

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:01 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 May 2, 2018 Supervisors' Workshop meeting. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve the Minutes, David Barth seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairperson Stump asked for approval for the Township payment of bills. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$57,346.19 from the General Fund, \$9,795.68 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$882.41 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$0.00 from the Liquid Fuels Fund seconded by David Barth, and the motion was approved. Mr. Mallatratt made a motion to pay taxes, payroll and interim bills, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was approved.

The financial reports were reviewed and having no questions, Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve the financial reports, Dave Barth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

There were no questions regarding the financial reports as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Patty Moyer of Woodside Ave made a comment regarding tractor trailers that are coming from the farm regarding hay that falls from the trucks and potential speeding issues. She was also concerned about the height of the trucks and the possibility of hitting the wires which cross the road. Mrs. Moyer was informed that the DOT height restriction is 13'6" and that the trailers are below that height. If Mrs. Moyer feels the wires may be hanging lower than that, to contact Met-Ed to have them checked. Current farming laws in PA stipulate that trucks transporting hay and straw do not need to be covered for transport. The speed limit is posted and that the farmer will be advised to tell the truck drivers to obey all speed limits.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Swavely had nothing to present to the Board.

WWTP, SEPTIC & SEWER: A well variance request was presented to the Board for a property at 2155 Georgia Road. The initial well drilling on the property was unsuccessful. The request with associated mapping was presented to the Board for a new location which is closer than the current Ordinance allows which is 50'. After a brief presentation, Sam Mallatratt made a motion to grant approval of the Waiver Request to a location within 20', seconded by Dave Barth and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: Nothing to report

BUILDING AND ZONING: Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Mr. Stump discussed a concern with a recent storm which occurred in the Township. Several live electric wires were brought down by the storm onto McKnight's Gap Road. He was concerned regarding the correct procedure to follow in a situation like this. He stated that the PennDOT called him at 11:00 a.m. the following day and stated that they had no idea that there had been an incident in this area. He then asked Fire Chief

Becker how PennDOT determines who is responsible since it is their road. Mr. Stump understands that the Fire Company responds since it is an emergency situation they respond and are held harmless in these situations. The Township, on PennDOT-owned roads, will not take responsibility unless there is imminent danger to life. Wendy Becker reported that the fire company put out flares in the roadway and checked their status every 1.5 hours. They were also responding to another situation at the time on Friedensburg Road. Mr. Stump stated that he believes that PennDOT should be responding to these incidents and Ms. Becker stated that PennDOT says that Met-Ed is responsible for responding. Mr. Stump stated that he is going to have a letter written to our state legislators informing them of this issue and the lack of response and attention by both PennDOT and Met-Ed. Typically, Wendy Becker contacts either BES or Met-Ed directly and is issued an incident number.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission is in discussion regarding updates to the Zoning Ordinance.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY: Chief Becker

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: PEMA is looking at the Hazardous Mitigation Review. After the Review is complete, they will contact the office to have the Board of Supervisors approve it. Also the Emergency Response Plan for Berks County needs to be updated. Ms. Bartsch will be in contact with the Township Office for assistance in updating the Plan.

RECREATION BOARD: Nothing to report.

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

- Mike Stump asked Wendy Becker for a loan of one of the pumper trucks to flush the sewer line. The sewer lines have been experiencing some backups recently and need to be flushed. Ms. Becker asked for three-day advance notice to use the tanker.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: A question was posed by Mr. Rettew regarding any information about the quarry. There is information circulating that they are closing. Mr. Rettew spoke with the Bureau of Mines and they said they have not received any official notification. However, if the quarry closes, they cannot re-open. Mr. Stump stated that he has a call into Tony DePaul but they have not spoken directly at this point. Mr. Rettew expressed concern that if the quarry is closed, what will happen to the leach pond water.

Another question came up about the RVs located throughout the Township. Concerns were expressed regarding where the sewage is going.

Mr. Stump asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Barth made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager/Secretary/Treasurer