

SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2023

Keith Blankenbiller, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Vice Chair, Michael Stump, Board Member Kimberly Mallatratt, 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. Blankenbiller led the Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Blankenbiller requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022 Business meeting and the January 3, 2023 Reorganization meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Stump and seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Stump made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$77,784.99 from the General Fund, \$21,111.48 from the Sewer Plant O&M fund. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Financial reports were distributed to all Supervisors and Solicitor prior to the meeting. There were no additional comments or questions concerning the reports. Motion made by Mr. Stump to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Patty Moyer asked if prior meeting minutes were reviewed to determine if restitution amounts were discussed and listed in the formal minutes. Mr. Moore stated that the restitution amounts and the dates received were not listed in prior meeting minutes and the topic was not discussed at a regular business meeting. Mr. Swavely stated that the Board did not feel that it was appropriate to discuss at a public meeting. All supervisors and the Solicitor were made aware of the payments and dates received by the Township Business Manager.

Mrs. Moyer also asked who owns the fire company assets. Mr. Swavely stated that all fire company assets are owned by the Alsace Manor Fire Company.

Mrs. Mallatratt stated that she will inquire about insurance coverage on the fire company assets and if it is currently in place.

Mrs. Moyer also stated that Dave Barth, who is no longer a township resident was the best individual to be in charge of the Township's run cards. Mrs. Mallatratt stated that due to his extensive knowledge of the run cards, that he is the best qualified individual to handle this matter. Mrs. Mallatratt further stated that Mr. Barth is not compensated for his time. Mrs. Moyer inquired if the board was looking to replace Mr. Barth and Mrs. Mallatratt stated that at this time, the board was not looking at replacing Mr. Barth.

Mr. Theodossiou, the Mt. Penn Fire Chief stated that run cards are normally developed based on mileage.

Mr. Blankenbiller stated that he is at the forefront of the same question concerning using Mr. Barth, but he currently does not know enough about the run cards to replace Mr. Barth and felt that it was not prudent to make a change at this time as the current system is working.

Darlene Bartsch made a comment that the run cards used to be very simple and the Brian Gottschall, with Berks County did a lot of the setup for the run cards.

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John Theodossiou presented the annual report for 2022 for the Mt. Penn Fire Company which included call numbers as well as fire company financials. They did a \$65,000 upgrade to their engine and also ordered a new ladder truck at an approximate cost of \$1.5 million. This figure did not include the mounting of equipment. They also received a grant in the amount of \$64,000 to make renovations to the stations day room.

Mr. Stump asked if Mt. Penn Fire Company received any items from the Alsace Manor Fire Company. Mr. Theodossiou stated that no equipment has been promised to them specifically. They did go through some of the equipment with members of the Blandon Fire Company and placed items on piles that each company would like. Equipment that was not wanted by Mt. Penn or Blandon was placed on a separate pile. Other fire companies that could provide services to Alsace Township were contacted to determine if there was any interest in the equipment. Walnuttown and Amity stated that they would be interested. Mr. Stump asked again if Mt. Penn or Blandon fire companies received any equipment at this time. Mr. Theodossiou stated that the Attorney General had denied a petition to distribute equipment and confirmed that no equipment had been received by Mr. Penn and Dan Miller Fire Chief for Blandon confirmed the same.

Mr. Theodossiou requested access and items to use to close state roads as necessary. The board stated that they could utilize any items from the Township as needed.

Mr. Theodossiou requested permission to conduct a one-time Capital Contribution fund drive in Alsace Township to help offset the expense of the ladder truck that was purchased. This fund drive would take place sometime in the Spring of 2023. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to allow the one time Capital Contribution fund drive in Alsace Township, seconded by Mr. Stump and the motion carried.

Dan Miller, Fire Chief for Blandon Fire Company submitted their 2022 Annual Report. There were no comments or questions concerning the report submitted.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Swavely had no report

**ADMINISTRATION:** Mr. Moore provided the following updates. The 2022 Ethics forms had been distributed. The digital speed limit sign was ordered and that there was an approximate 6–8-week lead time on the delivery. The Township audit with Herbein & Company is scheduled for the week of February 6, 2023. The LED lights have been installed in the garage and shop areas. Formal plans and drawings are expected to be completed for submission/discussion at the February 15, 2023 board meeting.

**PUBLIC SEWER:** There have been no new hookups to the Route 12 Extension since the last meeting. Since the completion of the project, a total of 6 residents out of 33 have completed their hookup. Mr. Moore stated that a reminder letter will be sent out in early March reminding residents about the hookup period and finance options. The finance option will expire as of April 30, 2023.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Mr. Stump stated that the new truck is back and repaired. The transfer case had melted and had to be replaced. The Township had received one call concerning the 1998 truck that is for sale, however, to date we have received no actual offers.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS:** There were no additional reports from the Supervisors.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Executive Session was not held.

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**ADJOURN:** Mr. Stump made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jan G Moore, Township Business Manager