

## SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING, MARCH 16, 2022

Mrs. Mallatratt, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 PM. Also present were Member Keith Blankenbiller, Assistant Secretary Krystal DiGuardi, and Solicitor Gary Swavely. Mr. Stump was absent from the meeting. The meeting was held as a Hybrid meeting with no residents attending remotely.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Mallatratt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion made by Mr. Blankenbiller to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 Business Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$74,495.72 from the General Fund, \$25,570.48 for the WWTP Operations & Maintenance Fund, and \$6,364.25 from the Septic Fund. Motion seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES AND INTERIM BILLS:** Motion made by Mr. Blankenbiller to approve the payment of taxes and interim bills, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ms. Emily Engle brought some projected financials for the proposed 2022 Summer Playground Program. Ms. Engle brought forward raising the wages for both Sr. and Jr. Leaders. Anticipated revenues and expenses provided were not in line with the approved budget. Mrs. Mallatratt explained the need to close the gap to align with the 2022 budget. Darlene Bartsch commented that she believes tuition costs should be increased for non-township residents. Mrs. Mallatratt stated she is in favor of re-opening the playground, but needed to see further details before approving salary expenditures. Mr. Blankenbiller concurred with that request.

Bonnie Landis questioned the pricing for controllers and pumps. The exact pricing was not readily available. Mrs. Landis also inquired about the warranty and what the length of time it extends as well as when it takes effect. Mrs. Mallatratt and Mr. Blankenbiller explained that the warranty takes effect when the controllers and pumps are purchased by the Township, regardless of when they are installed. However, residents have 4 years from the start date in April 2022 to complete the purchase and hookup.

Tom Hoch and Tim Biehl questioned why no one was notified when the court date regarding 2029 Mt. Laurel Rd. was continued. Mr. Swavely explained that it was not granted by the judge until shortly before the hearing was to commence, leaving no time for notification. Mr. Hoch asked how to handle the junk yard being quickly cleaned up for inspection and then left go again. Mr. Swavely advised Mr. Hoch to contact Technicon. The Board stated they will require Technicon to provide ongoing monitoring.

Patti Moyer asked what the appropriate response time is for a complaint. Mrs. Moyer followed up by stating that she had made a complaint in January and has not heard anything from it. After some discussion, Mr. Swavely advised Mrs. Moyer that the township does not get involved with personal feuds.

Patti Moyer also stated that the paved area in the lot behind the playground does not have any "No Parking" signs but was told that she was not allowed to park there. Mr. Swavely gave the opinion that

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parking should not be allowed there due to liability reasons. Mrs. Mallatratt concurred that there should be signs posted if residents are not permitted to park in that area.

Darlene Bartsch inquired if there should be a sewer board created to control and monitor the sale of controllers and pumps. Mrs. Bartsch had spoken to a resident that claimed he had not paid for a controller that he received. Mrs. Mallatratt explained that there are payment plan options available for those that are not able to pay for the total cost of the controllers and pumps up front. Mrs. Mallatratt further advised Mrs. Bartsch that if she had information in that regard, to discuss it with the Township Business Manager. He could then investigate the issue more thoroughly.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Swavely reported that the hearing for 2029 Mt. Laurel Rd. had been moved to March 31, 2021.

**STORMWATER:** Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to approve and execute the O&M Agreement for 50 Skyline Dr., seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to appoint Michael Reinert, P.E., Technicon Enterprises, Inc II, as the Floodplain Administrator. Mrs. Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**PUBLIC SEWER:** Mrs. Mallatratt noted that she received an update from Chairman Michael Stump that the Sewer extension project is on target to meet the April 15, 2022 completion date.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report or comments were presented.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS:** Mrs. Mallatratt noted that she is trying to get in contact with Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt regarding the Deka transportation meeting and will provide an update at a later date.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Krystal DiGuardi, Assistant Township Secretary