

Keith Blankenbiller, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order. Present were Michael Stump, Solicitor Gary Swavely, and Mary Anne Fieux. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Keith Blankenbiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Keith Blankenbiller presented the Minutes from the September 16, 2015 and October 7, 2015 Supervisor's meeting. Michael Stump made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Keith Blankenbiller, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller asked for approval of Township payment of bills. Mike Stump made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$75,054.01 from the General Fund, \$4,475.29 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$2,331.74 from the Septic Fund, and \$50,104.10 from the Liquid Fuels Fund, seconded by Keith Blankenbiller and the motion was unanimously approved. Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to pay taxes, payroll and interim bills, seconded by Michael Stump, and the motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Supervisors reviewed the Treasurer's financial reports for the month of October 2015. Vice-Chairperson Keith Blankenbiller made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Mr. Stump, and the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Wendy Lorah from the public requested to speak about burning occurring behind her house at Pro Keystone Garage Door Company. Mrs. Lorah said she contacted the Township several times, but had not received a call back from Code Enforcement until the morning of October 21, 2015. Mrs. Lorah continued stating she contacted the EPA about the problem. Mrs. Lorah stated the EPA informed her it is illegal for any business to burn any type of material in the State of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Lorah added she said the Township would be contacted by the EPA and they would enforce the law which prohibits commercial onsite burning.

Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller said he first learned of Mrs. Lorah's problem earlier in the day. Mr. Blankenbiller explained he has been in contact with both Joe Neidert, Kraft Code Services, and Kraft Code Services principal, Glenn Kraft regarding the burning issue. Mr. Blankenbiller explained both the Township and Kraft Code Services were unaware that local entities were the watchdogs for the PA DEP. Keith Blankenbiller continued stating DEP asked that the Township call the DEP when the Township is aware Pro Keystone Garage Company is burning material in violation of DEP regulations. As a result, Mr. Blankenbiller suggested the Township initiate a process for similar future complaints.

Following was a discussion about revising the Township ordinance regulating burning within the Township. Keith Blankenbiller suggested the Township follow DEP guidelines for burning and a template is most likely available from the DEP for this purpose. Solicitor Swavely added the new ordinance could also establish procedures for addressing future violations. Mrs. Lorah was pleased the Township could establish a new ordinance..

Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller made a motion to authorize Kraft Code Services to re-write the Township burn ordinance to parallel the DEP regulations. Michael Stump seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Darlene Bartsch, suggested the Township adopt a no-burn ordinance prohibiting residential burning. Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller advised Ms. Bartsch to contact the DEP directly should there be burning in her neighborhood as the Township and its residents are the watchdog for the DEP. Keith Blankenbiller stressed that the DEP is the regulatory and enforcement agency who Ms. Bartsch must call if she has a problem.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Swavely reported on the complaint filed for the Barrett property and stated he has received notice of a hearing scheduled for November 24, 2015 at 3:00 pm. Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller advised Solicitor Swavely there is a contractor who wants to provide a quote after the time for receiving RFQ's has ended and asked for direction. Gary Swavely stated since it is a RFQ, and not a bid, it is proper to have a contractor provide a quote on moving the condenser.

Solicitor Swavely continued by informing the Supervisors he had reviewed the Constellation Electric Supply Agreement with the Township. Solicitor Swavely stated it was a basically a standard agreement format and did not contain an escalator clause. Mr. Swavely added the Agreement did have provisions for increases or decreases in State law, regulations, or tariffs to be directly passed down to the Township. Mr. Swavely said electric would be provided at a fixed rate for a term of four (4) years. Solicitor Swavely pointed out the price as listed was valid until October 8, 2015 and he suggested Constellation provide a revised account schedule for the next Supervisor's meeting. Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller tabled the matter to the next Supervisors meeting.

SEWER REPORT: Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller directed the Supervisor's to review the Datte report on delinquent sewer payments and asked if there were any questions on the report and there were none.

Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller went over the LTL SEO Report for September 2015. Mr. Blankenbiller said there are some items on the report which need to be addressed and he would call Dan Levengood at LTL to correct the problem. Keith Blankenbiller explained there are properties on the report which should not be on the report, therefore the report will be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Blankenbiller stated he would contact LTL.

Mr. Blankenbiller reported on the Septic Pumping Status Report and stated there is only one (1) house which is in foreclosure that needs to be pumped. The house will be pumped when the house is sold according to Mr. Blankenbiller. Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller complimented Ruth Ann Moyer on doing a good job.

ADMINISTRATION: Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller said the next item on the agenda is the 2016 Budget and recommended the item be carried over to the next meeting since Chairperson Kline is the lead person handling the budget.

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT: Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller reported on various properties included in the Kraft Code Services report for October 2015. Mr. Blankenbiller stated the report contains mostly the same properties as the last several months which have temporary CO's. The Reserve at Spring Pointe – Phase 2 is continued to be built out according to Mr. Blankenbiller.

Mr. Blankenbiller continued stating the next item on the agenda was handled earlier in the meeting where it was determined a quote can be provided for moving a condenser at the Barrett property.

The 5-Points Sewer Project is on hold, according to Mr. Blankenbiller.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Supervisor–Road Master Mike Stump reported Public Works is preparing for leaf season and leaf pickup will be initiated when approximately 80% of the leaves have dropped.

Mr. Stump said the 2011 GMC truck was paid up this year and he needs to replace the 1999 truck due to rust. Mr. Stump stated the 1999 truck would remain in service as a backup truck and repairs would be made to the truck. Mr. Stump recommended the Township purchase a new truck via a lease purchase program where an annual payment would be made out of Liquid Fuels as was done with the 2011 GMC truck. Mike Stump continued stating he received three (3) quotes for the new truck off of the State Contract. Mr. Stump said the truck's purchase price would be approximately \$44,000.00.

Vice-Chairperson Blankenbiller asked Mr. Stump which dealership had the low quote. Michael Stump stated Manderbach Ford came in low. Mr. Stump said he looked at both Chevy and Ford trucks. Mr. Blankenbiller explained to the public due to the truck being on State Contract the Township is able to purchase off of State Contract, rather than going out to bid.

Keith Blankenbiller made a motion for the lease purchase of a Ford truck through Manderbach Ford with the purchase of Liquid Fuels Funds, per the State Contract. Mike Stump seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Stump reported Public Works received a delivery of salt costing approximately \$6,500 which represents approximately one quarter of the salt utilized last season. Michael Stump said the price per ton is greater than last season. Michael Stump stated 30 tons of salt was returned to PENNDOT which was borrowed from PENNDOT during last season.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: There was no report due to the October 1, 2015 meeting being canceled.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: There was no report.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Darlene Bartsch said she had nothing to report.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Keith Blankenbiller asked Michael Stump if he had anything further to report. Mr. Stump reported there were some Township Building maintenance issues which involved the killing of a yellow jacket nest. Mr. Stump stated he calculated the cost for tin to be placed at the ends of the building to help close off the areas where the yellow jackets and bees build nests. The cost of enclosing the areas with tin will be added to the Public Works 2016 Budget.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: – Keith Blankenbiller asked if there were any further comments from the public and there were none.

Keith Blankenbiller asked if there was any additional business and as there was none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Stump made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Keith Blankenbiller, the motion was unanimously approved. Adjournment was at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Fieux
Secretary – Treasurer