

SUPERVISORS MEETING, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18, 2021

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 Jan Moore, Business Manager Kimberly Mallatratt, and Solicitor Gary Swavely. The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting however no attendees were present via Zoom.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Stump led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Mallatratt for approval of the Minutes from the August 4, 2021, meeting. Mr. Barth seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Stump asked for approval for the Township payment of bills. Mr. Mallatratt made the motion to approve payment of these bills in the amount of \$21,541.41 from the General Fund, \$25,052.93 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$1,905.88 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$3,694.49 from the Liquid Fuels Fund, seconded by Mr. Barth, and the motion was approved.

**PAYMENT OF PAYROLL:** Mr. Stump made a motion to approve the payment of Payroll in the amount of \$24,919.57 seconded by Mr. Barth. Mr. Mallatratt abstained from the vote per the memo on file. The motion was approved by Mr. Stump and Mr. Barth.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** All financial reports were reviewed and there were no questions. Mr. Stump made a comment on the financial reports stating that the accounts were in good shape which was a testament to the office staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Bonnie Landis questioned if the state grant funds could still be utilized for the sewer extension since the Township would be doing most of the work. The Board responded that as the directional drilling would still be bid, the grant funds would still be available. It was further explained that the tap ins and hook ups would be installed by the Township. Bonnie questioned about the liability issue with the Township performing the majority of the work. Mr. Stump stated that the Township carries appropriate insurance limits for this situation.

Ms. Landis also discussed a situation regarding a dog that was hit on Pricetown Road. She stated that she could not locate the entity that the Township contracts with for these services on the website. It was stated that the Township website does list contact information for animal issues and Ms. Landis was shown where it was located. There was a brief discussion concerning the Township doing a one-time mailing in a postcard format which would list several contact numbers for Township residents to use as a reference source.

Ms. Landis stated she felt the Township was losing the personal touch by utilizing online payment options for sewer. Mr. Mallatratt stated that this would be equated to paying other vendors where payments are not accepted in person. Mr. Mallatratt also stated that the Township was attempting to stay in step with technology to utilize online payment venues.

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Ms. Landis then discussed the possibility of a flashing speed sign on specific roads throughout the Township. Mr. Stump stated that he was hoping that the Deka Taskforce would have an update on that matter.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Swavely reported that he had received a phone call from Berks County concerning an issue where a resident had blocked access to Petch Road which is a private road, and the County could not access the road. The County is looking at possibly working to reduce the deer population and wanted to let residents know about the situation. Gary directed the County to the property owner's counsel.

**ADMINISTRATION:** A request was made to the Board to approve transfer of funds from the APRA account as necessary to the O&M account for costs associated with the Route 12 sewer extension project. Mr. Mallatratt made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Barth seconded, and the motion carried.

**RECREATION BOARD:** Mr. Stump stated that he had spoken with 2-3 individuals that were interested in stepping into Courtney Harris' former position as Chairman of the Recreation Board. He will discuss the matter further with those individuals prior to making any recommendations.

**PUBLIC SEWER:** Mr. Stump stated that they are working on the material list for the Route 12 extension project. They also had 600 feet of pipe to finish on another project before starting the extension project.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Mr. Stump discussed replacing the security cameras at the Township building. Mr. Stump requested approval to obtain quotes to replace 9 cameras. Mr. Barth made a motion to obtain quotes for the camera replacement. Mr. Mallatratt seconded, and the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:24 pm, Mr. Stump made a motion for the Board to go into an Executive Session to discuss recent litigation matters involving the Alsace Manor Fire Company, Mr. Barth seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:50 pm and Mr. Stump made a motion to resume the regular Business Meeting. Mr. Barth seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Mallatratt then made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Barth and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Moore, Business Manager