

Phil Kline, Chairperson of the Board, called the October 4, 2017 Workshop Meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:04 pm. Present was Chairman Phillip Kline, Vice Chairman Michael Stump, Member Sam Mallatratt, Township Solicitor Gary Swavely Jr., and Kimberly Mallatratt. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building and Chairperson Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MT. PENN PRESERVE – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – Lee Olson Co-Chairman of the Mt. Penn Preserve and Linda Kelleher, Reading City Clerk, and a member of the Executive Committee gave a brief presentation to the Supervisors and public in attendance. They provided an overview of the Mt. Penn Preserve, what has been done so far and the Master Plan that has been developed. An Executive Committee has been created and consists of members of each municipality that have an interest in this area. A Steering Committee has also been created to move several initiatives forward in the areas identified. The Executive Committee would like to establish a Council of Governments as the best way to move forward. Ms. Kelleher has developed a draft of the Council of Governments Agreement which was distributed to the Board and Solicitor, for review and comment. There will no anticipated funding required from the Municipalities in 2018. The timeframe anticipated will be to have the Council of Governments in place by the second quarter of 2018. A Governance Committee will be established to finalize the Agreement which will include a member of each of the participating municipalities. In order for each municipality to participate will involve an Ordinance to be passed by each individual municipality.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the September 20, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting by Michael Stump, which was seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Ms. Karen Reidinger asked about a potential subdivision that may be taking place at the intersection of Alsace Ave. and Elm Street. She stated that she doesn't believe the Berks County mapping coincides with the plans put forth. Mr. Kline stated that he believes this property will need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board and that he didn't believe a date had yet been set for this hearing and there was nothing official submitted at this time. Ms. Reidinger stated that she was still not understanding what is being applied for on this property. Mr. Kline further attempted to explain that this would be joining two properties with existing buildings and no new structures are currently proposed.

Mr. Edmund Bender asked if the Township is considering a revision to the current Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Kline stated that the Township has gone through a re-write of the Zoning Ordinance and that the Public Hearing to enact the Ordinance will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bender asked if the draft Ordinance was available for review. He was told it is available for review during business hours in the Township Office.

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

ADMINISTRATION REPORT –

- Payroll Services. Ms. Mallatratt has met with several payroll services and is recommending that we move our payroll and associated tax filing to Express Data Systems out of Pottstown, PA. The cost will be \$54 per payroll. She asked for a motion

to approve moving forward so that all administrative paperwork can be in place to switch to that service beginning January 1, 2018. Mike Stump made the motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion carried.

- Heritage Society Meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2017 at 6:30 and will meet at Zion Spies Lutheran Church.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Nothing from the Planning Commission.

ALSACE MANOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – Nothing to report.

SUPERVISORS REPORT –

Mr. Stump read a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Steffey thanking the Alsace Manor Fire Company and Chief Wendy Becker on their outstanding service during their recent house fire. In addition to the letter, the Steffey's also included a \$500 donation to the Fire Company. All Supervisors thanked the Chief and her crew on continued admirable service to the Township.

Sam Mallatratt presented two requests for suspension of sewer service –

- 3117 Pricetown Road (commercial property). A motion to approve the suspension of this service until new tenants are in place was made by Mike Stump and seconded by Sam Mallatratt. The motion carried.
- 81 Poplar Ave. – this property currently has two EDUs – one for the residence and one for the barn on the property. After a brief discussion, a decision was made to notify the resident that he will need to apply for a demolition permit for the sewer to be terminated. The Township Manager was asked to draft and send the letter to the property owner.

Mr. Mallatratt mentioned that a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the Sewer Extension Project is scheduled for October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS –

Mr. Jamie Lucas asked if the entire Township is being surveyed for sewer. He was told that only the specific identified area is being surveyed.

No additional comments from the public were received.

Mike Stump made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager/Secretary – Treasurer