

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:58 pm. Also present were Vice Chairman Sam Mallatratt, Member David Barth, Kimberly Mallatratt, and Solicitor Gary Swavely. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building. Mr. Stump led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Chairperson Stump presented the Minutes from the April 18, 2018 Supervisors' Workshop meeting. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve the Minutes, David Barth seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Swavely reported that he received a letter from the court dated April 4, 2018 from Judith Treichler's Council regarding the termination of her ZHB Appeal case.

WWTP, SEPTIC & SEWER: Mr. Stump noted that the sewer stakeout for the "east" side of Pricetown Road's sewer extension project occurred earlier today. Mr. Stump then turned over the floor to Mr. Fred Ebert to discuss next steps and take questions from the public.

Mr. Ebert stated, that after an opportunity for property owners to provide comment on the two stakeouts, the next step will be to authorize a survey of the proposed route and property boundaries. This will include preparation of legal descriptions and plot plans for the properties to obtain easements. Following obtaining the easements the Township will apply for the Special Studies with DEP. Following that, the plan will go to the Berks County Planning Commission, the Alsace Township Planning Commission. Following those two reviews the plan will be advertised for a 30-day public comment period. After this comment period it will be presented to the Board of Supervisors to receive any additional public comments and they can choose to take action.

Mr. Ebert will develop a full plan with the route and the date that the surveyor will be available which will be sent to all property owners in the near future. At this point we are looking for any comments from the public.

- Bonnie Landis asked a question about the surveying and whether the survey will include property lines. Mr. Ebert stated that the surveyor will need to survey property lines as the plot plan for each parcel will need to be developed. He further explained about the surveyor duties.
- Mr. Stump asked if this plan would be approved in its entirety, or by phases. Mr. Ebert explained that from the Board's perspective it would be approved in its entirety, but from a water quality management perspective it will be approved in two phases. Mr. Stump explained the current timeline is to begin the first phase in late 2018 and the second phase in 2019. This timeline is dependent on comments received from the public, DEP and other agencies involved in plan review.
- Mr. Ebert will be reaching out to DEP tomorrow to confirm that this is the area and that there are no other options for flexibility.
- Bonnie Landis asked a question about the status of the grant. Mr. Ebert explained that the grant will be awarded on July 17th. He suggested all property owners should reach out to their representatives beginning in June. Mr. Ebert will send a reminder letter to the Board. A copy of the grant will be sent back to the local representatives for their support. There were 680 applicants. In the last round all of the money went to Reading.

- Bonnie Landis asked, if we receive a grant, how will that money be spent. Mr. Ebert explained that this money must be spent on construction costs, not on the tap-in fee. However, the tap-in fee could be reduced depending on the construction costs which can be covered by the grant. Mr. Ebert explained this is not a “need-based” grant, which is given based on income, it is a “project-based” grant which is based on full project costs.
- Bonnie Landis asked a question regarding DEP’s potential response to where the line is staked which is currently along backs of properties. Mr. Ebert explained that DEP typically wants the sewer line to be run where it is the “lowest cost option” which typically is across properties with an easement. However, if easements are not given, and the DEP states that sewer lines are to be installed, then the sewer lines will be put into the roadway at generally a much higher cost.
- Mr. Ebert reiterated to the public that DEP is monitoring this project very closely as this is a mandated project.

ADMINISTRATION:

- The Berks County Purchasing Council provided us with an extension of our current rock salt contract for next year at a cost of \$66.01/ton. Mr. Stump asked for a motion to execute the extension of this contract for another year. David Barth made the motion, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY: Chief Becker was responding to a call. Darlene Bartsch mentioned that chicken BBQ dinners were selling well and that the dinners would be available on Mother’s Day, May 13th.

SUPERVISORS: Sam Mallatratt, nothing to report; David Barth, nothing to report.

- Mike Stump stated that we received some comments back from the Low Volume Road Grants that we submitted. We will be addressing these comments and providing them prior to the next meeting on May 30, 2018.
- The DPW is beginning projects on Basket Road, a pipe replacement on Hillview Road and addressing drainage issues on Cralou Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Darlene Bartsch asked about whether we received any information from PennDOT regarding Bus Stop signs for Pricetown Road. Mike reached out to PennDOT and has not received an answer from them at this point. As Pricetown Road is a state-owned road the Township can only suggest. The Board asked the Business Manager to write to PennDOT to see if we can receive a response.

Mr. Stump asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sam Mallatratt made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Barth, and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt

Business Manager/Secretary/Treasurer