

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 both in person as well as virtually via a Zoom meeting due to the state-wide virtual requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Barth for approval of the Minutes from the August 5, 2020 meeting. Mr. Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairperson Stump asked for approval of the Township payment of bills. David Barth made the motion to approve payment of these bills in the amount of \$47,217.20 from the General Fund, \$13,774.36 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$1,081.24 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$143,574.30 from the Liquid Fuels Fund seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was approved.

PAYMENT OF PAYROLL: Mr. Barth made a motion to approve the payment of Payroll in the amount of \$20,762.13 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. Barth made a motion to approve the payment of taxes and interim bills, Mr. Mallatratt seconded that motion and it carried.

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

OLEY VALLEY AMBULANCE: Kevin Bieber representing the Oley Valley Ambulance participated in the meeting and provided the Board of Supervisors and the public with a brief overview of current operations and a report on the current financial situation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. A written report was also provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Mr. Bieber requested that the Board consider their financial contribution during the upcoming budget process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Andrew Dell – had a question regarding the current noise ordinance specifically pertaining to vehicular noise coming from motorists. He is hoping to have the current Ordinance reviewed to see if the Board is willing to amend it to address these types of issues. The Board stated that to cover incidents of this type would be very difficult if not impossible to enforce. Mr. Stump reminded Mr. Dell that we only currently have State Police coverage in the area. Mr. Mallatratt further stated that there would be difficulty in any punishment for infractions.
- Patty Moyer – following up on two separate issues. First issue is the complaint submitted on July 6, 2020. Ms. Moyer has not received a response on this issue. Mr. Swavely stated that the complaint regarded a personnel issue and the matter is not up for discussion in the public meeting. Mr. Swavely stated he would speak with the Board on the matter. Her second issue regards the Township property and if they are exempt from the property maintenance codes. Her particular concern related to the property across from her residence and throughout the Township property. Mr. Stump stated that there is work continuing on that property and that there are several trees that are being removed. He stated that there is currently items under consideration for this property

and its future use and possible grant opportunities. Ms. Moyer stated that she is concerned about the lack of communication from the Board. Mr. Mallatratt further stated that the Board needs to address issues by priority and there have been numerous recent events that have been deemed higher priority.

- Drew Eck – Mr. Eck questioned a letter recently received from the Township about the right of way areas of his property. Mr. Eck stated he was confused as he maintains the right of ways and doesn't know where his responsibility begin and end. Mr. Stump stated that the hay bales and rebar that currently exist in these right-of-ways are only to be temporary measures, not permanent solutions. The Township is looking to alleviate roadside hazards. Mr. Stump explained the homeowner needs to maintain the right of way and the Township or utilities will take care of any materials placed in the right of way. A further discussion ensued about this matter. Mr. Swavely advised Mr. Eck that he should comply with the letter that he has received and if he has concerns about other properties he should bring that to the Township's attention.
- Marsha Horning – Ask if the Township is having a Fall Cleanup since the Spring Cleanup was cancelled. The Board discussed the issue and stated that there would not be a Fall Cleanup scheduled.

ORDINANCE 2020-02: The Business Manager stated that this Ordinance Amendment was the one discussed at the July Business Meeting. The Ordinance has been properly advertised and is up for Board vote. Mr. Barth made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-02, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion passed.

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

SEWER:

- The Business Manager stated that letters and easement information have been sent to the required property owners in the sewer extension area and a reminder was sent earlier today.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Mr. Stump reported that the Cralou project is being finalized as the Oil & Chip project has been completed. He stated this was a large project and that the asphalt will be completed within the next week or two.
- Mr. Stump also mentioned that the Township has received correspondence regarding interest from a wireless carrier regarding a tower for cell coverage. The Business Manager stated this will not cost the Township anything but has the opportunity to receive proceeds from a project of this type. The company will be reaching out to discuss next steps.
- Mr. Stump then discussed additional projects including pipe on Hartz Road and pipe issues on Wannier Road.

EMC: Mr. Colvin did not attend. The Business Manager then stated that she has received a report regarding substantial damage that was received during the last storm on Seidel Road at

the trailhead to the park. This information has been forwarded to Mr. Colvin for inclusion in his report to PEMA. Ms. Mallatratt also stated that she has included additional costs (stones and supplies) incurred by the Township during the storms.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Mr. Stump stated he received a quote (\$360.00) from RMI for removal of the lights from the former EMD's truck. Mr. Stump asked for a motion to accept this quote, Mr. Barth made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallatratt and the motion passed. Mr. Barth asked about the timeline. The Business Manager stated she believes they need two weeks' notice to schedule the removal. The quote is valid for 30 days. Mr. Rothenberger stated that all additional equipment has been returned to the Township. Mr. Rothenberger also asked about additional repairs to the truck following removal. The Board told Mr. Rothenberger that he can keep the bulbs in the lights on the truck so that there is no damage in removal of those specific lights.

Mr. Barth then stated that he and the Business Manager are working on the budget and the potential financing packages for the new sewer extension project.

Mr. Mallatratt had nothing further.

Mr. Stump asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sam Mallatratt made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Barth and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager/Secretary/ Treasurer