

Phil Kline, Chairman of the Board, called the March 4, 2015 Workshop Meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were Phil Kline, Michael Stump, Township Solicitor Gary Swavely, and Mary Anne Fieux. Chairperson Kline announced Keith Blankenbiller would not be able to attend the meeting due to no-heat calls associated with his business. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building and Phil Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – There were no comments from the public.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Gary Swavely stated he had no business.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Phil Kline informed those present the 2014 Recycling Report has been submitted to Berks County. Chairperson Kline stated recycling tonnage is higher than previous years. Phil Kline continued by explaining the Township received tonnage grant money in the amount of \$475.00 during April 2014 for tonnage recycled during 2013.

Phil Kline reminded those in attendance the MS-4 presented by Kate Keppen from Berks County Conservation District at the March 18 Supervisor's Business Meeting. Mike Stump added a legal ad is required per the MS-4 regulations.

Chairperson Kline said coordination of the Spring Cleanup is underway. Phil Kline stated Ms. Fieux is working with the Boy Scouts to assist with the event. Mr. Kline said the Boy Scouts are available on May 9 and 16, and will be having a meeting on Sunday March 8 to finalize the date. Mary Anne Fieux said the scouts would utilize the event as a community service project.

ALSACE MANOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – Fire Chief Wendy Becker stated she would be attending tomorrow night's Planning Commission meeting if the meeting is not cancelled due to the pending snowstorm. Chief Becker said she gave Ruth Ann Moyer labels for donation letters to be sent out by the Fire Company. Chief Becker continued and said Mrs. Moyer is going to provide a list of businesses in the Township so the Fire Company can update their database regarding who has keys and means of access to commercial buildings so the Fire Company can gain access in the event of a fire.

SUPERVISORS REPORT – Phil Kline asked Mike Stump for a report. Mr. Stump reported 30 tons of salt was received with the assistance of Mary Anne Fieux responding to a PENNDOT – PEMA email announcing emergency salt was available. Ms. Fieux completed the necessary forms for the Township to acquire the salt. Mike Stump said the Berks County Coop was out of salt and the Township was at the limit with COSTARS. Mr. Stump said the Township is in good shape with the salt, but added the winter has been hard on the roads.

Mike Stump gave an update on the VFD's for the Alsace Manor Sewer Plant. Mr. Stump said he received an initial estimate of \$16,540.60 to install VFD's at the Sewer Plant. Chairperson Kline said the installation of the VFD's would give the Township additional energy savings through more efficient operation of the Sewer Plant. Phil Kline advised Mr. Stump to ask Keith Blankenbiller for his input on the project.

Phil Kline announced he would like to establish a group of interested individuals who would volunteer to document the history of Alsace Township. The history of the Township would be

documented through photographs and stories from residents. Mr. Kline said a meeting would be setup with himself, Ms. Fieux, and interested residents to start the project. Darlene Bartsch suggested the prior members of the Lion, Lioness, and Women's Club could contribute to the project.

Emergency Management Coordinator Darlene Bartsch announced that the Alsace Manor Volunteer Fire Company Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Bartsch asked if the prizes for the Egg Hunt could be delivered to the municipal building. Mr. Kline said that would be fine.

Solicitor Gary Swavely said McCarthy Engineering submitted a letter for a 60-day extension for the Reserve for Spring Pointe – Phase 2 to extend the review period to May 17, 2015. Mike Stump made a motion to approve the 60-day extension for the Reserve at Spring Pointe – Phase 2, Phil Kline seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS – Chairperson Kline asked if there were additional comments from the Supervisors or the public. Ryan Eller from the public asked about the availability of paid internships with the Township and has a degree in Philosophy and Creative Writing. Mr. Kline stated the Township works with ResCare and hires a summer worker to assist with office tasks. Ms. Fieux said the program has an age requirement (16 – 17 year olds). Mr. Eller stated he would be 24 years old at the end of the summer.

Mr. Eller also commented on the bad condition of the roads in the Manor and foundations being cracked from the cold and snow. Mr. Stump gave an overview of the roadwork completed in the Township to improve roadways within the Township. Mr. Kline added the Township receives Liquid Fuel funds from the State, approximately \$120,000; however, the money is insufficient for the significant amount of roadwork needed in the Township. Mr. Stump stated he and Mr. Kline are investigating additional funding sources for the roadwork.

Carol Duran from the Reading Eagle asked a question about the VFD's at the sewer plant. Mr. Stump gave a description of VFD's and how they operate. Ms. Duran also asked Mr. Stump about the salt situation. Mr. Stump said the Township is in good shape. Finally, Ms. Duran asked about the date for the Spring Cleanup and was told it would either be May 6 or 16.

Mike Stump made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phil Kline and the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer