

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

MINUTES: Phil Kline presented the minutes from the May 20, 2015 Supervisor's meeting. Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Stump, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$72,097.19 from the General Fund, \$4,940.70 from the Sewer Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$1,130.38 from the Septic Fund, and \$8,931.48 from the Liquid Fuels Fund, seconded by Mike Stump and the motion was unanimously approved. Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to pay taxes, payroll and interim bills, seconded by Mike Stump, and the motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chairperson Kline directed the Supervisors to review each of the four (4) accounts' financial reports. Vice-Chairperson Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Mike Stump, and the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Chairperson Kline opened the public comment section of the meeting. Patsy Keim from the public requested Township address the poor road conditions at her property at 200 Reiff Road. Ms. Keim stated she has made attempts to fix the road herself. She added the postal service had problems delivering mail to her mail box due to the poor road conditions.

Mike Stump responded by explaining the flow of the water needs to be divided to help alleviate the washout problem in the area. Mr. Stump continued by explaining Township Engineer Gary Kraft accompanied Mr. Stump to the site to discuss solutions to the problem. Chairperson Kline stated the road has been in poor condition for a long time and stated the solution to the problem was not one that could easily be resolved. Patsy Keim stated she was requesting the holes to be filled in without her having to call the Township. Mr. Kline stated the Township would attempt to have the report from Gary Kraft at the next Township meeting for further discussion.

There were no further comments from the public.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Swavely presented a Holding Tank Agreement prepared by LTL Consultants, the Township SEO, for the Chemseal Property located at 2911 Pricetown Road, currently owned by Calogero Sottosanti. Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller asked about a financial security to the Township. Mr. Swavely responded there was \$1,000 for escrow. Mr. Blankenbiller asked what would happen to the escrow if the property is sold. Solicitor Swavely stated Section 14 of the Agreement states future property owners will be held to the terms of the Agreement.

Mr. Blankenbiller also asked what insurance does the Township have should the Holding Tank system fail. Solicitor Swavely stated the property owner would be in default of the Agreement which would allow the Township to take action by written notice to request additional financial

security to remedy the situation. If the additional security is not provided, Solicitor Swavely indicated the Township could pursue further legal action.

Solicitor Swavely asked the Supervisors for permission to revise the Agreement since the Agreement was not prepared by Solicitor Swavely. Mr. Blankenbiller stated he was willing to work with Mr. Swavely to develop a new Agreement in conjunction with the associated ordinance and permission from his fellow Supervisors. It was noted the Agreement was originally prepared by Bob Ludgate and then revised by LTL Consultants. Solicitor Swavely reminded the Supervisors Mr. Ludgate was the person who would prepare and administer the Holding Tank Agreements.

Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to authorize Solicitor Gary Swavely, SEO LTL Consultants, and himself to revise the Holding Tank Agreement to be consistent with current codes. Phil Kline seconded the motion. Mike Stump abstained from voting on the motion. The motion was approved.

SEWER REPORT: Chairperson Kline asked Ruth Ann Moyer is she anything to add to the Sewer Payment Status Report from Datte's office. Mrs. Moyer reported mortgage companies are buying properties, therefore there is more likelihood of the sewer bills being paid. Mrs. Moyer added four (4) properties have been sent a 30 day notice. She added two (2) of the properties made partial payments. Mrs. Moyer asked for direction as to how to proceed with the properties who made partial payments. Mr. Kline responded Mrs. Moyer has an obligation to proceed with the 30 day notice unless Attorney Datte makes other arrangements with the property owners.

Phil Kline asked the Supervisors if there were any questions on the LTL Consultants report. None of the Supervisors had any comments on the report.

Chairperson Kline asked the Supervisors to review the Septic Pumping Update and asked if there were any questions about the report. Ruth Ann Moyer stated there were 30 properties needing to be pumped and now it is down to 16 properties. Keith Blankenbiller stated the ChemSeal property at 2911 Pricetown Road does not have authorization until to proceed.

Mike Stump reported on the proposed VFD's. Mr. Stump first reported two (2) blowers are running and three (3) are online. Chairperson Kline stated the best course of action is to acquire the material for the VFD's for one phase of the project. Keith Blankenbiller added he spoke with the electrical engineer regarding the VFDs and is comfortable with the proposed project.

Mr. Kline continued stating the cost of three (3) VFD's would be approximately \$16,000.00. Mr. Blankenbiller added there was no price break for the purchase of three (3) VFD's. Chairperson Kline suggested it would be prudent to purchase one (1) VFD at a time.

After further discussion, Mike Stump made a motion for the purchase of one (1) 7.5 hp VFD unit and associated hardware required to install the VFD, not to exceed \$7,000.00. Keith Blankenbiller seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATION: Chairperson Phil Kline presented the proposed Alsace Township Zoning Map and informed the Supervisors the Planning Commission has approved the map. Mr. Kline stated most residential zone changes are minor in nature with the exception of the proposed Industrial Zone near Hartz and Irish Mountain Roads. The Supervisors continued discussion about the proposed changes to the map, specifically certain R3 zones changing to R2. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to accept the proposed Zoning Map as part of, and addition to, the Zoning Ordinance to be sent to the Berks Planning Commission for their review. Mike Stump seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Kline informed the Supervisors the Kula Kamala Foundation has requested a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board and the hearing is set for July 14, 2015. Keith Blankenbiller stated the Kula Kamala Foundation is looking for relief for dormitory use at the site. Mr. Kline suggested Gary Swavely's letter of May 15, 2015 to Michael Murray, attorney for the Kula Kamala Foundation should be submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board. After discussion, Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to provide the May 15, 2015 letter from Gary Swavely to Michael Murray, attorney for the Kula Kamala Foundation, to the Zoning Hearing Board on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mike Stump seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Phil Kline announced Sparta Cycling will host an international bicycling event, The Reading 120, on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Mr. Kline asked Mary Anne Fieux what roads would be impacted and Ms. Fieux responded they will travel on Old Friedensburg and Friedensburg Roads for a total of 13.1 miles. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Stump for a letter of support to be sent from Chairperson Kline to Sparta Cycling stating Alsace Township supports the event. Keith Blankenbiller seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT: Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller reported on various properties included in the Kraft Code Services report and certain properties which are of concern. The properties discussed included 31 Woodside Ave., 26 Fox Rd., 9 Alsace Ave., and 45 Poplar Ave. An enforcement notice sent to 45 Poplar Ave. was sent certified mail and was not received.

After discussion, Gary Swavely stated it would be prudent to re-word NOV notices. Mr. Blankenbiller suggested the property at 31 Woodside Ave. be served with a stop work order. Mike Stump reported the work has stopped at the property and only frame work had been done at this time. Solicitor Swavely stated the Holding Tank Agreement for 26 Fox Rd. was never recorded and LTL would like to add a paragraph to the existing Holding Tank Agreement form.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Road Master/Supervisor Mike Stump reported no bids were received for the bid for AASHTO No. 57 and PA-2A subbase. Mr. Stump continued his report stating Gary Swavely and Mary Anne Fieux are working on the resolution for the Skyline Drive Project. Mike Stump expressed his concern about Lower Alsace Township timing with the project. Ms. Fieux added Township Engineer Gary Kraft was not in the loop with Lower Alsace Township email conversations. She directed Lower Alsace Township to include Gary Kraft in all communication about the project, as well as forwarded prior emails.

Mr. Stump stated Kubota mower is working well, however, the air conditioning is down and he is working to get it fixed. Additionally, the PIB loan is continued to be worked on by Ms. Fieux and himself. Mr. Stump stated the PIB loan had many requirements which the Township is working to meet.

Mike Stump continued reporting about drainage pipes and storm drain basins on Wanshop Rd. are in place. Mike concluded stating he hopes to conduct some road base work before the end of the year.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: No report due to June 4, 2015 meeting being canceled.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Phil Kline reported 135 children are registered with the Summer Recreation Program, noting during 2014 a total of 126 children were registered with the program.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Darlene Bartsch reported Sunday night's storm resulted in seven (7) calls in 24 hours. She added that 220 Skyline Drive was hit with lightening.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Darlene Bartsch stated she was not notified about the Reading 120 bike race.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Phil Kline asked if any of the Supervisors had any more information to report. Mike Stump stated the old 1996 lawn tractor died and a new John Deere Tractor was purchased to mow the Township property.

Mr. Blankenbiller asked about the No Stopping/Standing signs for Pricetown Rd. Mike Stump stated they have approved the installation of signs, however, the Township would have to pay for the signs. Mr. Blankenbiller stated he had concern about PENNDOT working close to the Township's sewer main. Mike Stump said he talked with PENNDOT who stated they have a contractor doing the work. Mike Stump said a PA OneCall is required for all those digging for various types of work.

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

Phil Kline asked if there was any additional business for the Supervisors and as there was none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Blankenbiller made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Stump, the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer