

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 7:04 pm. Chairperson Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Chairperson Kline presented the Minutes from the June 15, 2016 Supervisors' meeting. 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 \$77,442.50 from the General Fund, \$17,122.32 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$2,395.96 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$89,398.31 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 and remarked the Township was in good shape.

Chairperson Kline reported on the first half of the year and instructed the Supervisors to review the Excel charts that compare the 2016 Budget to year-to-date income statements for the General Fund, WWTP Operations and Maintenance, Septic and Sewer Fund and the Liquid Fuels Fund. After a brief discussion, the Supervisors agreed all Funds looked to be overall financially sound.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jamie Lucas from the public said he had several questions for the Supervisors. Township Solicitor Gary Swavely asked Mr. Lucas for his address to which Mr. Lucas said 41 Poplar Avenue. Mr. Lucas stated the sewer floats are going bad and said he fixes them. Mr. Lucas wanted the Township to know the floats were going bad.

Mr. Lucas asked who serves as the operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Stump responded PUE, Private Utility Enterprises is the company hired to operate the facility. Mr. Stump added John Scully is one of the licensed operators.

Mr. Lucas asked if the part time job that Jay has was advertised. Mr. Kline responded it is not required to be advertised.

Mr. Lucas said he tried to pay his sewer bill today and the Township would not take his money. Solicitor Swavely explained the payment must go through Attorney Datte's office.

Mr. Lucas said Mr. Stump was running an illegal construction business out of his property and said he had photographs. Mr. Lucas added the light on the property was too bright.

Mr. Lucas complained about Mr. Stump working on a property that was issued a demolition permit. Mr. Lucas indicated the work Mr. Stump was not connected to the demolition permit. Solicitor Swavely informed Mr. Lucas no opinions could be rendered upon speculation.

Bill Foreman who resides at 9 Alsace Avenue was the next person to speak from the public. Mr. Foreman said he apologized since the property he owns at 8 Alsace Avenue was the property Mr. Lucas was referring to regarding the demolition permit. Mr. Foreman explained when the demolition took place he found both the water and sewer lines were crushed. Mr. Foreman continued stating he put in new lines to prevent ground water from going into the septic tanks. Mr. Foreman said neither of the lines would be used until permits are pulled. Mr. Foreman added there is no electric service on-site.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Township Solicitor Gary Swavely presented Ordinance 2016-4 for the execution of the Comcast Franchise Agreement between the Township and Comcast of New Mexico/Pennsylvania, LLC . Solicitor Swavely noted Ordinance 2016-4 was duly advertised in the Reading Eagle and requested a motion from the Supervisors to adopt Ordinance 2016-4. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-4, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Township Solicitor presented the Comcast Side Agreement, which provides the Township Municipal Building with free internet access for the term of the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Mr. Stump made a motion to authorize Phillip Kline to sign the Agreement, 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 report. Mr. Kline the majority of residents in the Township are making their sewer payments. Jamie Lucas asked for a copy of the report from Attorney Datte's office. Solicitor Swavely stated Mr. Lucas would need to submit a Right-to-Know request and a determination will be made whether the information is considered a public document.

Sam Mallatratt summarized the LTL Consultants SEO report for June 2016 and reported there were no new septic permits issued or installed. Mr. Mallatratt reported 3224 Pricetown Road is still having a problem with illegal grey water discharge. LTL is working with the owner who is having a problem working with their tenants.

Mr. Mallatratt reported on 240 Spies Church Road and the blocked bypass. Mr. Mallatratt said the owner is continuing to work on the situation. Vice-Chairperson Stump added he has visited the site and the problem has been resolved.

Sam Mallatratt gave the Septic Pumping status report and said all was in good order.

Chairperson Kline reported the engineer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Fred Ebert, Ebert Engineering, requested a meeting with the Supervisors. Mr. Kline announced the meeting would be duly advertised as a Public Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION: Chairperson Kline discussed the need to have a replacement for Michael Moore who served as the Vacancy Board Chairperson. Mr. Kline asked the Supervisors to bring their suggestions for candidates to the next meeting.

Mr. Kline stated he received call from Lt. D'Angelo, Pennsylvania State Police, regarding the speeding Old Pricetown Road near the Reserve at Spring Pointe and the signage needed. Mr. Kline also reported a resident complained about speeding on Mexico Road.

Phillip Kline reported on the Alsace History Group workshop meeting held June 28, 2016 and said it was very productive. Photographs are still needed, according to Chairperson Kline, and posters and flyers will be distributed in the future to attract new members. Jamie Lucas asked Mr. Kline if articles could be submitted and Mr. Kline told Mr. Lucas they are acceptable. Mr. Kline said interviews would be conducted with people from the Township who have knowledge and historic stories to share. Phillip Kline announced the next History Group meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT: Sam Mallatratt presented the report from Kraft Code Services for July 2016. Mr. Mallatratt reported 2879 Pricetown Road has cleaned up their property and burning has ceased. Mr. Mallatratt continued stating 224 Spies Church Road is still listed as uninhabitable and no word has been received from HUD. Lastly, Mr. Mallatratt reported the Reserve at Spring Pointe has received all Certificate of Occupancy's for the project.

Mr. Mallatratt reported the Township would be examining Ordinances from other municipalities for "Knox-Box's" devices for commercial properties and an Ordinance to address public events. According to Sam Mallatratt, public events can contribute to litter, traffic, and parking problems. Chairperson Kline asked Solicitor Swavely to research possible issues regarding Knox-Box liability, specifically related to having a new Knox-Box Ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Vice-Chairperson Stump reported the Manor and Wanshop Road paving project has been moved from July 5 to August 9. The project sent out to bid and will cost approximately \$260,000 in Liquid Fuels Funds, according to Mr. Stump. Jamie Lucas asked what roads would be included. Mr. Kline replied the roads in the Manor and Wanshop Road. Mr. Stump continued stating crack sealing and other projects have continued in the interim. Mr. Stump said another Liquid Fuel bid project cost approximately \$61,000 spent on the Double Bituminous Seal Coat Project, which has been completed.

According to Mr. Stump, approval has been granted to Lower Alsace Township for the Skyline Drive project. However, the construction will be pushed back to 2017, which should free up some Liquid Fuels money for other projects in 2016. Mr. Kline asked Solicitor Swavely to see if a new Resolution would be required since construction will occur during 2017.

Vice-Chairperson Stump reported on a meeting he had with PENNDOT on July 12 concerning issues on Antietam Road, Skyline Drive, and Mt. Laurel Road. Most of the issues resulted from complaints from residents about State road issued. Mr. Stump said the meeting was productive and most of the needs of the residents will be addressed by PENNDOT. Mr. Stump

said the Township sought help from Senator Schwank and Representative Jozwiak to insure the meeting would take place.

Mr. Stump said the ball wall is near completion by Eagle Scout Dawson Christ and will soon be installed with the assistance of the Department of Public Works.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Chairperson Kline reported on the July 2, 2016 Planning Commission meeting since Planning Commission Ned Brumbach was not present. Mr. Kline said two (2) projects are at the discussion stage and the potential applicants for the 194 Basket Road minor subdivision and the 69 Wanner Road annexation were present at the meeting. The Zoning Ordinance was also discussed. Lastly Mr. Kline directed the Supervisors to review the Minutes of the June 2, 2016 Planning Commission included in their packet. Further questions could be directed to Mr. Brumbach, according to Mr. Kline.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Chairperson Phillip Kline asked Ruth Ann Moyer to report on the Summer Recreation Program. Mrs. Moyer reported currently that there are 156 children registered and approximately 80 children come to the playground on a daily basis.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Fire Chief Wendy Becker was not present.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Darlene Bartsch said she had ID tags from Berks County Emergency Management for Supervisor Mallatratt and Ms. Fieux. Darlene Bartsch reported she has been in contact with the organizers for the Reading 120 race on September 10, 2016.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Chairperson Kline asked if any of the Supervisors had any additional information to report. Mr. Mallatratt and Mr. Stump said they had nothing additional to report.

Mr. Kline said the structure at Spies Church Road and Apple Lane looks to be uninhabitable. After discussion, the Supervisors agreed to have Kraft Code Services inspect the property to see if it should be boarded up for safety purposes and posted as uninhabitable.

Chairperson Kline reported there are three (3) properties with blinking signs. Mr. Kline identified the properties as Greg's Auto Service on Alsace Avenue, the Pretzel Revolution on Pricetown Road, and the old Montessori School on Pricetown Road. Mr. Kline asked Ms. Fieux to send out letters to address the blinking signs.

Solicitor Swavely reported he just received a letter from Bill Foreman's attorney regarding Mr. Foreman's property located at 8 Alsace Avenue. Solicitor Swavely explained he just received the letters and asked Mr. Foreman for clarification regarding his intent for the two (2) lots. After discussion, Chairperson Kline advised to discuss the matter with Mr. Foreman's attorney.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Chairperson Kline asked if there were any further comments from the public. Jamie Lucas asked about the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Kline explained the Zoning Ordinance had nothing to do with the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairperson Kline said the final document is being cleaned up and Solicitor Swavely explained there would be a public hearing process.

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 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer