the Township move forward with its MS4 program.

SEWER & SEPTIC REPORT: Vice-Chairperson Stump announced the VFD motor at the WWTP will be operational tomorrow afternoon after Joe Guagno from Instrumentation Control and Energy Engineering programs the system for the Township. Mr. Stump reported the WWTP has a new operator from Private Utility Enterprise's group of operators who administer to the operational needs of the WWTP. Mr. Stump added there is some washout at the bank that is being addressed.

Chairperson Kline summarized the Datte report regarding payment status of past due Alsace Township sewer accounts. Phillip Kline asked the Supervisors if there were any questions and

there were none. Mr. Kline reported the overall status of monthly payments is going well and sewer collections will continued to be handled by Datte's office.

Phil Kline reported on the March 2016 SEO Report from LTL Consultants. Mr. Kline reported LTL Consultants have inspected nine (9) holding tanks that all have passed inspection. An additional three (3) holding tanks will be inspected in the future, according to Mr. Kline.

Chairperson Kline gave the report on Septic Pumping in the Township. Mr. Kline stated 14 letters were sent from Solicitor Swavely to properties who did not pump their septic systems in 2015. Mr. Kline added, to date, three (3) proof of pumping slips have been received as a result of the letter being sent.

ADMINISTRATION: Chairperson Kline announced the Albright Center for Excellence in Local Government is holding a series of meetings throughout Berks County on "The Future of Economic Development and Taxes in Berks County". Mr. Kline said the local meeting would be on Thursday, April 28 at Golden Oaks in Fleetwood. Both Mr. Stump and Mr. Mallatratt indicated they would attend the meeting.

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT: Sam Mallatratt reported on the Kraft Code Services Report for April 2016. Mr. Mallatratt stated Kraft Code Services is continuing to work with the property owners of 224 Spies Church Road which was placarded as "Unsafe for Human Occupancy" to bring the property up to code. A meeting between HUD, Brian Sands, and Kraft Code Services occurred on the property according to Mr. Mallatratt and a punch-list of items of needing to be addressed was developed.

Mr. Mallatratt continued and reported on 2870 Pricetown Road, which was a house that was impacted by a vehicle running off Pricetown Road. Sam Mallatratt stated the structure was deemed safe for occupancy needing only minor repairs. Mr. Mallatratt reported on another property impacted by a vehicle located at 2 Irish Mountain Road, which has been deemed safe for occupancy, also only needing minor repairs.

Sam Mallatratt reported on a deck added to the property at 135 Wannier Road that was found to be structurally deficient and would have to be demolished and rebuilt. Mr. Mallatratt continued and reported on a property located at 101 Magnolia Lane which the Township received a complaint about free-roaming pigs and chickens.

Mr. Mallatratt continued the Kraft Code Services report about a property at Urban Acres that has an issue with back taxes. Chairperson Kline asked Solicitor Swavely whether the Township should be involved in back taxes or the Township Tax Collector should address this matter. Solicitor Swavely discussed the matter with Ruth Ann Moyer, Township Tax Collector. Upon conclusion of the discussion, it was decided Mrs. Moyer would need to request an exoneration for the back taxes.

Mr. Mallatratt reported on the Reserve at Spring Pointe – Phase 2 stating a final Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for Building H. Sam Mallatratt added that the final Certificate of Occupancy for Building I remains contingent upon the completion of the Emergency Access Road.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Vice-Chairperson Michael Stump reported quotes for the resurfacing and painting of the basketball courts have been obtained. Mr. Stump said The Breneman Company was low quote at \$6,000.00. Chairperson Kline asked for a motion to accept the quote from The Breneman Company. Mike Stump made a motion to accept the quote from The Breneman Company for resurfacing and painting the Township basketball courts, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Stump confirmed the project would be completed prior to the start of the Summer Recreation Program.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Chairperson Kline asked Ms. Fieux to report on the Planning Commission meeting since Mr. Brumbach was not present. Ms. Fieux stated the April meeting was cancelled due to additional information to be submitted by Kraft Engineering and Kraft Code Services for the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Chairperson Phillip Kline asked Ruth Ann Moyer to report the Recreation Board meeting that took place on April 10, 2016. Mrs. Moyer reported all the Summer Recreation Program leaders are coming back except for one. Gabe Reber was hired as a replacement and previously served as a Junior Leader, according to Mrs. Moyer. Mrs. Moyer said registration will take place on June 11 and the program will start on June 13.

Ruth Ann Moyer said the Program Leaders are looking forward to the addition of the ball wall at the park. Vice-Chairperson Stump reported he met with the Christ's who will be putting together a list of building materials needed for the wall. Mr. Stump said he would review the list to make sure the ball wall will conform to safety requirements. Mr. Stump recommended the Christ's look at the ball wall in Oley.

Mrs. Moyer explained that Jan Cohen-Cruz, Arts in the Field, who attended the meeting on April 10, would like to work with the children to put on a skit about Alsace Township's history. Miss Coffee from the Oley Library offered to assist Mrs. Cohen-Cruz.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Fire Chief Wendy Becker announced 840 chicken dinners have been sold. Members of the Fire Company go out every Tuesday night and Sunday to sell tickets for the Annual Mother's Day chicken dinner, according to Fire Chief Becker.

Fire Chief Becker said everything is operational and in working order at the Fire Company. Fire Chief Becker asked about the Beck property located at 53 Woodside Avenue and whether it would be available as a training building. Mrs. Becker explained she has a smoke machine used for training; no live fire would be utilized. Solicitor Swavely said the Township's insurance company should be contacted to see if a rider or other requirement is required. Vice-Chairperson Stump said he is in the process of having the power cut-off to the building. Chairperson Kline asked Fire Chief Becker to provide a date prior to the training taking place.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Fire Chief Wendy Becker reported Darlene Bartsch was not present due selling chickens for the Fire Company.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Chairperson Kline asked if any of the Supervisors had any additional information to report. Sam Mallatratt stated he had have nothing further to report. Mr. Stump

noted the two (2) PENNDOT contacts are Bruce Bubster, Superintendent of the Highways and Raymond Eppler is the Assistant.

Chairperson Kline said some housekeeping matters need tending. Mr. Kline said the matters were regarding the overlay bid for Wanshop Road and the Manor. Chairperson Kline asked Vice-Chairperson Stump for the total sum of the bid. Mr. Stump stated the Wanshop Road and Manor overlay bid came in at \$260,667.50. Mr. Kline asked about the double bituminous seal coat bid and Mr. Stump responded that came in around \$61,000. Phillip Kline explained since the Township now has the Liquid Fuel bid information it was time to negotiate a loan with the bank so the General Fund is not depleted. Mr. Stump reminded Mr. Kline the bid for the Local Forces – Seasonal Material will be opened on May 4, 2016.

After discussion, Mr. Kline said a loan for \$200,000 should cover reimbursing the General Fund for the purchase of 53 Woodside and road projects. Mr. Kline asked for a motion to authorize him to negotiate a loan and have the terms available for the May workshop meeting. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion for Chairperson Kline to work with a bank to negotiate the terms of a \$200,000.00 loan for the Township, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Kline reminded those present about the inaugural meeting of the Alsace Township History Group scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 at 2:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Phil Kline also reminded everyone about the Spring Cleanup to take place on Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Public Works yard. Mr. Kline added that the event helps diminish illegal dumping in the Township by providing residents a place for proper disposal of unwanted items.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Chairperson Kline asked if there were any further comments from the public and there were none.

Phillip Kline asked if there was any additional business and as there was none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Stump made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer