

SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2022

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:01 PM. Present were Vice Chair, Kimberly Mallatratt, Board Member Keith A 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: Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022 Workshop meeting as well as the minutes from the November 16, 2022 Business meeting. Mrs. Mallatratt 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 \$60,110.03 from the General Fund, \$29,932.13 from the Sewer Plant O&M Fund, and \$2,959.09 from the WWTP Fund. Motion was seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: All financial reports were distributed prior to the meeting with no further comments made at the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Patty Moyer requested to be updated on the Fire Company situation. Mr. Swavely stated that there is a petition to distribute the Fire Company assets prepared by Attorney Jim Sher and filed with the court but there has been no further correspondence. . The Attorney General asked for an accounting of the equipment due to the non-profit status of the fire company. The Attorney General did not object to the distribution but wanted a list of the equipment to be distributed. Mrs. Moyer further asked about the funds received as restitution from the two criminal cases. Mrs. Mallatratt stated that the funds were deposited into the Emergency Services account where they remain. Mr. Blankenbiller stated that the Township does not want to utilize any of the funds until the Township has a clear picture of what is happening with the AMFC. Mrs. Moyer also inquired as to why the restitution was not mentioned at a meeting. Mr. Swavely stated that he felt that it should not be specifically mentioned at a meeting. Mrs. Moyer asked how the fire company is operating and if they are paying taxes and is the equipment covered by insurance. Mr. Swavely stated that there is still pending lawsuit between the Attorney General and the fire company. Mr. Swavely also stated that we can only inquire about the questions Mrs. Moyer raised concerning taxes and insurance. Mrs. Moyer went on to state that she feels that the social quarters is not operating legally.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Swavely had nothing to report

STORMWATER: Mr. Moore presented a Stormwater MOU for Mid Atlantic Transmission station located at 153 Bingaman Road for approval and execution. Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to approve and execute the stormwater MOU for 153 Bingaman, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented the sub-division plans for the Lewis-Berrezueta subdivision which needed to be reaffirmed by the Board due to the property owner not having the plans recorded within the 90- day timeframe. Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to reaffirm the Lewis- Berrezueta subdivision plans originally dated July 20, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented a quote from ELEDLIGHTS for the replacement of 19 shop lights. The quote was in the amount of \$2,505.99. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to accept the quote for the replacement of 19 shop lights, seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore stated that the school bus stop ahead sign was installed on the Pricetown Road according to PennDOT specifications. Mr. Moore also stated that the Township received the PennDOT permit to install the digital speed limit signs on PennDOT roads in the Township. This is a one- year renewable permit.

The board held a discussion on ambulance coverage within the Township. Mrs. Mallatratt reviewed the current process of how funds are allocated to each ambulance service. The three ambulance companies that receive township contributions are Lower Alsace, Oley, and Muhlenberg. Historically, Muhlenberg has received the highest contributions based on running the most calls. The budget number is divided by total calls. Since the 2023 budget was already set, Mrs. Mallatratt stated that if the board wanted to think about adjusting that budget figure it could do so prior to the 2024 budget being finalized.

Mr. Blankenbiller inquired if the ambulances use run cards for dispatching and Mrs. Mallatratt directed Mr. Blankenbiller to contact Mr. Dave Barth, as he is the run card administrator for the township. Mr. Blankenbiller stated that he would like to review the existing run cards, not to change them but to simply understand them.

PUBLIC SEWER: Mr. Moore presented Resolution 2202-05 which authorized the application to the H2O program grant with a total project cost of \$922,175.46 for the Route 12 South Sanitary Sewer Extension project. Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to approve and execute Resolution 2022-05, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Moore presented two quotes for the purchase of the digital speed limit sign. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to accept and approve the bid from Radarsign in the amount of \$3,915.00 seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented two proposals for architects and design services for the salt shed construction project. Mr. Moore stated that he recommended that the board permit the winning firm to handle all aspects of the project as outlined in the proposals. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to accept the proposal from McCarthy Engineering Associates, Inc in the amount of \$18,900 and to allow McCarthy Engineering Associates Inc, to handle all aspects of the project as detailed in the proposal, seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS: There were no individual reports provided

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made at 7:50 PM for the board to enter into Executive session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried. The board enter Executive session at 7:50 PM.

Motion was made by Mike Stump for the board to exit Executive session, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried. The board returned from Executive session at 8:17 PM.

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ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Blankenbiller, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jan G Moore, Business Manager