

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:01 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. A confirmation that all parties and the public could hear all participants.

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 19, 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. Sam Mallatratt made the motion to approve payment of these bills in the amount of \$30,168.69 from the General Fund, \$47,058.91 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$665.75 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$905.55 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 \$20,869.49 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments from the public.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Swavely discussed an update on the Easement Agreement for the Reichert property at 17 Alpine Lane. Mr. Swavely verified with Mr. Mallatratt that during his last conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Reichert, they declined signing the Easement Agreement. Mr. Swavely reiterated the importance of this subject property for the sewer extension project. He asked the Board to consider the authorization of the acquisition and condemnation of a permanent sewer easement on this property. Mr. Swavely stated that he has prepared proposed Resolution 2020-08 to move forward with this issue upon Board approval. Following a brief discussion, Michael Stump made a motion to authorize the execution of Resolution # 2020-08, seconded by Mr. Barth. There were no questions from the public. Mr. Stump and Mr. Barth voted in the affirmative, Mr. Mallatratt abstained from the vote as his own property is part of the anticipated sewer project.

ADMINISTRATION:

- The Business Manager asked for approval to execute the Stormwater Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement for 10 Kutz Road. David Barth made a motion to execute those documents, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.
- The Business Manager provided an update on the finalization of the Low Volume Road Grant that the Township received on Sommers Road. The Township just received the final check for \$5,409.89. The project was finalized by the Berks County Conservation District. Congratulations were given to the Department of Public Works on a job well done.

- The Business Manager also stated that postcards will be sent out to all residents that live in voting Precinct 2 as the polling location is being moved back to Zion Spies Church from Blind Hartman's Tavern for the General Election.

SEWER:

- The Business Manager presented a draft of Resolution 2020-07 for the PA American Water Rates and the establishment of a new sewer district, sewer rates and tapping fee. David Barth made a motion to adopt this resolution, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion passed.

RECREATION: Courtney Harris discussed the option of having a Trunk or Treat event in October. Evergreen German Club in Ruscombmanor Township has offered to host the event for no fee. The proposed date is October 30th from 6:30 to 8:30. A brief discussion ensued regarding potential COVID impacts to the event and other logistical issues. Ms. Harris asked for permission from the Board to continue the planning of the event. Registration forms are available and Ms. Harris is also looking for vendors that would be interested in attending the event. Ms. Harris stated that she has a Rental Agreement from Evergreen. She will send the Agreement to Mr. Swavely for review.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Mr. Stump reported that the Cralou project is finished including line painting and grass restoration.
- Mr. Stump then discussed additional projects including pipe on Hartz Road and pipe issues on Wanner Road as well as maintenance for winter activities.

EMC: Mr. Colvin did not attend the meeting.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Mr. Barth and Mr. Mallatratt had nothing further.

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 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager/Secretary/ Treasurer