

SUPERVISORS MEETING, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 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, Board Member David Barth via Zoom, Business Manager, Jan Moore, and Solicitor Gary Swavely via Zoom. The meeting was held as a Hybrid meeting with no residents attending remotely.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Stump asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021, Supervisor's meeting. Mr. Mallatratt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Barth 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 \$35,476.08 from the General Fund, \$24,251.43 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$8,260.39 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$3,296.19 from the Liquid Fuels Fund, seconded by Mr. Barth, and the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF PAYROLL: Mr. Stump made a motion to approve the payment of payroll in the amount of \$17,545.25, 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 INTERIM BILLS: Mr. Mallatratt made a motion to approve the payment of taxes and interim bills, seconded by Mr. Barth and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: All financial reports were reviewed and there were no comments or questions. Mr. Barth made motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Mr. Mallatratt seconded, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Heiser, Tom Hoch & Tim Biehl stated that they were looking for an update to the NOV that was sent to 2029 Mt. Laurel Road. Bill stated that the property appears to be operating as a junk yard with tires being stored on property, additional vehicles being stored on site as well. There are concerns by neighboring properties about liquid runoff from batteries and other potential environmental concerns. Mr. Heiser provided several photographs of the conditions on the subject property. Mr. Mallatratt stated that according to the monthly Technicon reports, the property was being monitored by Technicon for adherence to Township Ordinances. It was agreed to have the Township Business Manager contact Technicon to request a follow up site visit and for Technicon to provide an updated report to the Township.

Ruth Ann Moyer stated that she has provided residents with Technicon business cards to have residents contact Technicon directly concerning this same subject property.

Patty Moyer stated that she had reviewed so past meeting minutes and requested an update on the loan for the new truck that has been ordered as well as an update on the quote for additional security cameras for the Township building. Mr. Stump relayed that the loan for the truck has been secured however, the truck has not been delivered to the Township as it is still being built. Mr. Stump did not think that the truck would be delivered prior to end of year. Mr. Stump also stated that he anticipated numbers to be submitted shortly for the replacement of security cameras.

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Patty Moyer also asked if the Mt. Laurel location was still being used as a dump since material from the sewer expansion project was being dumped into the basement of 6 Kegerise. Patty asked for a timeframe to remove the dump material from the location. Ruth Ann Moyer also stated that she had seen rats on the same property. Mr. Stump confirmed that the well on 6 Kegerise was not looked at to date.

Bonnie Landis asked for clarification on reports presented by the Board. Mr. Stump deferred to Mr. Mallatratt to address Bonnie's questions. Bonnie stated that the Board has a lot of "back room" meetings that the public does not know about. Mr. Mallatratt took exception to the use of "back room" meetings and explained that any Executive Session meetings are not subject to disclosure to the public and that no minutes or notes are required to be taken in Executive Sessions. Mr. Mallatratt further commented that any decisions or votes taken by the Board have always been done in the public forum.

Bonnie also made a comment concerning the process change of not accepting checks for sewer payments at the Township building and that in doing so, the Township has alienated some of the residents. Mr. Mallatratt mentioned that the Township would lose productivity due to residents stopping in the office for more of a social visit versus performing business transactions. Mr. Mallatratt also stated that the Township must stay current with current technology and by utilizing best business practices.

Kelly Kauffman stated that at any time she has had a question, she has called the Township office and has always been provided with answers to her questions. She stated that she had a good relationship with the present board and thanked them for their service to the Township.

Bonnie Landis then inquired about the number of DPW staff to which Mr. Stump replied that there are presently 4 DPW staff, 3 full time and 1 part time.

Bonnie also questioned as to why there are no supervisors' reports as there is always an agenda item by hardly ever is there a report.

Ruth Ann Moyer asked if Mazola was moving into the Shoppes at Woodside. There was no update on this matter. Ruth Ann also inquired as to an update on the recent Trunk or Treat night. Mr. Stump stated that it went well however, attendance seemed to be down from prior years.

Kelly Kauffman asked for an update on Kegerise property to see if any permits had been approved. Mr. Moore stated that he had not seen any permits returned or issued by Technicon for the property in question.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Mr. Swavely had no comments for the meeting

STORMWATER: Mr. Barth made a motion to execute the Stormwater O&M Agreement for 69 Apple Lane, Mr. Mallatratt seconded, and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: The Business Manager provided a document to appoint Tim Waldman as the Knox Administrator for the Township. Mr. Barth made a motion to appoint Tim Waldman as Knox Administrator, seconded by Mr. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

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The Business Manager provided a quote by Stratix to replace the Firewall for the Township. Mr. Stump made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,217, seconded by Mr. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

The Business Manager presented an overview of the 2022 Vision, Dental and Health plan coverages for the Township Full Time staff. The Township was able to stay with the same plans that are in effect for 2021. The Business Manager asked for the Board to allow him to execute the Agreement to remain with Capital Blue Cross for the health coverage for 2022. Mr. Mallatratt made the motion to allow Mr. Moore to execute the Agreement with Capital Blue Cross, seconded by Mr. Barth. Mr. Stump abstained from the vote. The motion was approved by Mr. Barth and Mr. Mallatratt.

The Business Manager presented the Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Township Budget. He reviewed each operating account stating expected revenues and expenditures and the resulting anticipated excess or deficiency. The General Fund budget reflects anticipated income of \$1,069,437.45. He also reported that the draft budget was developed with no tax increase for residents. The Business Manager asked for authorization to approve as a draft budget and to advertise said budget for the required timeframe. Mr. Stump authorized the approval of the draft budget and required advertising, the motion was seconded by Mr. Barth and the motion carried.

PUBLIC SEWER: Mr. Stump reported that the last junction boxes are installed, and the remaining laterals are in. Valves are on the south side of Pricetown Road for easier access if needed. Mr. Stump anticipated to complete the project by the second week of December and that the overall project went very well.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report was provided

SUPERVISORS REPORT: No reports were provided

RESIGNATION: Mr. Barth provided the Board of Supervisors his letter of resignation dated November 17, 2021 with the same effective date. Mr. Barth made a comment that he did not appreciate the comments made by some of the residents in attendance and that most residents did not understand the level of sacrifice and commitment needed to be an effective Supervisor. Mr. Stump stated his appreciation to Mr. Barth for his service to the Township. Mr. Stump made a motion to accept Mr. Barth's letter of resignation seconded by Mr. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

ADJOURN: Mr. Stump made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Mr. Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jan Moore
Business Manager