

SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2022

Mr. 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 Chairperson, Kimberly Mallatratt, Business Manager Jan Moore, Solicitor Gary Swavely and Township Engineer Michael Reinert. Keith Blankenbiller was unable to attend due to illness. 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: Motion made by Mrs. Mallatratt to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2021 Business Meeting, the December 21, 2021 Vacancy Board Meeting, and the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Stump seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$94,561.99 from the General Fund, \$15,386.34 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$563.36 from the Septic and Sewer Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. Stump and the motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Patty Moyer asked about the status of the flag. Mr. Stump stated that we are waiting for parts to repair the internal mechanism. Patty Moyer also mentioned that the website still listed Sam Mallatratt as Vice Chairman. She was informed that the website would be revised immediately.

Bill Heiser requested an update on the property at 2029 Mt. Laurel Road. Mr. Moore stated that citations were forwarded to the District Justice for issuance. Mr. Reinert from Technicon reviewed the process for having an owner comply with a Notice of Violation and the timeframe involved. During further discussion, Tom Hoch stated that he felt that the use permit should never have been issued. Tim Biehl asked about the purpose of the business located at the address. Mr. Heiser stated that if the property were grandfathered, that the grandfather issue would not apply to a second location.

Solicitor Swavely explained the 30- day notice and appeal process concerning citations.

Bonnie Landis asked if the DEP had been involved due to the stream being onsite.

It was agreed that upon notification of a hearing date from the District Justice, Mr. Moore would advise Mr. Heiser, Mr. Hoch and Mr. Biehl of the hearing date and time so they could plan to attend the hearing.

Kelly Kauffman asked if the board could provide a local phone contact for PennDOT. The number 610 929 0766 was provided

SOLICITOR: Mr. Swavely had no comments

AGENDA MODIFICATION: Mr. Stump made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to include a letter supplied by Ebert Engineering to release the grant funds from the State for the Route 12 Expansion. This amendment was necessary due to the late arrival of the letter. Mrs. Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION:

Approve letter submitted by Ebert Engineering for release of grant funds: Motion made by Mrs. Mallatratt to accept and authorize Mr. Stump to execute the letter from Ebert Engineering to submit for the release of grant funds for the Route 12 Expansion project. Mr. Stump seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented a quote from Stratix to purchase a one -year warranty extension for the Township's server. Motion made by Mr. Stump to proceed with the one- year warranty extension for the Township's server through Stratix at a cost of \$649. Motion seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried

Mr. Moore presented a quote from Stratix to upgrade some of the security features for the Township's computer systems. Mrs. Mallatratt recommended that the quote be tabled until additional information can be provided by Stratix on the quote. Mr. Stump agreed and the matter was tabled.

Mr. Reinert from Technicon presented the minor sub-division plan for a portion of Wayne & Nancy Cawley's property. Mr. Reinert reviewed the approval letter stating that Conditional Approval was recommended by the Planning Commission as well as the recommendation for approval of a waivers from both Section 4-2.D.7 which requires showing all existing features on the Cawley Tract and Section 4-2.D.13 which required showing all existing features within 100 feet of the Cawley Tract. Mr. Reinert confirmed that all conditions have now been met by the applicant.

Mr. Stump made a motion to accept the above waivers to the plan, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

Mr. Stump made a motion to accept the Approval of the plan as presented. Mrs. Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to approve the Stipulation for Payment of Final Compensation and Release of Damages Under Eminent Domain Code document for 17 Alpine Drive, seconded by Mr. Stump and the motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Mallatratt to allow the transfer of the driveway permit from the prior owners of 174 Wanner Road to the current owners since no work was completed on the original permit. Motion was seconded by Mr. Stump and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented an update that the annual Liquid Fuels audit was completed and approved. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to accept the audit, seconded by Mr. Stump and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented updated census figures for the Township based on results from the 2020 Census. Overall population within the Township was up by 2.2% from 2010. Township population as of the 2020 Census was 3834 compared with 3751 from 2010.

Mr. Moore presented an update on the use of the ARPA funds received from the State

SEPTIC SYSTEM – 2885 PRICETOWN ROAD: Mr. Stump made a motion to set up a special board meeting to address the septic system issues at this residence, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore will arrange the meeting and advertise accordingly.

Darlene Bartsch made a comment asking if something will be done this time as this has been an ongoing matter. She also asked about the icing issue in front of 2903 Pricetown Road. Mr. Stump stated that this is a PennDOT matter.

PUBLIC SEWER: No comments were made

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Stump reported that he had replaced the transmission in one of the trucks

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Mrs. Mallatratt stated that she fully understands that she was appointed to the Supervisor's position and not elected. She stated that she takes this appointment seriously and wanted to point out that she worked very closely with former Supervisor Dave Barth on not only the five-year financial plan, but many other administrative initiatives. Her goal is to continue that work to further the Township.

Mrs. Mallatratt also stated that she was asked to join the board of the Berks Municipality Partnership, to which she agreed to do so.

ADJOURN: Mr. Stump made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jan G Moore

Business Manager