

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 PM. Present were Vice Chair, Kimberly Mallatratt, Board Member Keith Blankenbiller, Township Business Manager, Jan Moore, and Solicitor Gary Swavely. The meeting was held as a hybrid with no residents attending remotely.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$164,678.95 from the General Fund, \$18,102.37 from the Sewer Plant O&M fund, \$5,208.69 from the WWTP fund and \$182,527 from the Liquid Fuels fund. Motion was seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS: All financial reports were distributed with no questions

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Darlene Bartsch questioned if the resident who lives at the corner of Route 12 and Mt Laurel Road paid for the extra EDU. Mr. Moore confirmed that the property owner did purchase the additional EDU that was agreed upon between the property owner and Board. Darlene also asked if the township vehicles were equipped with GPS tracking units to which Mr. Stump stated that they are not equipped with GPS tracking units. She asked if the township has considered creating a dog park at the end of the playground where the trees were removed. Mr. Stump stated that the board will keep that in mind as they determine how to best utilize the subject property. Darlene made a comment that there was a dumpster at the Alsace Manor Fire Company that was filled with items such as toilets, cabinets, and other items. Mr. Blankenbiller stated that this was the first notification that the board received on this matter and that it will be investigated.

Patty Moyer made a comment that one of the township employees sprayed the weeds around the playground fence and did not post any notices and she noticed several dogs around the area later that day. She suggested that when spraying that the township post some type of notice. Mr. Stump stated that the board will take it under advisement. Mrs. Moyer also asked if the township could put up road signs when performing road work or mowing for safety reasons to provide notice to vehicles that there is work being done. Mr. Stump said he will investigate using signage when road work is being completed.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Swavely had nothing to report.

STORMWATER: Mr. Moore presented a stormwater O&M Agreement for 3585 Kegerise Road and requested that the board execute the document. This was a revised O&M as the original one only listed one of the property owners. The revised O&M Agreement listed all property owners. Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to approve and execute the O&M Agreement for 3585 Kegerise Road, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Moore presented a notice from Private Utility stating that as of 1/1/23, their monthly fee would be increasing to \$2,240 per month from the current \$2,175. Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to accept the price increase for 2023, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore provided an update on the Oley School District bus matter related to dead end streets. Mr. Moore had a conversation with Barry Christman at the district and stated that Mr. Christman commented that Kutz Road was the only problem area and that the district and resident made an agreement to provide a turnaround area for that residence. Mr. Christman stated that there is no action required of the township at this time.

Mr. Moore presented the 2023 Safety Net Sanctuary request in the amount of \$3,500 for the year. This is an increase of \$1,000 from prior years. Mr. Blankenbiller requested that the township request a report of activity for 2022 to date to determine at what level this service is being utilized. The matter was tabled until the October meeting. Mr. Moore will also contact the Berks County Animal Rescue League to request pricing from them for the same type of service provided by Safety Net Sanctuary and he will present those figures at the October meeting.

Mr. Moore presented a donation request from Emergency Medical Training which was denied by the board, no motion was required.

Mr. Moore provided a proposal from Stratix to replace the office copier at a monthly cost of \$198. The proposal would provide a \$68 per month savings and an annualized savings of \$816. Mr. Stump made a motion to accept the proposal as written, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore followed up on a comment from last month's meeting concerning the address assigned to 3585 Kegerise. Mr. Moore stated that a permanent address has not been assigned and that the county uses the last four (4) digits of the property ID to identify it until a permanent address is assigned.

Mr. Moore stated that the township Historical Society requested use of the coat rack area between the tax office and hallway to build a display case at their cost to present some historical items from the township. Mr. Stump made a motion to allow the Historical Society use of the requested area, seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried

A discussing was then held concerning the use of the ARPA funds that the township received. There were several items discussed as uses. A new salt shed, building renovations, tractor purchase and dog park were discussed. The salt shed was the project that garnered the most discussion. Mr. Moore will contact Watkins Architects and Mr. Blankenbiller stated that he will contact Gary Kraft to request drawings for a salt shed. Depending on what the overall cost of construction of the salt shed would be, the remaining funds would be allocated to the remaining projects discussed. Mrs. Mallatratt made the comment that the township will only receive these funds once so she wanted to ensure that the funds are allocated to projects that will have a long lifespan.

Mr. Moore requested permission from the board to advertise for the Zoning Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments to be held on November 2, 2022. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to approve the advertising of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried

Mr. Moore stated that the township will hold its Trunk or Treat night on October 27, 2022 at the Shoppes at Woodside. The Blandon Fire Company will provide the temporary lighting for the evening.

SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING, WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

A brief discussion took place concerning approaching PennDot about installing signs at the crest of Pricetown Road and the three-way intersection of Simmons, Gauby and Antietam Roads. Mr. Stump stated that he would inquire with PennDot about the matter

PUBLIC SEWER: Mr. Stump stated that they had replaced guiderails in the wet well at the plant and the relining of the wet well was scheduled to take place shortly. Mr. Stump also stated that a new motor for the sewer plant should be placed in the 2023 budget for the VFD for the last large blower

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Stump stated that he had requested quotes for the rental of a scissors lift and woodchipper for tree trimming that will be taking place in the township. He estimated a total of \$8,600 for both units.

A notice will be placed on the township website as to when the tree trimming would be taking place

A brief discussion was held concerning the purchase of mobile speed limit signs. Mr. Moore had contacted Miller Municipal and was waiting on quotes as well as a second quote from US Municipal Supply. Both units would store data on time, date and speed recorded for law enforcement.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: No supervisors had anything to report

ADJOURN: Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jan G Moore, Business Manager