

Phillip Kline, Chairperson of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order. Present were Phillip Kline, Michael Stump, Sam Mallatratt, Township Solicitor Gary Swavely Jr., and Mary Anne Fieux. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:07 pm. Chairperson Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Chairperson Kline presented the Minutes from the August 17, 2016 and September 7, 2016 Supervisors' meetings. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve the Minutes, Mike Stump seconded the motion, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Chairperson Kline asked for a motion for payment of the Township bills. Vice-Chairperson Stump made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$46,335.57 from the General Fund, \$10,573.38 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$2,395.13 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$2,200.58 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:** Phillip Kline directed the Supervisors to review the balance sheets. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Kline acknowledged that Mr. Stump's projections for Liquid Fuels are in good order.

Michael Stump made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was unanimously approved

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Commissioner Keven Barnhardt and Lee Olsen, AIA, Olsen Design Group presented their project for the Mt. Penn Preserve. Mr. Olsen informed he is an architect and he serves as a volunteer as Chairperson for the Pagoda Foundation. Mr. Olsen continued stating he and Commissioner Barnhardt are concerned not only about the condition of the Pagoda, but also the surrounding area. They discussed expanding the area to become the Mt. Penn Preserve, which could serve as not only a preservation project, but also a destination.

Lee Olsen explained groundwork continued at meeting of 100 people at the Stokesay Castle to discuss the Mt. Penn Preserve. Most of the concerns were that the area would not allow for condominiums or houses.

Mr. Olsen continued explaining funding will be critical to the creation of the Mt. Penn Preserve. Currently they have received \$1,000 seed money from both Lower Alsace Township and the City of Reading for a \$10,000 grant to assist in research to bring the project to fruition. Commissioner Barnhardt will be approaching Berks County for the seed money. Mr. Olsen explained they are present to ask Alsace Township for \$1,000 in seed money. Mr. Olsen explained they would need to become a 501.c to raise additional funds for the project.

Mr. Olsen continued his presentation about the Mt. Penn Preserve Project explaining they will asking the others for assistance. Commissioner Barnhardt reported he would be going through DCNR for additional funding. Mr. Kline asked whether the Hinnershitz Dam would be part of the project. Commissioner Barnhardt said some of the money would go to the

preservation of the remnants of the dam. Chairperson Kline explained the Township is already committed to the Skyline Drive project headed by Lower Alsace. Mr. Kline asked if additional requests would be required for the Mt. Penn Preserve Project. Commissioner Kline said he was not sure due to being in the planning stages, but did not think additional funding would be required. Commissioner Kline explained details of the project have yet to be determined.

Chairperson Kline said the project is a worthwhile project and the Township will have examine whether they will be able to contribute in 2016 or have to wait until 2017. Mr. Kline asked for a motion for Alsace Township to provide \$1,000 in seed money. Mr. Stump made the motion for the money to be provided according to Mr. Kline's recommendation, Mr. Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Township Solicitor Gary Swavely had no report.

**SEWER & SEPTIC REPORT:** Chairperson Kline reported overall there were no major changes. Ruth Ann Moyer pointed out there were three (3) new EDU's added in September. The Supervisors reviewed the Sewer Summary Report along with the report prepared by Mr. Datte, Esq. There were no additional comments or questions.

Sam Mallatratt summarized the LTL Consultants SEO report for August 2016 and reported there were two (2) new septic permits issued, one (1) new septic system was installed, one (1) final inspection, along with soils testing and other miscellaneous activities.

Sam Mallatratt gave a summary of the Septic Pumping Status Report reporting two (2) property owners who should have pumped in 2015. Mr. Mallatratt explained one owner is deceased and the property will soon be for sale, while the other property is vacant and for sale. The Supervisors agreed these properties need no further action at this time.

Sam Mallatratt reported one (1) property owner has not had their holding tanks inspected, but it was pumped. Mr. Mallatratt reported the property is for sale. Mr. Stump said he would follow-up with the pumper. Mrs. Moyer reported it is a 2,500-gallon tank and two (2) people live at the residence. After discussion, the Supervisors agreed LTL should do necessary action to bring the property to compliance.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Chairperson Kline said reminded Michael Stump, Fire Chief Wendy Becker, and Mary Anne Fieux to continue preparing their figure for the 2017 Budget. After discussion, Mike Stump offered to contact Fred Ebert regarding his report due from the Public Meeting.

Phillip Kline announced the next meeting of the Alsace History Group workshop meeting held September 27, 2016 at 1:30 pm. Mr. Kline reported the meetings continue to be productive. Next, Chairperson Kline announced a video presentation "A Walk Through Time" will be held at the Municipal Building on Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 pm.

Darlene Bartsch said would try to get photos from the Fire Company of the old engine room and the Charter.

**BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT:** Sam Mallatratt presented the report from Kraft Code Services for August 2016. Mr. Mallatratt stated 224 Spies Church Road continues to be listed as uninhabitable and no word has been received from HUD. Kraft Code Services will continue to follow-up.

Mr. Mallatratt reported Kraft Code Services asked for direction regarding the Township sending Clean Community Courtesy letters. Mr. Kline asked Ms. Fieux about the status of Clean Community letters sent out and Ms. Fieux reported only one (1) property has not come into compliance. Ms. Fieux said the Spring Avenue has not come into compliance. There was discussion about the property being owned by a bank. Solicitor Swavely advised if the bank now owns the property, the bank should be notified with a Clean Community Courtesy Call, and if there is no response; Kraft Code Services would issue a NOV. After further discussion, Mr. Kline advised Ms. Fieux to draft a letter to Kraft Code Services outlining direction and procedure they are requesting, to be signed by Mr. Mallatratt.

Mr. Mallatratt reported on the August 29 Zoning Hearing Board hearing for a variance for zoning deficiencies at the Joshua Levengood property located at 249 Spies Church Road. Sam Mallatratt reported there was a 3 to 0 vote granting relief to the property. Mr. Kline said the variance to make two (2) non-conforming lots conforming to a degree. Mr. Kline added part of a mobile home and its well was on another property leaving a property line to be moved.

Mr. Mallatratt reported there is a new address for the Chester Krajewski ZHB variance to construct a pole barn on Spies Church Road. Sam Mallatratt reported the address would be 272 Spies Church Road.

Mr. Mallatratt reported on the Road Occupancy Permit process. After discussion, Mr. Kline decided there was additional work required such as updating a permit application form, Kraft Code Services created a new "draft" Permit on the Township Database, fee schedule needs to be addressed and perhaps updated. Solicitor Swavely said a resolution could be created for a new fee schedule. Mr. Stump asked for other municipality's fee schedules, Mr. Kline suggested municipalities like Alsace, such as Oley and Ruscombmanor be asked. Mr. Stump also expressed his concern about inspections, and suggested the Township conduct the inspections due to Road Master Stump's roadwork experience.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Vice-Chairperson Stump reported the paving of the Manor and Wanshop Road is complete. A letter was sent out to a resident who complained about their driveway. Mr. Stump said the Reiff Road project will soon be underway.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairperson Kline reported there was no meeting held on September 4, 2016

**RECREATION BOARD REPORT:** Recreation Board Chairperson Justine Stump reported the 2016 Summer Recreation Program ended August 12, 2016. Mrs. Stump said the salaries were covered and there were two (2) volunteers from the ResCare program. Mr. Kline asked Mrs. Stump to work on the Recreation 2017 budget.

**ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY REPORT:** Fire Chief Wendy Becker said she had nothing to report.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Darlene Bartsch reported on the Reading 120 race went smoothly regarding the operation of the officials running the race. Mr. Kline said he could appreciate the way the participants work the bikes. Mr. Kline thanked Darlene Bartsch for her help

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Chairperson Kline reported the Progress Theater will be presenting an a 'Capella musical, *The Burnin'*, and facilitate a workshop on making theatre from history at the Municipal Building free to the public on October 1 at 1:30 pm

Chairperson Kline asked if there was any other comments from the public and since there were none, Mr. Kline asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sam Mallatratt made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Stump, and the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux  
Secretary – Treasurer