

Phillip Kline, Chairperson of the Board, called the November 2, 2016 Workshop Meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:04 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 – There were no comments from the public.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Swavely had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Phil Kline announced that MaryAnne Fieux, current Secretary/Treasurer, has tendered her resignation effective Friday, November 4, 2016. Ken Chiriani will be taking the position on an Interim position. A motion was made by Mike Stump to accept Mr. Chiriani in the role of Acting Secretary. Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion carried. This Interim position is anticipated to run through February 2017.

Mike Stump then asked about the current job description and whether it was in line with current PSATS requirements. Mr. Stump encouraged the search for a new Secretary/Treasurer commence immediately. This will allow time to review resumes and conduct interviews so that the position is filled by the end of the interim term. Mr. Kline would like the process to begin in January 2017.

Mr. Swavely stated that there is not requirement by the PSATS regarding procedure.

A discussion ensued regarding where advertisements should be placed as well as the timing of the advertisements.

2017 BUDGET – Wendy Becker is working on budget numbers and will supply them to the Township shortly.

Mr. Kline reiterated that the full budget is currently very tight and needs to be discussed in greater detail at the regular BOS meetings in November and December.

MaryAnne Fieux reminded the BOS that the budget needs to be adopted by December 31, 2016 and that the final notice needs to be advertised in the local newspaper at least 20 days before the final adoption of the budget.

3142 PRICETOWN ROAD – Sara Sweinhart sent a letter to the Township regarding this property. Mr. Stump said we can honor her request to temporarily shut off the connection to the sewer which will release her from the EDU charges until a new tenant occupies the property beginning November 1, 2016. Mr. Stump said we cannot honor her request to relieve the property owners from the debt already accrued. The current \$510.00 owed is due.

Mike Stump made a motion was made to grant the relief from future sewer payments beginning November 1st until service is re-established. Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

3181 PRICETOWN ROAD – The Planning Commission recommended the BOS grant an extension request for this property for the subdivision application. Mike Stump made the motion to approve which was seconded by Sam Mallatratt. The motion carried.

MT. PENN PRESERVE PROJECT – Phil Kline has agreed to serve as the primary person on the Steering Committee representing Alsace Township. They are also asking for an alternate to either attend jointly or in cases where the primary person cannot attend. The meetings will begin after the first of the year. Kim Mallatratt is interested in serving as an Alternate. Mr. Kline has asked Sam to have Kim call the office to discuss.

PENNDOT DRIVEWAY PERMITS – Mike Stump discussed that he received a call from Gary Kraft requesting that we give a resident, Mr. Belanger, on Mt. Laurel Road the OK to say they can put a pipe across the end of the driveway. Mr. Stump was informed by PennDOT that there is something in place that necessitates the BOS comments for the driveway at Heckman Road and Mt. Laurel Road.

Mr. Kraft has provided a number of options for the BOS consideration. The BOS discussed removing the designation which current exists and what those implications should be. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding these permits.

As a matter of record, a driveway permit was issued previously by PennDOT which was a concern to the BOS several years ago. At that point we requested that the BOS be notified to provide comment on this driveway. It was related to the former quarry operation and the runoff.

Mr. Swavey pointed out that if we sign-off of the notification from PennDOT we are still involved in the process as we have been notified of the request.

There is concern that this driveway is caving in and the concern is for those residents that are farther back this roadway from a fire department standpoint. Mr. Stump expressed concern that PennDOT is asking for this process and not simply addressing the issue of adding the pipe to the end of the driveway.

Mr. Swavelly has recommended that we receive on-line notification so that the Township has the option of weighing in on future permitting issues. Mr. Stump also believes this is important based on MS4 and NPDES issues. The discussion was also conducted to instruct Gary Kraft to selection Option 3 that the Township does not want to be involved in the application process for Mr. Belanger.

A motion was made by Mike Stump to instruct Mr. Kraft to contact PennDOT and to select Option 3 which states that the Township does not wish to participate in the permitting process for the Belanger property. We further wish to switch to an On-Line option for future notification by PennDOT. The motion was seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

EBERT SMALL WATER SEWER GRANT – The BOS has started the review of documentation for this project moving forward.

ALSACE MANOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – Fire Chief Wendy Becker applied for a state grant. Also applied for a federal grant for airpacks with two additional Townships. Chief Becker also said the new radios are working well with no deadspots.

SUPERVISORS REPORT – Vice-Chairperson Michael Stump has asked for an Ordinance for a speed limit for a road that does not have a current speed limit posted. He is requesting that Reiff Road be posted at 25 mph. Mike will get more information on this and discuss at a future meeting.

Mr. Stump mentioned that Ruscombmaner Township has ended the quarantine for their township for the Spotted Lanternfly.

Wendy Becker asked a question regarding the property on Apple Lane. This property is currently posted and is potentially a hazard.

A resident has asked about the McKnights Gap driveway as well as complaint received from Dolores Buessno. Mr. Stump will be sending a letter to PennDOT requesting clarification.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS – Chairperson Kline asked if there were any further comments and there were none.

Michael Stump made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Acting Secretary – Treasurer