

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 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: Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2018 meeting, David Barth seconded, and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Don Rettew – Mr. Rettew of Mt. Laurel Road discussed the water runoff that is occurring on his property. He asked which laws this issue falls under – Common Law, Civil Law, etc. He believes it is coming from a neighboring property and is concerned about his sandmound. Mr. Swavely informed Mr. Rettew should reach out to the Township Engineer, Mr. Kraft to answer his questions directly. Mr. Swavely stated it may be a private cause of action that may need to be pursued. Further information is necessary.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Swavely had nothing.

BUILDING CODES / ZONING:

- Ordinance 2018-03 – Adoption of the 2015 Property Maintenance Code. The recommendation is to adopt this updated code which would be in alignment with the code followed by Pennsylvania. The Business Manager asked for authorization to advertise this draft Ordinance. Sam Mallatratt made a motion for this authorization, seconded by Dave Barth and the motion carried.

RECREATION BOARD: Nothing to report. Program running well.

ALSACE MANOR FIRE COMPANY: Chief Becker was not present.

SUPERVISORS: Sam Mallatratt, nothing to report.

David Barth -

- Mr. Barth stated that as there has been no contact with either the Fire Company or their attorney in three weeks, he is recommending that the Board authorize Mr. Swavely to contact the State Fire Commissioner and the Pennsylvania Attorney General as appropriate moving forward. Sam Mallatratt made that motion, seconded by David Barth and the motion carried.

Mike Stump -

- Basket and Bull Road have been completed through DPW. Landis Deck (H&K) has been awarded the surfacing contract and he is in contact with them to schedule a date for this work to be completed.
- Wedgewood Heights has a drainage issue which need to be addressed. Mr. Stump stated he is in contact with Muhlenberg Township to coordinate efforts.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Darlene Bartsch discussed the property at 11 Antietam Road. This property has severe structural damage. She reported that the Fire Company had responded. Boyertown Fire Company assisted in temporarily shoring up to the home. Condemned signs have been appropriated placed on the property. Berks County is adding this property to a request submitted by Schuylkill County for federal and/or state aid for the flooding issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Phil Kline mentioned that the History Group will be meeting on August 22 and September 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Building. He asked for the availability of the meeting room. He was told that the room is currently available.

The Business Manager provided information on Spotted Lanternfly that has recently been made available through Berks County – both for private residences and businesses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened at 7:37 p.m. A motion was made by David Barth and seconded by Sam Mallatratt to change Ruth Ann Moyer from a full-time employee to a part-time employee commencing on September 1, 2018. The motion carried.

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 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager/Secretary/Treasurer