

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 7:00 pm. Chairperson Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Chairperson Kline presented the Minutes from the May 18, 2016 Supervisor's 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 approval of the Township payment of bills. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$93,349.11 from the General Fund, \$11,997.18 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$240.50 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. Michael Stump made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was unanimously approved. Chairperson Kline added overall the Township is in good shape.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Stanley Mueller who resides at 11 Antietam Road said he spoke with Ray Eppler from PENNDOT who informed Mr. Mueller that the Alsace Manor Fire Company and Grab-A-Cab both need to have retention ponds. Mr. Mueller requested a solution to the stormwater he said is running off from the Fire Company and Grab-A-Cab. Mr. Mueller suggested the downspouts at the Fire Company could have pipe added at the end of the downspouts to direct water towards Woodside Avenue. Chairperson Kline informed Mr. Mueller since Antietam Road is a State road PENNDOT is responsible for drainage issues. Mr. Stump added that the Township is responsible for correcting problems on Township roads, not State roads. Phil Kline informed Mr. Mueller a letter has been sent to PENNDOT outlining various drainage issues on State roads throughout the Township, including his section of Antietam Road. Michael Stump said the Township is working hard to have PENNDOT resolve drainage issues on State roads within the Township.

Darlene Bartsch, from the Alsace Manor Fire Company asked if Mr. Mueller meant the Social Quarters building. Mr. Kline explained Mr. Mueller is not delineating either building. Ms. Bartsch said the design for storm drainage includes an on-lot stormwater tank. Ms. Bartsch added the Fire Company's water runs off to a basin to the right.

The next person to speak from the public was Jen Maulfair from 2812 Old Pricetown Road. Mrs. Maulfair explained she moved to Old Pricetown Road in November. Mrs. Maulfair said the amount of traffic has increased due to the Reserve at Spring Pointe being built. According to Mrs. Maulfair, a significant amount of traffic exceeds the 35 MPH speed limit and the road has become dangerous. Mrs. Maulfair stated she contacted the Muhlenberg Police

Department and spoke with Chief Erik P. Grunzig who stated they could not do anything to help her. Additionally, Mrs. Maulfair said she contacted the State Police who said they would set up speed traps for approximately six (6) weeks. Solicitor Swavely informed Mrs. Maulfair the Muhlenberg Police could enforce the Muhlenberg section of road.

Mrs. Maulfair continued and suggested speed bumps, stop or caution signage, and a lower speed limit could help the problem with speeders. She said she is concerned for her young son and the elderly who live in the area. Mrs. Maulfair said she would also be meeting with Muhlenberg Township. Vice-Chairperson Stump and Mrs. Maulfair discussed the speeding problem with a sketch of the area. Mr. Stump asked Solicitor Swavely why Muhlenberg Police could not do anything for Mrs. Maulfair. Solicitor Swavely informed Mr. Stump Muhlenberg Police can only issue tickets in Muhlenberg Township and State Police can issue tickets in both Townships. Solicitor Swavely suggested Mrs. Maulfair speak with Muhlenberg Township Manager, Jamal Abodalo. After further discussion, Chairperson Kline asked for authorization to write a letter to Muhlenberg Township and the local State Police. Vice-Chairperson Michael Stump made a motion to authorize Chairperson Kline to send a letter to Muhlenberg Township concerning the speed and condition of safety at the Reserve at Spring Pointe, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion.

The next person to speak from the public was Nathan Care, 372 Antietam Road who came to speak about the stormwater drainage issues along Antietam Road. Mr. Care requested that PENNDOT fix the issues and showed his support for Michael Stump's work with PENNDOT. Mr. Care explained dirt from his neighbor's dirt driveway ends up on his property. Mr. Care asked if the Township could make a recommendation to his neighbor help keep the dirt off the driveway. Mr. Stump explained it is PENNDOT's responsibility to keep the water to flow along the road and not onto properties. Chairperson Kline said the driveway has been an issue for a long time and the Township does not issue driveway permits for State roads. Mr. Stump reiterated PENNDOT is responsible for stormwater management on State roads and gave Mr. Care a copy of the letter sent to PENNDOT regarding these issues.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Township Solicitor Gary Swavely presented Ordinance 2016-3 as directed and requested by Berks EIT. Solicitor Swavely explained it is an ordinance to authorize retention of a third party collection agency and recovery of agency fees for collection of delinquent taxes from delinquent taxpayers. Solicitor Swavely noted Ordinance 2016-3 was duly advertised in the Reading Eagle and requested a motion from the Supervisors to adopt Ordinance 2016-3. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-3, 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. Phil Kline said sometimes one resident is caught up and a new resident gets behind in the payments. Mr. Stump added that 8 Alsace Avenue was purchased and the delinquent money for sewer will be received up on the final sale of the property.

Sam Mallatratt summarized the LTL Consultants SEO report for May 2016 and reported there were no new septic permits issued or installed. Mr. Mallatratt reported 3224 Pricetown Road has a problem with illegal grey water discharge. Sam Mallatratt continued with the report stating the resident of 41 Poplar Avenue provided a letter stating no one resides at the property with respect to a sewer connection being disconnected. Mr. Mallatratt informed the Supervisors LTL is asking for direction regarding enforcement. Chairperson Kline suggested the office advise LTL to take action. Solicitor Swavely advised a motion is required authorizing LTL to take any and all necessary action including the filing of citations with the Magisterial District Judge in order to force the sewer violations at 41 Poplar Avenue. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to authorize LTL to take any and all necessary action including the filing of citations with the Magisterial District Judge in order to force the sewer violations at 41 Poplar Avenue. Phillip Kline seconded the motion. Michael Stump abstained from voting on the motion. The motion was passed.

Sam Mallatratt gave a report on the status of the pumping of septic systems. Mr. Mallatratt reported a list of 14 properties with holding tanks was sent to LTL Consultants for their annual inspection. Mr. Mallatratt explained that two (2) properties listed as having holding tanks were reported to have regular septic systems per LTL Consultants and records at the Township were changed accordingly. The balance of three (3) holding tanks did not respond to letters left at their doors by LTL. Mr. Mallatratt remarked the status is the same as the previous month. Mr. Kline asked that Mrs. Moyer bold changes in next month's report.

Mr. Mallatratt continued and reported of the 14 properties who did not pump their septic systems during 2015; eight (8) properties have submitted their pumping slips. Six (6) properties have not pumped their septic systems, per Mr. Mallatratt.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Chairperson Kline recommended Michael Moore be appointed to serve the unexpired time for the vacant position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Kline explained he recommends Mr. Moore since he has served on the Township Planning Commission and currently serves as the Vacancy Board Chairperson. Phillip Kline reported he spoke with Mr. Moore who stated he is interested in serving on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Kline presented Resolution 2016-4 stating Michael Moore's term on the Zoning Hearing Board shall commence immediately upon adoption of Resolution 2016-4 and shall expire on December 31, 2018. Michael Stump made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-4, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Phillip Kline reported on the June 14, 2016 Alsace History Group meeting. Mr. Kline said the meeting went well and a work meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at 9:00 am. Chairperson Kline said the goal of the work meeting is to pinpoint areas of interest to be documented with photos and additional historical information. Mr. Kline said the goal is to have a short video display in the fall for public viewing. Mr. Kline added the video would help people get interested in the History Group. 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 stated there was no report.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Vice-Chairperson Michael Stump reported on the Double Bituminous Seal Coat (oil & chip) Liquid Fuels project. Mr. Stump reported Schmehl, Delp, Irish Mountain, and Kutz Roads are complete and have been swept. Michael Stump said only one (1) complaint has been received. Mr. Stump said the job came out good and oil and chip serves its purpose well on low-volume roads.

Next Vice-Chairperson Stump gave an update on the Manor Project, which was milled today and will be laid back down on Monday, June 20, weather permitting. Mr. Stump explained 4" of 25 mm would be laid down over the millings and then the overlay could be put down by EJB.

Mr. Stump reported on the ball wall and said the materials have been delivered. Michael Stump said he is waiting for Eagle Scout Dawson Christ to provide a date for installation.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairperson Kline asked Planning Commission Chairperson Ned Brumbach for his report. Mr. Brumbach reported the Planning Commission finished their review of the freestanding outdoor furnaces, electronic billboards, solar and wind energy systems. Ned Brumbach reminded the Supervisors these sections were added due to the Berks County Planning Commission sending information for consideration and incorporation into the Township's new Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Brumbach said the Planning Commission has finished making any further changes to the document.

Mr. Brumbach asked Solicitor Swavely for direction regarding the Public Hearing process. Solicitor Swavely suggested the final document be sent to the Berks County Planning Commission for their review. After the Berks County Planning Commission reviews the document, Mr. Swavely stated the Public Hearing could be held at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission that must be advertised as a Public Hearing. Mr. Stump asked if it is necessary to advertise the properties, which would be changed. Solicitor Swavely said he understood Township Engineer Gary Kraft has drafted a letter to be sent to the property owners. Mr. Brumbach added Ms. Fieux has Mr. Kraft's letter prepared to be mailed to all affected property owners when the time comes. Phillip Kline concluded stating Ms. Fieux is working to consolidate final modifications from the Planning Commission into the new Zoning Ordinance.

Chairperson Kline reported on a carnival at Relevant Sports being an event that is not addressed by the new Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Kline expects an amendment will need to be made to the new Zoning Ordinance in the future to address such an event. Mr. Brumbach stated the Planning Commission worked hard on trying to incorporate changes to the document. Phillip Kline commended Ned Brumbach and the Planning Commission on their work creating a new Zoning Ordinance.

**RECREATION BOARD REPORT:** Chairperson Phillip Kline asked Michael Stump to report on the Summer Recreation Program. Mr. Stump reported currently there are 124 children registered compared to 139 children during 2015. Vice-Chairperson Stump said traditionally additional children register after the program starts and anticipated an increase in registration numbers.

Mr. Stump continued stating the basketball courts have been resurfaced and the poles have been repainted, along with the insides of the bathrooms. Michael Stump said the Summer Recreation Program is a great place for the children. Mr. Kline added the program is self-supporting.

**ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY REPORT:** Emergency Management Coordinator Darlene Bartsch spoke for Fire Chief Wendy Becker who was not present. Ms. Bartsch commented on solar roof panels before giving the Fire Company report. Ms. Bartsch reported they now make solar panels that look like a roof since some people do not like the look of solar panels. Ms. Bartsch said the Fire Company would be training on solar panels. Mr. Kline asked if the Planning Commission added any new information on solar panels into the new Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Brumbach said the Planning Commission added a good amount of new information about solar panels from information provided by the Berks County Planning Commission. Pennsylvania is one of the States that allows homeowners to sell extra electricity into the grid, according to Mr. Brumbach.

Darlene Bartsch reported on a benefit the Fire Company hosted the past weekend for a trip to Kalahari Resort for a terminally ill resident. Ms. Bartsch reported \$1,975 was collected from gift baskets that Justine Stump organized. Darlene Bartsch explained \$5,000 was the goal for the benefit, but they fell short of the goal. Ms. Bartsch said a resident contributed \$500 when they heard the goal was not met, making the grand total collected through the benefit a total of \$5,300. Ms. Bartsch said it was sad, but it was good. Mr. Stump commended the Fire Company on their work.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Darlene Bartsch reported on plans related to responding to terrorism being prepared for the Reading Road Run and asked if the Township has regulations for events. Solicitor Swavely said he has talked to Township Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer Joe Neidert, Kraft Code Services, about creating a new ordinance for public events.

Darlene Bartsch asked if the Township has any regulations regarding tree trimming. Ms. Bartsch explained she saw an entire tree being dragged down the road. Chairperson Kline said when a permit is issued a Certificate of Insurance is required. Mr. Kline said in this case a permit is not required, but the homeowner should make sure the contractor has insurance.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Chairperson Kline asked if any of the Supervisors had any additional information to report. Mr. Stump said the Sewer Plant is ready for a small VFD for the small motor to be purchased. Mr. Stump reminded the Supervisors of the power savings from the VFD's which have already been installed. Mr. Kline said the VFD's were included in the budget. Mr. Kline asked Mr. Stump about the cost and Mr. Stump estimated \$2,000. Mr. Stump said he was asking for permission to proceed. Mr. Kline agreed that Mr. Stump proceed and asked Mr. Mallatratt for his vote and Mr. Mallatratt agreed the VFD project should proceed.

Chairperson Kline said there are three (3) properties with excessive grass. Mr. Kline explained two (2) of the properties were cited previous years and asked Solicitor Swavely if the process can be streamlined since they were already cited. Solicitor Swavely stated it would still be considered a new violation. Phillip Kline said one of the properties is on Pricetown Road and

is vacant. Mr. Kline said Ms. Fieux is sending form letters out as a first step towards compliance. Mr. Kline added Gloria Reppert's house also has excessive grass.

**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 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux  
Secretary – Treasurer