

Phillip Kline, Chairperson of the Board, called the May 4, 2016 Workshop Meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:02 pm. Present were Michael Stump, Sam Mallatratt, Township Solicitor Gary Swavely Jr., and Mary Anne Fieux. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building and Chairperson Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Tom Orth from Lower Alsace Township stated he received a call from Mr. Stump regarding removal of junk cars from Alsace Township roads. Mr. Orth said he was a licensed salvager for Central Berks Police and was present to proceed with Mr. Stump’s request to remove junk cars from Alsace Township in a legal manner. Mr. Stump explained that occasionally the Township receives complaints about abandoned cars. Vice-Chairperson Stump continued and said he contacted Mr. Orth to see if he could resolve a recent complaint he received about an abandoned car.

Solicitor Swavely stated he would need to investigate the proper way for Mr. Orth to operate in the Township. Mr. Stump asked if he would need a salvage license to operate in the Township. Mr. Swavely explained he did not want to speculate what would be required.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Solicitor Swavely asked the Board for a motion to authorize Chairperson Kline to pursue and take necessary action to obtain a loan through VIST Bank in the approximate sum of \$210,000.00 payable over a five (5) year period at the current prevailing rate. Mr. Kline clarified for those present that the loan was primarily for some of roadwork in the Township that Liquid Fuels funds do not cover. Mr. Kline went on to explain the roadwork proposed for 2016 totals approximately \$350,000.00, which exceeds the amount in the Liquid Fuels fund. Michael Stump made the motion for Chairperson Kline to pursue and take necessary action to obtain a loan through VIST Bank in the approximate sum of \$210,000.00 payable over a five (5) year period at the current prevailing rate, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Phillip Kline said the Local Forces – Seasonal Materials bid opening was next and asked Ms. Fieux to open the bids. Ms. Fieux opened the sealed bid from EJB Paving and Materials Company (EJB). Ms. Fieux reported proper forms were utilized and seals were present, along with a bid bond. EJB bid \$45.00 per ton for 150 tons of Superpave Wearing Course, 9.5 mm for a total of \$6,750.00, per Ms. Fieux. For 900 tons of the Superpave Base Course 25 mm, EJB bid \$40.00 per ton for a total of \$36,000.00. There was no bid by EJB for the 250 tons of AASHTO No. 57 and 250 tons of PA-2A Subbase, per Ms. Fieux. Ms. Fieux said the EJB bid totaled \$42,750.00.

Next, Ms. Fieux opened the sealed bid from Highway Materials Incorporated. Ms. Fieux reported proper forms were utilized and seals were present, along with a bid bond. There was no bid by Highway Materials for the 150 tons of Superpave Wearing Course, 9.5 mm, 900 tons of the Superpave Base Course 25 mm, and 250 tons of PA-2A Subbase. Highway Materials bid \$9.90 per ton for 250 tons of AASHTO No. 57 for a total of \$2,475.00, per Ms. Fieux. Mr. Stump indicated he would like to see what the PA COSTARS price is for the 250 tons of AASHTO No. 57.

After discussion, a motion was made by Michael Stump to table the Highway Materials bid for 250 tons of AASHTO No. 57 until the next meeting, and to award the bid as submitted by EJB Paving subject to the review and approval of the Township Solicitor Gary Swavely Jr., Township Engineer Gary Kraft and Township Road Master Michael Stump, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Kline said the Erdlitz Minor Subdivision was approved by the Planning Commission and is before the Board for their consideration. Phillip Kline asked Planning Commission Chairperson Ned Brumbach to provide a review for the Board. Mr. Brumbach explained the subdivision is located at the intersection of Wanshop and Church Hill Roads. The purpose of the Minor Subdivision is to provide two (2) separate deeds for the existing two (2) houses located on the property, according to Ned Brumbach. Mr. Brumbach added there is a third tract which will remain in Mr. Erdlitz's name until time that Mr. Erdlitz passes at which time it could be conveyed to the Zion's Evangelical Reformed Church.

Mr. Kline asked the Board members to note the waivers on the plan and informed the Board the waivers are standard waivers for a Minor Subdivision such as the Erdlitz's. Michael Stump made a motion to approve the Erdlitz Minor Subdivision, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Kline advised the Board there is a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Kline asked the Board to give some thought to a new person and bring their suggestions for a candidate for the next meeting.

Phillip Kline explained there will be a Public Hearing to be held in conjunction with the Comcast Franchise Agreement renewal process. Solicitor Swavely explained the applicable law requires a Public Hearing which is scheduled to be held at the Board's May 18, 2016 meeting. Solicitor Swavely said the meeting will be advertised Legal Ad section of the Reading Eagle. Solicitor Swavely requested a motion authorizing the Public Hearing to be held on May 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm and to be duly advertised. Mike Stump made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the Comcast Franchise Agreement to be held on May 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm and to be duly advertised in the Reading Eagle, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Kline asked Mr. Stump to provide information regarding the demolition of the house located at 53 Woodside Avenue. Mr. Stump said he has received a quote for the demolition of the house. Mr. Stump asked Ms. Fieux if a Certificate of Insurance had been received and Ms. Fieux responded one has been received. Mr. Stump made a motion for approval of the funding for the demolition of 53 Woodside Avenue, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Kline advised the Board a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Alsace Christian Fellowship who recently closed and sold the church. Mr. Kline asked the Secretary to send a thank-you through the Recreation Board.

ALSACE MANOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – Vice-Chairperson Stump explained Darlene Bartsch is sick and asked Mr. Stump to advise the Board she is checking up on the status of the emergency ID cards from Berks County.

SUPERVISORS REPORT – Chairperson Kline asked Michael Stump to report on the Spring Cleanup. Mr. Stump reported two (2) roll-offs were filled, there were less tires than previously collected, and 10 loads of electronics and metal was delivered to M. B. Glicks. Mr. Stump added there were more mattresses than collected in prior years. Mr. Kline estimated it costs Township residents approximately \$2.00 per household.

Mr. Kline thanked Michael Stump and Sam Mallatratt for all the work they did at the Spring Cleanup. Chairperson Kline added Boy Scout Troop 508 did a great job and asked the Board to sign the Certificates of Appreciation for each scout who participated and for Boy Scout Troop 508. Vice-Chairperson Stump was happy to see the Boy Scout Troop received donations from some people who dropped-off their material at the Spring Cleanup.

Mr. Stump said the Township will continue its education efforts with its MS4 Program. Vice-Chairperson Stump explained a stenciling program for storm drains will be established informing residents that what they dump down the storm drain ends up in local lakes and streams. Mr. Stump said stenciling programs have been successful in helping decrease the amount of materials dumped down storm drains. Vice-Chairperson Stump said either a fish or “When it Rains it Drains” or something similar will be stenciled onto the Township storm drains.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS – Chairperson Kline asked if there were additional comments from the Supervisors or the Public. Sam Mallatratt stated he had nothing to add. Mike Stump said the rain put back the pipe installation on Old State Road. Mr. Stump added the VFD’s are operating at the sewer plant, however, he said there is a small glitch which he will resolve with Ebert Engineering. Michael Stump said the VFD’s are saving power since prior to the VFD’s the motors were running on 30-40 amps and now they run on 17 amps.

Mike Stump reported the basketball court resurfacing has been held off due to the rain. Mr. Kline asked about mulch for the playground. Mr. Stump said he will add mulch prior to the start of the Summer Recreation Program.

Mr. Stump thanked Mr. Kline for his work at the Spring Cleanup and coming up with the idea years ago. Mike Stump said the program is a success and helps keep Alsace Township clean.

Michael Stump made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer