

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 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 both the May 16, 2018 and June 6, 2018 Supervisors meetings. 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. David Barth made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$132,562.66 from the General Fund, \$9,528.21 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$3,796.03 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$0.00 from the Liquid Fuels Fund seconded by Sam Mallatratt, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Several residents from Rand Drive were present to discuss the possibility of the Township taking ownership of Rand Drive. Present were Brian Heatwole, Mike Poltorak, and Brenda Messersmith. Mr. Stump stated that both he and Gary Kraft have reviewed the road. Mr. Stump requested drawings from both the Phase I and Phase II of development of the road including the existing cul-de-sac. Mr. Stump will also look further at the pipes in the roadway. Mr. Stump stated that part of the consideration will be based on the removal of the pine trees along upper portion of the road. Mr. Heatwole stated he would speak with the other homeowners regarding tree removal and costs. The road is currently posted at 15 mph, which may change upon adoption. Mr. Stump also stated that he would like comment from the Fire Company on this roadway regarding their response ability. Mr. Phil Kline asked a question regarding a potential easement to this road from Silver Swallow Road. The Township will look into this.

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

WWTP, SEPTIC & SEWER: A Holding Tank Agreement for 51 Limekiln Road has been drawn up and is ready to be executed by property owners. A motion to execute the Agreement was made by Sam Mallatratt, seconded by David Barth, and the motion carried.

The 2017 Septic Tank Report was given for two outstanding properties. LTL is issuing Notices of Violation to those property owners.

ADMINISTRATION: Dunkin Donuts has requested the release of their Security Bond. Gary Kraft has performed his final inspection and provided a letter authorizing the full release of the security bond. David Barth made a motion to release the Security Bond, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

The Escrow account that has been in place for construction of the Spring Pointe Apartments is now ended. The auditors have given their recommendation to close the account with Vist Bank. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to authorize the closure of the account, seconded by David Barth, and the motion carried.

BUILDING AND ZONING: The Supervisors reviewed the reports provided by Technicon Enterprises. There were no questions.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Mr. Stump discussed the need to advertise for the 2018 Liquid Fuels bids and asked for a motion to advertise. David Barth made the motion to advertise, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion carried.
- Mr. Stump stated that the Township received a Low Volume Road Grant for Sommers Road for \$76,054.80. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to execute the associated contracts with the Berks County Conservation District, David Barth seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- Basket Road will be repaired this year. The dates are July 18, 19 and 20 pending the availability of RotoMill equipment.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Kim Mallatratt reported that the Planning Commission is in discussions regarding updates to the Zoning Ordinance.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY: Chief Becker had nothing to report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Ms. Bartsch reported that the updated Emergency Operations Plan has been submitted to Berks County with the help of the Township.

RECREATION BOARD: Currently 132 full paid registrants. All is proceeding.

SUPERVISORS: Sam Mallatratt, nothing to report; Mike Stump, nothing to report.

- David Barth discussed his outstanding request to the Fire Company for financial documents. He had requested they be provided prior to the meeting to reconcile discrepancies that exist in financial reports that have been provided to the Supervisors. A discussion ensued with the Fire Chief. Fire Chief Becker reported that the additional Officers of the Fire Company are also unwilling to provide the requested statement and asked her to prepare a second report. The Chief stated she had the second report. Mr. Barth did not accept the report as he is requesting statements directly from the financial institution so that transactions can be verified. Ms. Becker stated that the reports that she provides the Township are different than the reports that are reviewed at Fire Company meetings. Mr. Mallatratt reminded the Fire Company that the Supervisors are responsible to the taxpayers and that they need to have answers to financial questions. Mr. Barth made a recommendation to the Board that as these documents have not been provided that a temporary suspension of Fire Company reimbursement from the Township be enacted. Sam Mallatratt made the motion to suspend the funding until two years of bank statements of all accounts are provided to the Board of Supervisors as well as any other documentation, sufficient to the Board, is provided by the Alsace Manor Fire Company. David Barth seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: Darlene Bartsch noted that she sees that the Playground gate is closed during operation when she drops off children mid-day which she feels is good.

Patty Moyer asked if there was any follow-up to her concern from last month regarding agricultural trucks on Woodside Ave. Mr. Mallatratt explained that the PA Agricultural Laws

allow the trucks to proceed as they have been. Ben Moyer and the truck drivers have been made aware of the concerns and of the speed limitations on the road. She also expressed concern regarding the Spotted Lanternfly on the agricultural trucks.

Mr. Phil Kline asked a question about the garage next to the cab company on Antietam Road regarding the cars. He asked if this issue has been addressed. Mr. Stump said that the issue is being addressed by our Code Enforcement Officer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Supervisors then left for an Executive Session which began at 7:46 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

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 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager/Secretary/Treasurer