

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, Business Manager 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 asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting. Mr. Mallatratt made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Barth and the motion carried.

**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 \$59,595.78 from the General Fund, \$23,532.09 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$0.00 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$72,829.33 from the Liquid Fuels Fund seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was approved.

**PAYMENT OF PAYROLL:** Mr. Barth made a motion to pay payroll in the amount of \$26,652.73 seconded by Mr. Stump. Sam Mallatratt abstained from the vote per the memo on file. The motion was approved by Mr. Barth and Mr. Stump.

**PAYMENT OF TAXES AND INTERIM BILLS:** Mr. Mallatratt made a motion to pay taxes and interim bills, seconded by Mr. Barth, and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** All financial reports were reviewed and there were no questions.

**VIST BANK – TANKER PURCHASE:** Mr. Mike Setley, representing Georgeadis || Setley was present and provided documentation to proceed forward with the Township's purchase of the tanker truck. The documents presented need to be executed and forwarded to the State for their approval. The price listed on the documents is a not-to-exceed price of \$230,000.00. The bank has provided three loan term options which includes 5-year, 7-year and 10-year options and Mr. Setley discussed the various terms for each option. Mr. Setley asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #2019-01 to acquire the tanker truck from Vist Bank which will then be sent to the state for approval. David Barth made a motion to accept Ordinance #2019-01, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:07 p.m. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to enter an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, David Barth seconded the motion. The Board and Solicitor were joined by Attorney Jim Gavin, the court-appointed Receiver for the Fire Company. The Board reconvened at 7:42 p.m. and a motion was made by David Barth to return to the Public Meeting, seconded by Sam Mallatratt.

**FIRE COMPANY RADIOS:** David Barth said that Fleetwood Fire Company would like to purchase 6 fire company radios at \$1,200.00 each for a total of \$6,000.00. Mr. Barth stated that Fleetwood has been responding to many calls in the Township and feels that the purchase of the radios by them would aid them in their responses in our Township. The Township is currently in possession of 36 radios in total. Mr. Barth made a motion to sell six radios to Fleetwood Fire Company at a total cost of \$6,000.00. Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Gary Michalowski – 103 Greenwood Dr. – Mr. Michalowski brought forward a concern regarding a neighbor's open burn. His concern is that even though the neighbor is burning according to the Township's Ordinance, there are concerns that this is affecting quality of life. Mr. Michalowski was inquiring what, if anything, can be done about the situation. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Mallatratt offered to speak with Mr. Michalowski about this issue following the meeting for potential solutions.

Keith Blankenbiller – 326 Freeman Dr. – Mr. Blankenbiller stated that he is upset that residents were not informed prior to the previous meeting that Mr. Ebert would be in attendance at the meeting. He asked that a notice is put on the Township website to provide notification when Mr. Ebert will be at upcoming meetings. Mr. Blankenbiller was told that the Township agreed to send notifications when separate Town Hall meetings are held to discuss the sewer extension project but that Mr. Ebert was in attendance at the regularly scheduled and advertised public meeting.

Elaine Reichard – 17 Alpine Lane – Ms. Reichard explained that she thought that everything was done regarding Alpine Lane and the sewer extension project since this is a private lane that she owns. She feels her property does not need to hook up to the sewer. Ms. Reichard asked Mr. Swavely if her property is being considered for eminent domain, to which Mr. Swavely stated yes. Mr. Swavely further explained that originally Mr. Ebert believed that he would not need to include these properties in the sewer extension, however DEP has stated that these properties are required to be included in this extension plan. She asked why she was not informed. Mr. Swavely stated that previous correspondence to the Township stated that all correspondence was to be directed to her attorney. Ms. Reichard stated that attorney no longer represents her. Mr. Swavely further clarified that numerous correspondence was had previously regarding an easement which Ms. Reichard refused to provide. Mr. Swavely stated that the Board has now authorized him to file the necessary paperwork for eminent domain if the Township and the Reichard's are unable to reach an amicable agreement. Ms. Reichard stated that she will not provide the easement and is unwilling to discuss an agreement.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Swavely had nothing additional to report.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Bank Account – New Capital Account and Fire Company Assets. Dave Barth has recommended that two additional accounts have been created. The first is to segment any assets that are sold into a separate Fire Company Assets account and the second for holding funds for larger capital construction projects at the Township in the future. David Barth made a motion to authorize the Business Manager to establish those accounts, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.
- Safety Net Sanctuary Agreement – The Business Manager presented the Agreement with Safety Net Sanctuary to begin utilizing their services at a cost of \$2,500.00 per year. David Barth made a motion to authorize the execution of this contract, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

- A discussion ensued regarding the current state of recycling in the Township. The Business Manager stated that she is reaching out to numerous companies in the area to receive comparable pricing quotes and hopes to have several options to present to the Board at the next meeting following the increasing pricing from Cogle Recycling.

**TAX COLLECTOR - REFUNDS:** Ruth Ann Moyer, Tax Collector approached the Board regarding passing a Resolution to limit tax refunds to those refunds that are equal to, or in excess of, \$5.00. Jessica Miller, a representative of the Earned Income Tax Bureau was in attendance at the meeting and suggested that the refunds be submitted to the Department of the State Treasury, Unclaimed Property every three years. Mr. Swavely agreed that this option presented is appropriate and should be followed.

**RECREATION BOARD** – No report was provided.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Sommers Road – paving has been finished on this road. Lines will be repainted in the next several days. The next project will be on Alsace Road.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORTS:** Darlene Bartsch reported that the last session involved windshield surveys.

**SUPERVISORS:** Mr. Stump spoke with Beth Burkovitz regarding water and drainage issue on Warner Road.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Drew Eck – 49 Alsace Ave. – Asked what the plan is regarding the Fire Company as it appears the Township is purchasing the Fire Truck. Mr. Barth explained that the Township has already invested approximately \$125,000. It is too valuable of an asset to not acquire. He further asked if there are other assets that we should be purchasing. Mr. Barth explained that this has been the only asset that has been made available at this point for purchase. Mr. Swavely explained that a new Interim Board has been elected at the Fire Company under the direction of the Receiver.
- Bonnie Landis – Pricetown Road – Asked how much has been paid toward the truck at this point. The Business Manager explained the various payments that have been made at this point. Ms. Landis further stated that she would like more information to be made available to the general public as there is a great deal of speculation, however, the public is not being made aware of the facts. Mr. Swavely stated that as this matter is in litigation only certain information should be discussed at this time.
- Jeff Weir – 38 Pricetown Road – Asked if the Township is going to “back” the Social Hall in getting the Fire Company up and running as two entities. He stated that the financial burden is putting a strain on the Social Quarters. Mr. Swavely stated that the Receiver has stated that even if this new Board is successful in reorganizing a Fire Company that it will not occur for at least 6-12 months.
- Diane Furillo - Asked the next step. Mr. Swavely stated that the next court hearing is currently set for September 17, 2019.

- Darlene Bartsch – Asked why she had not been invited to the meeting with the Social Quarters. Mr. Barth explained that the Truck Crew has created this problem and that the decision was Mr. Gavin's.

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 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt  
Business Manager, Secretary/Treasurer