

Phil Kline, Chairperson of the Board, called the September 2, 2015 Workshop Meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were Phil Kline, Keith Blankenbiller, Michael Stump, Township Solicitor Gary Swavely, and Mary Anne Fieux. 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 reported, per Supervisor Blankenbiller's direction, he worked with Joe Neidert regarding the Civil Complaint for the Barrett's property located at 45 Poplar Avenue. Solicitor Swavely stated the Civil Complaint has been filed with Judge Frederick's office.

Solicitor Swavely presented the First Amendment to the Land Development Improvement and Maintenance Agreement for the Reserve at Spring Pointe – Phase 2 Amended Final Plans. Gary Swavely explained the Agreement increased the amount of the security for the project and addressed other items per Township's approval of the project. Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to approve and for Chairperson Kline to execute the First Amendment to the Land Development Improvement and Maintenance Agreement between Montgomery Acquisition Company LLC and the Township, Mike Stump seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Phil Kline presented the PENNDOT's form M-950RFO for the Rt. 12 Emergency Access Point of Access (POA) Easement for the Reserve at Spring Pointe – Phase 2 Amended Final Plans. There was discussion regarding the location of the emergency access. Fire Chief Wendy Becker expressed her concern over the swale near where the emergency access is proposed. After discussion, Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to authorize the Release of Fee Owner and for Chairperson Kline to execute PENNDOT form M-950RFO, Michael Stump seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Kline handed the Elm Ave. Easement Agreements section of the meeting over to Michael Stump. Mr. Stump explained he had Township Engineer Gary Kraft review the documents prepared by Gary Swavely. Keith Blankenbiller stated the easement documents appear the same as utilized for the sewer project. Solicitor Swavely explained the documents have been slightly modified, and includes input from Township Engineer Gary Kraft. Mr. Stump made a motion that the Right of Way Easement Agreement for 41 Elm Avenue be approved and executed by Chairperson Phillip Kline, Keith Blankenbiller seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Stump made a motion that the Right of Way Easement Agreement for 77 Poplar Avenue be approved and executed by Chairperson Phillip Kline, Keith Blankenbiller seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Kline recommended the proposed Zoning Ordinance approval process be initiated and recommended the Planning Commission meet in October to start the Public Hearing process. Solicitor Swavely recommended a joint Public Hearing with the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission. Mr. Kline said he would speak with Planning Commission Chairperson Ned Brumbach regarding the joint Public Hearing.

Mr. Kline announced it was time to start discussing the 2016 budget. Chairperson Kline stated Mike Stump and Wendy Becker have the larger line items in the budget and should start preparing numbers for the budget.

Chairperson Kline reported the Playground Pavilion was recently utilized for an outdoor movie, which went beyond 8:00 pm. Mr. Kline added the Pavilion was not rented for the event, and therefore the user did not pay for use of the pavilion. Ms. Fieux informed the Supervisors the person who rented the park had reserved the date, but never paid for the rental.

Mr. Stump said the sign at the park states the park hours are from dusk to dawn. Assistant Secretary – Treasurer Ruth Ann Moyer added the sign does not prohibit smoking at the park, and no smoking should be added to the sign. Gary Swavely asked if the sign had language regarding trespassing after hours. Solicitor Swavely suggested changing the sign to include trespassing, which would allow the police to be called if the park hours are violated. There was further discussion about the bathrooms being on a timer and proposing the gates being on an auto-lock system. Mike Stump suggested the discussion be tabled so a better solution to the problem can be developed over the winter for next spring. Mr. Kline stated a new sign would need to be created for the spring.

SUPERVISORS REPORT – Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller stated he just received the information for the 245 Spies Church Road sewer connection from Ebert Engineering and requested to table the discussion until the next meeting. Mr. Kline suggested a new proposal should be submitted for a single unit since the current proposal is for multiple properties. Mr. Blankenbiller agreed stating a proposal needs to be submitted for a single hook-up to the system.

Keith Blankenbiller reported he was unable to acquire three (3) quotes for moving the condenser unit to another location for the property located at 45 Poplar Avenue. Mr. Blankenbiller contacted several contractors and none would provide a quote. Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller suggested the Township advertise for quotes through a Legal Ad. Solicitor Swavely stated a Legal Ad requesting quotes for the proposed work would be appropriate. Chairperson Kline advised Mr. Blankenbiller to work with Ms. Fieux to develop a Legal Ad for quotes.

Mr. Stump gave a report on the Manor milling and paving project that was completed with the exception of two (2) additional sections of roadway. Mr. Stump estimated those sections will require approximately 700 tons asphalt. Mr. Stump added the project took three (3) days instead of the two (2) days he anticipated. Michael Stump stated there were a few complaints during the road construction about dirt on the road.

Mr. Blankenbiller asked where the project was regarding the budget. Mike Stump stated approximately \$70,000.00 was budgeted for the project and he will be totaling cost figures as invoices are received. Michael Stump added he received some anti-skid for winter since the trucks have a minimum hour usage. Spare truck time was used to haul the anti-skid. Mike Stump said there was money saved through trucking due to not having to pay for four (4) trucks who removed the millings at no cost to the Township. Mr. Stump estimated there is a savings of \$1,000.00 per truck, thus totaling an estimated \$4,000.00 in savings. Phil Kline commended Mike Stump and his crew on the quality of the paving.

Mike Stump said additional financing would be required for additional work. Mr. Kline asked Mr. Stump the anticipated cost to finish the project. Michael Stump estimated \$300,000.00 would be required to finish the Manor Project top coating of the roads. Mr. Stump reminded the Supervisors the cost of asphalt is a function of the cost of oil and currently oil is down, but may go up again in the future.

Mr. Stump continued stating Wanshop Road is proposed for 2016 at an estimated cost of \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00. The Skyline Drive project is being budgeted at \$80,000.00 for 2016, according to Mike Stump. Mr. Stump said he would be reviewing the numbers for the proposed roads. Phil Kline said the Township would continue to receive Liquid Fuels funding for road projects, which helps offset the cost of the road projects.

ALSACE MANOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – Fire Chief Wendy Becker had no additional comments.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS – Chairperson Kline asked if there were additional comments from the Supervisors or the public and there were none.

Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Stump, and the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer