

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 virtually via a Zoom meeting due to the state-wide shutdown as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A roll was taken of the attendees to establish that all could hear the discussion clearly. In addition to the Board Members it was noted that Assistant Secretary, Courtney Harris and well as members of the public - Patricia Moyer, Ruth Ann Moyer, Tom and Diane Furillo, Drew Eck and Steven Rothenberger were in attendance. The audio of the meeting was recorded. The Business Manager then stated that if background noise becomes an issue, the participants will be muted.

An audio recording of this meeting has been created and retained and is available upon request.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Sam Mallatratt for approval of the Minutes from the May 6, 2020 meeting. David Barth seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairperson Stump asked for approval of the Township payment of bills. Sam Mallatratt made the motion to approve payment of these bills in the amount of \$39,810.16 from the General Fund, \$30,618.02 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$1,161.62 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$9,743.60 from the Liquid Fuels Fund seconded by David Barth, and the motion was approved.

PAYMENT OF PAYROLL: Mr. Barth made a motion to approve the payment of Payroll in the amount of \$34,657.01 seconded by Mr. Stump. Mr. 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 approve the payment of taxes and interim bills, Mr. Barth seconded that motion and it carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: All financial reports were reviewed and there were no questions. The Business Manager provided a brief update on the current budget situation due to the COVID-19 impacts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Mallatratt stated that she received a call from resident Keith Blankenbiller asking for the Board to consider waiving the EDU charges for three of commercial rental properties that he currently owns. The request is due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial situations of these businesses. The businesses for which he is requesting relief are Shelley's Creations, Berks County Chiropractic Specialists and Stallone Gymnastics. The Board discussed the three business entities and acknowledge that both Shelley's Creations and Stallone Gymnastics have been closed per the Governor's orders. Berks County Chiropractic Specialists however have been allowed to remain open for business throughout the pandemic. David Barth made a motion to grant a sewer payment reduction to the 60% level for Shelley's Creations and Stallone Gymnastics until the Governor lifts the restrictions on those business at which time the sewer charge will resume at the normal monthly fee. Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Diane Furillo – Skyline Drive – Ms. Furillo discussed the issues that are ongoing with the property adjacent to the property that they own on Mt. Laurel Road. There are a number of problems which are escalating as the property has squatters living in and around the property. She believes that they are bringing in trash to the site and also conducting illegal burning. The Furillo's are concerned as many of the complaints that have been received are regarding that property that neighboring residents are mistaking for their property. Mr. Furillo reported that he is continuing to work on the fence surrounding their property.

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

SEWER:

- The Business Manager asked the Board about whether they wished to continue waiving late fees for the public sewer customers for the next billing cycle. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to match the waiving of late fees until the Governor lifts the eviction restrictions. David Barth made a motion to continue waiving the late fees until further resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- The DPW has begun a project on Cralou Drive on approximately 300' of piping and stormwater issues. Mr. Stump discussed the temporary closing of the roadway.

EMC: Mr. Colvin did not attend. The Business Manager stated that she has been attending the PEMA conferences regarding potential reimbursement of Township expenses related to COVID-19. She stated that currently the first round is requiring a minimum of \$3,300 of costs incurred. While the Township has not incurred costs to that minimum, Ms. Mallatratt stated she will continue to follow PEMA for any reimbursement opportunities.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Neither Mr. Barth nor Mr. Mallatratt had anything further to report.

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 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager/Secretary/ Treasurer