

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 7:02 pm. Chairperson Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Chairperson Kline presented the Minutes from the July 20, 2016 Supervisors' meeting and Public Meeting held on August 11, 2016. Michael Stump made a motion to approve the Minutes, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairperson Kline asked for a motion for payment of the Township bills. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$39,842.00 from the General Fund, \$4,007.01 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$1,786.09 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$4,936.81 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 balance sheets. After a brief discussion, the Supervisors agreed all Funds looked to be in good order.

Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Mike Stump, and the motion was unanimously approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments from the public.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Township Solicitor Gary Swavely presented Resolution 2016-5 for naming Dr. Darrell Markley as Alternate Delegate to replace Shelley Chapman for the Berks Tax Collection Committee. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-5, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Township Solicitor Gary Swavely presented Resolution 2016-6 for a Sewage Facilities Planning Module, as required by the Pennsylvania DEP, for property located at 14 Petsch Road owned by Jonathan Wickstrom. Solicitor Swavely informed the Supervisors the Module has been reviewed by Township Engineer Gary Kraft and the Township Planning Commission. Michael Stump made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-6, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

SEWER & SEPTIC REPORT: Chairperson Kline reported on sewer payments to the Township and directed the Supervisors to the synopsis report prepared by Ruth Ann Moyer along with the report prepared by Mr. Datte, Esq. There was discussion about liens and Sheriff's sales. Solicitor Swavely explained if a house is not sold at a Sheriff's sale the house goes back to the bank. Solicitor Swavely added that the liens would be paid at the time of settlement when a house is sold.

Sam Mallatratt summarized the LTL Consultants SEO report for July 2016 and reported there were three (3) new septic permits issued, two (2) final septic system inspections, and no new septic systems installed. Mr. Mallatratt reported the property at 3224 Pricetown Road is now in compliance. LTL Consultants is working with the property owners of 2016 Friedensburg Road to determine where sewage is being discharged, according to Mr. Mallatratt. Mr. Mallatratt added the property has been cited with a Notice of Violation.

Sam Mallatratt gave a summary of the Septic Pumping Status Report reporting that LTL will issue three (3) citations for property owners who should have pumped in 2015 and for three (3) property owners who have not had their holding tanks inspected and pumped.

Chairperson Kline reported on the August 11, 2016 meeting with the engineer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Fred Ebert from Ebert Engineering. Mr. Ebert will be evaluating all the current and future needs of the Township's WWTP, according to Mr. Kline. The evaluation will include both the operational and financial status of the facility. Mr. Ebert he will also explore the possibility of submitting a grant to the State for potential new projects. Phillip Kline said Mr. Ebert would present his findings either at a regular Supervisors meeting or a Public Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION: Chairperson Kline said Commissioner Barnhardt had to cancel tonight's presentation on the Mt. Penn Preserve project. Commissioner Barnhardt will be making his presentation at a future meeting according to Mr. Kline.

Phil Kline reminded Michael Stump, Fire Chief Wendy Becker, and Mary Anne Fieux to continue preparing their figure for the 2017 Budget.

Chairperson Kline asked the Supervisors for a recommendation for a replacement for the Vacancy Board position. Vice-Chairperson Stump introduced David Barth who resides at 390 Antietam Road as his recommendation for the position. Mr. Stump said he and Mr. Mallatratt believe Mr. Barth is an asset to the community. Michael Stump made a motion to approve David Barth to fill the unexpired term of Michael Moore until the 2017 reorganization meeting, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Phillip Kline announced the next meeting of the Alsace History Group workshop meeting held August 23, 2016. Mr. Kline reported the meetings continue to be productive.

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT: Sam Mallatratt presented the report from Kraft Code Services for August 2016. Mr. Mallatratt stated 224 Spies Church Road continues to be listed as uninhabitable and no word has been received from HUD. Mr. Mallatratt reported on several Zoning Hearing Board hearings that recently took place. The Metropolitan Group (The Reserve at Spring Pointe) received approval for a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board for placement of an illuminated sign on a retaining wall. Chester Krajewski received a variance and approval for construction of a pole barn on Spies Church Road. Moses Glick received a variance and special exception to construct a storage building on his property and lastly Josh Levengood's hearing is to take place on August 29, 2016 for property located at 249 Spies Church Road.

Mr. Kline and Solicitor Swavely discussed the property at 249 Spies Church Road regarding the need for a Land Development Plan. Mr. Kline said the problems with the property lines go back years and at a time when the municipality had no control over the situation. Township Engineer Gary Kraft said a Land Development Plan would need to be submitted according to Solicitor Swavely.

Mr. Mallatratt reported the Township has received sample Ordinances for "Knox-Box's" devices for commercial properties and an Ordinance to address public events.

Fire Chief Becker asked if 224 Spies Church Road was posted as uninhabitable and she was informed it was posted. Mrs. Becker continued stating she used to receive copies of building permits and new addresses for her books for the trucks. Mr. Kline suggested Fire Chief Becker speak to Ruth Ann Moyer to obtain copies of the information needed for her books.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Vice-Chairperson Stump reported the paving of the Manor and Wanshop Road is complete. Mr. Stump said the remaining work includes backing up of shoulders and swales to fix. Mike Stump added the sealing of driveways started today.

Mr. Stump said he is continuing to work with PENNDOT Representative Charlie Paris regarding the double bituminous seal coat bid due to the Asphalt Maintenance Solutions figures being different from that of the Township.

Michael Stump reported the ball wall constructed by Dawson Christ for his Eagle Scout project has been erected at the Township Park. The bottom of the ball wall needs to be closed up, according to Mr. Stump. Mr. Kline suggested a green stain be added to the ball wall and a material laid down around the ball wall area. Mr. Stump informed Mr. Kline he will research what type of material can be laid down around the ball wall which will be safe for children.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Chairperson Kline asked the Supervisors to review the July 7, 2016 Planning Commission minutes. There were no questions.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Chairperson Phillip Kline reported the Summer Recreation Program ended August 12 and a report will be submitted at a future meeting. A recommendation has been requested from the Arts in the Field Program to participate with next year's Summer Recreation Program. Mr. Kline recommended the Arts in the Field Program could continue as a separate entity after the Summer Recreation program is done for the day. Mr. Kline added they could use the children from the Summer Recreation Program. The Supervisors agreed to recommend the proposal to the Recreation Board.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Fire Chief Wendy Becker reported operations are going well at the Fire Company. Mrs. Becker said the 1994 tanker needs to be replaced and she is doing research for a new, larger tanker. Mrs. Becker said they are looking at a 3,000-gallon tanker truck that has greater capacity than the old truck. Mr. Kline asked if the tanker would be in the 2018 or 2017 budget; Mrs. Becker responded the 2017 Budget. Mike Stump noted Rescue truck ends in 2017. Mrs. Becker said she will be able to sell the old tanker truck.

Fire Chief Becker asked about Alsace Township participating in National Night Out. Chairperson Kline said it is a worthwhile project and the Township would be interested in helping. Mr. Kline said the Fire Company should find someone to spearhead the project.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Darlene Bartsch reported on the Reading 120 and had a concern they might not be able to provide the volunteers the Reading 120 is requesting.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Chairperson Kline asked if there were any further comments from the public. Michael Saville from 51 Wanshop Road approached the Supervisors with a problem he has concerning the new paving on Wanshop Road and his driveway. Mr. Saville said the new paving made his driveway steeper than it was before the new pavement was laid down. Michael Stump said his driveway is out of compliance and the Township cannot grind all driveways. Sarah Solley from 51 Wanshop Road said her grandparents had the driveway paved. Mr. Stump said there was a permit, but the resident never called for an inspection. After further discussion, Vice-Chairperson Stump said he would have the Township Code Enforcement Office follow-up with the matter. Solicitor Swavely agreed with Mr. Stump and added that this is speculation at this point and that either Township Engineer Gary Kraft or Code Enforcement Officer Joe Neidert should follow-up. Michael Saville said he was told there are aerial photos of the paving project. Mr. Kline and Mr. Stump said Google provides aerial photos; however, the photos are dated, and not taken at current time.

Lt. Vince D'Angelo from the State Police Barracks in Reading was present and announced State Citizens Police Academy will start in September. The contact is Trooper Megan.

Chairperson Kline asked if there was any other comments from the public and since there were none, Mr. Kline asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Stump made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer