

Phil Kline, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order. Present were Phil Kline, Michael Stump, Sam Mallatratt, Township 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 February 17, 2016 and March 2, 2016 Supervisor's meetings. 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. Michael Stump made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$41,749.10 from the General Fund, \$19,359.45 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$3,987.13 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: The Supervisors reviewed the Treasurer's financial reports for the month of March 2016. Vice-Chairperson Michael Stump made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Stanley Mueller from the public was present and asked for an update regarding drainage issues at 11 Antietam Road and surrounding area. Vice-Chairperson Michael Stump reported a meeting is scheduled with PENNDOT for March 22, 2016 to further discuss this issue and four (4) other areas of concern.

Judy Treichler from the public asked if there was an update regarding her neighbor the Barrett's, 45 Poplar Avenue regarding the moving of the condenser unit. Solicitor Swavely stated the Township solicited sealed quotes for the project through a Legal Ad in the Reading Eagle newspaper and no quotes were submitted. Mr. Swavely informed Ms. Treichler he is in contact with the Barrett's attorney. Solicitor Swavely directed the Board of Supervisors to refrain from further public discussion due to pending litigation in the Court of Common Pleas.

David Kline from the public informed the Board he works for the Reading Eagle Newspaper, the Reading Eagle Company in an executive role, WEEU Radio in an executive role and Pretzel City Productions their new entertainment production company. Mr. David Kline stated he is serving as a volunteer member of the core-organizing group representing the Reading 120 bicycle race. He stated the race is a professional level bicycle race.

David Kline announced the Reading 120 is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016 and proceeded to give a presentation about the plans for the Reading 120 race. Mr. David Kline explained the race loop would be from Reading to Kutztown and back to Reading. David Kline said Antietam, Basket, Gauby, and Friedensburg Roads were the roads organizers identified as roads the Reading 120 would run on through Alsace Township. The Supervisors discussed the roads in the Township impacted by the race. Chairperson Kline stated the Township could not provide traffic control for the race and asked about liabilities. David Kline reported organizers would have professional traffic control, which will be handled by the race director. After discussion, Mike Stump stated he would be able to make sure roads are swept prior to

the race. Mike Stump made a motion to authorize the Reading 120 to utilize Township roads for the race as described by David Kline and that a Certificate of Insurance be provided to the Township prior to the race. Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Township Solicitor Gary Swavely reported he has been in contact with Township Engineer Gary Kraft regarding making changes to the Township Stormwater Management Ordinance. Solicitor Swavely presented the following amendment to 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. Michael Stump explained the amendment is connected to Township's MS4 plan and will provide a design tool for residents to utilize for smaller projects. Mike Stump made a motion for Solicitor Swavely to advertise the amendment to the Stormwater Ordinance to include Amendment H to be considered at the April 20, 2016 meeting, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

SEWER & SEPTIC REPORT: Michael Stump gave a report on the status of the Alsace Township WWTP and VFD project. Mr. Stump reported he is in the process of receiving VFD materials and continuing the further purchase of materials needed to initiate the construction of the VFD project. Vice-Chairperson Stump reported a new lateral has been established at 5 Elm Avenue.

Chairperson Kline summarized the Datte report regarding payment status of past due Alsace Township sewer accounts. Phillip Kline added that some of the homes included in the report are vacant. Mr. Kline reported the overall status of monthly payments is going well and collections are continued to be handled by Datte's office.

Sam Mallatratt reported on the February 2016 SEO Report from LTL Consultants. Mr. Mallatratt reported LTL has been in contact with Township Engineer Gary Kraft regarding the proposed Erdlitz Minor Subdivision and the necessity of future soil testing. Mr. Mallatratt continued his report stating LTL has received multiple inquiries regarding the property located at 158 Heckman Road. Sam Mallatratt added the Act 537 Report has been submitted to the DEP prior to the March 1, 2016 deadline.

Chairperson Phillip Kline announced Daniel Levengood, Principal, and owner of LTL Consultants would be retiring March 31, 2016. Mr. Kline suggested the Township send Daniel Levengood a letter of commendation and congratulations upon his retirement from LTL Consultants. Michael Stump agreed a letter should be sent to honor Daniel Levengood's service to the Township and honor his retirement from LTL Consultants.

Chairperson Kline gave the report on Septic Pumping in the Township. Mr. Kline stated a list of the 14 holding tanks in the Township was sent to LTL Consultants who have sent out letters to the properties with holding tanks.

ADMINISTRATION: Chairperson Kline reported on an email from Kraft Engineering indicating they are continuing to work with Kraft Code Services on proposed verbiage for the Planning Commission's next meeting regarding new additional sections to be made to the proposed new Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Kline explained the revisions are being extracted from information the

Berks County Planning Commission provided to the Township's Planning Commission for their consideration.

Phillip Kline added there have been suggested changes to the Manor section of the Township regarding setbacks. Chairperson Kline explained the Manor section of the Township typically have small lots. Planning Commission Chairperson Ned Brumbach said the Planning Commission would be reviewing setbacks in the R-4 Zone, which is primarily the Manor section of the Township. Mr. Kline added the proposed change would also help address lots situated with three (3) front yards. Chairperson Kline anticipates if changes are made to the R-4 Zone setback requirements without compromising safety and other factors, the change could potentially provide relief in the future to those residents by not having to apply for a Zoning Hearing Board variance. Planning Commission Brumbach said the Planning Commission is willing to review the proposal while working to maintain the integrity of the community.

Planning Commission Chairperson Brumbach informed the public the Planning Commission has been working diligently to prepare a new Zoning Ordinance that will work with the future development needs in the Township. Chairperson Kline thanked Chairperson Brumbach and the Planning Commission for the work they have put into the new Zoning Ordinance.

Chairperson Kline announced he would not be present at the April 6, 2016 Workshop meeting since he will be out of town. Vice-Chairperson Stump said he would be present and will be able to Chair the meeting in Mr. Kline's absence.

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT: Sam Mallatratt reported on the Kraft Code Services Report for March 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.

Mr. Mallatratt continued reporting on 2870 Pricetown Road, which was a house that was impacted by a vehicle running off Pricetown Road. Sam Mallatratt reported Kraft Code Services has not received an update from the property owner regarding inspection of the property regarding potential structural damage from the vehicle impact. Kraft Code is continuing to follow-up on the matter.

Sam Mallatratt reported on the Zoning Hearing Board hearings for 390 Antietam Road and 21 Schmecks Lane held on Monday, February 29, 2016. Mr. Mallatratt stated both variance requests were denied.

Mr. Mallatratt reported on the Reserve at Spring Pointe – Phase 2 that received final Certificate of Occupancy for Buildings F and G. Sam Mallatratt added that the final Certificate of Occupancy for Building I remains contingent upon the completion of the Emergency Access Road.

Chairperson Kline added it is burning season and reminded residents open burning must be conducted under the Township's control burn rules and regulations. Mr. Kline directed residents to call the Alsace Manor Fire Company who must be advised of the proposed burning and remarked the information is included in the Township newsletter. Phillip Kline added only natural material can be burned and household waste is excluded from burning, as regulated by the PA DEP.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Vice-Chairperson Michael Stump announced the bid opening for the Double Bituminous Seal Coat bid and asked Ms. Fieux to open the bids received. Ms. Fieux opened the sealed bid from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions (AMS), noting the bid had seals and signatures where required. Ms. Fieux announced the AMS bid a unit price of \$2.60 per square yard for a total contract price of \$61,003.80.

Ms. Fieux opened the second sealed bid submitted to the Township from Martin Paving, Inc., noting the bid had seals and signatures where required. Ms. Fieux announced the Martin Paving bid a unit price of \$2.72 per square yard for a total contract price of \$63,819.36.

Mr. Stump confirmed Asphalt Maintenance Solutions (AMS) submitted the lowest bid with a contract price of \$61,003.80. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder subject to the Township Engineer's approval, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Michael Stump reported on a future meeting to take place with PENNDOT to discuss Antietam Road, Mt. Laurel Road, Skyline Drive, and Friedensburg Road. Mr. Stump expressed concern about drainage issues and the ditches along the shoulder these roads, which are a hazard to drivers.

Mr. Stump continued and reported on the "Ball Wall" to be constructed at the Township Park by Eagle Scout Dawson Christ. He reported plans have been forwarded to the Township Engineer and insurance company for their review.

Vice-Chairperson Stump said he received quotes for two (2) different types of speed bumps for the Township parking lot. Mr. Stump said he is looking to place two (2) nine (9) foot long speed bumps in the parking lot. Michael Stump said he still wants to explore which type of speed bump to install in the parking lot. Mr. Stump suggested a lower profile speed bump would be best suited for the parking lot. Chairperson Kline agreed with Mr. Stump that the low profile bump would be sufficient to slow traffic in the parking lot. There was also discussion about how the speed bumps would be installed in the parking lot.

Mr. Stump continued his report and said new street signs have been received for the playground in fluorescent green. Michael Stump said the signs are to be placed at the street to advise drivers of the playground.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Chairperson Kline asked the Planning Commission Chairperson Ned Brumbach for the Planning Commission report. Mr. Brumbach explained when Planning Commission member Sam Mallatratt was elected to the Board of Supervisors his position with the Planning Commission became vacated. Current members of the Planning Commission were advised to recruit and suggest a replacement member for the Commission. Zack Moore recruited Brian Weidner and introduced Mr. Weidner to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Brumbach introduced Alsace Township resident Brian Weidner to the Board of Supervisors. Ned Brumbach informed the Supervisors Mr. Weidner has attended several Planning Commission meetings and is the Planning Commission's recommendation to fill the vacated position. Michael Stump made a motion to appoint Brian Weidner to serve on the Planning Commission for the unexpired term of Sam Mallatratt, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Chairperson Phillip Kline welcomed Brian Weidner and wished him well in his service as a member of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Brumbach said the Planning Commission is continuing to work towards approval of the Erdlitz Minor Subdivision. Mr. Brumbach explained revised plans were delivered to the Township office today and thus Township Engineer Gary Kraft would not have been able to review the plans. Mr. Brumbach said an extension might be required. Ms. Fieux advised the Board and Mr. Brumbach an extension would be required after April 11, 2016.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Chairperson Phillip Kline reported the Recreation Board would meet on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 1:00 pm to discuss the Summer Recreation Program.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Fire Chief Wendy Becker announced the Fire Company is planning to have a mock traffic accident drill on a Tuesday night and requested to have the drill take place on Kegerise Drive. Chief Becker explained the Fire Company conducted similar drills previously on Kegerise Drive due to its isolated location. None of the Supervisors opposed the proposed drill.

Fire Chief Becker asked the Board of Supervisors about the property owner at 10 Apple Lane who called the Township office requesting the Township's Fire Marshall inspect an existing wood stove, per the request of the resident's insurance company. Chairperson Kline said it would be proper for Ms. Becker to conduct the inspection in her capacity as Fire Marshall for the Township. After further discussion, it was decided that Joe Neidert, Kraft Code Services conduct the inspection.

Fire Chief Becker reported the hoagie sale went well with 384 hoagies being sold.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Fire Chief Wendy Becker reported Darlene Bartsch was not present due to attending an emergency management class.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Chairperson Kline asked if any of the Supervisors had any additional information to report. Michael Stump and Sam Mallatratt stated they have nothing further to report. Mr. Kline announced the Township newsletter was mailed out today. Phillip Kline reminded residents the Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016. Mr. Kline added that the History Group's first meeting would take place Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

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 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer