

SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16, 2023

Keith Blankenbiller, Charman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 PM. Present were Vice Chair Mike Stump, Board member, Kimberly Mallatratt, Assistant Township Secretary, Katie Didrickson, and Solicitor Gary Swavely.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Stump made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023, Business Meeting and July 5, 2023 Workshop/Business Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: Mr. Stump made a motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$74,477.91 from the General Fund, \$39,308.25 from the Sewer O&M Fund, and \$2,211.17 from the WWTP Fund, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 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 unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Financial reports were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting with no additional comments made at the meeting. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to accept the financial reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Stump and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public.

SOLICITOR: No Report.

OLEY AMBULANCE REPORT: Kevin Bieber from Oley Valley Ambulance presented a Status Report of 2022. He thanked the Township for supporting financially and requested consideration for continued support. He noted that in 2022 they had 1,036 dispatches, 89 of those were from Alsace Township. Oley Valley Ambulance is also looking to purchase a new ambulance at the cost of \$305,000.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT: Hunter Martin the Townships Emergency Management Coordinator provided an update on the damage incurred from the storm on July 9, 2023. He reported that there were about 20 homes in the Township that sustained damage in the storm on July 9, 2023. Three residents with minor damage, three residents with major damage, and one home destroyed by a tree falling on it. This includes only residential damage, not damage to their properties, sheds, or other personal property. It also does not include all the damage to roadways and bridges in the Township. Representatives from PEMA surveyed some of the damage with him, there was no update as to any funding being released to help with damages incurred. Mr. Stump thanked Mr. Martin for his hard work in canvassing the Township and helping to document damages.

ADMINISTRATION:

Approval of Huck/Wark Subdivision: Mrs. Mallatratt announced the plans for the Huck/Wark Subdivision had been signed by the Planning Commission and was awaiting Board approval and signature. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to approve the Huck/Wark Subdivision, as a conditional final plan approval provided the applicant addresses all remaining comments in the Township Engineer's review letter dated June 12, 2023, seconded by Mr. Stump and the motion carried unanimously.

Playground Program Review: Mrs. Didrickson reported that the Playground Program had 90 children registered this season and was about \$2,000 under budget.

Ratification of Declaration of a State of Emergency on July 10, 2023: Mr. Stump made a motion to approve ratification of the Declaration of Emergency dated July 10, 2023, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SEWER:

EDU Adjustment Request – Mr. Blankenbiller: Mr. Blankenbiller made a written request to have his EDU usage charge lowered to 1 unit per his water meter readings at 3129 Pricetown Road Temple PA 19560. Mrs. Mallatratt agreed to this with the stipulation that the three sewer accounts be combined into one account. Mr. Blankenbiller agreed. Mrs. Mallatratt is willing to approve this based on combining the accounts and since this property's construction preceded the EDU sewer policy that is currently in place. Mrs. Mallatratt made a motion to approve adjustment, seconded by Mr. Stump, Mr. Blankenbiller abstained, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Stump gave a brief update on the damage and repairs from the storm damage on July 9, 2023. All roadwork repairs should be completed by Friday, August 18, 2023. Costs for the Township came in at around \$30,000. Mrs. Mallatratt noted that the Public Works department, with Mr. Stump leading, did an incredible job and being out there right away, repairing roadways proficiently, and at low cost.

Mr. Stump relayed that the 1998 Dump Truck was sold for \$9,000.00.

Mr. Stump stated that construction of the salt shed should begin approximately mid-September.

Oley Road: Mr. Stump brought up the topic of a traffic study to be performed on Oley Road due to the increase in truck traffic. This increase in traffic is due to the roadwork currently being undertaken on Route 73 and Route 12. Mrs. Mallatratt stated that she was not in favor of the traffic study due to the cost and the inability of Alsace Township to enforce the matter. Patty Moyer stated that Darlene Bartsch was concerned that with the increase in truck traffic, the potential for a school bus/truck accident had significantly increased. Mr. Blankenbiller stated that he spoke with one of the drivers from Brubacher Excavating and the driver stated he would relay his comments to their dispatch office. Mrs. Mallatratt stated that the Township Office staff would contact the Oley School District to get a list of current school bus stops on Oley Road with the idea of placing "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs in these areas. Mr. Stump also stated that he could relocate the speed limit sign that the Township purchased to Oley Road. No further action was taken on this matter at this time.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Mr. Blankenbiller mentioned that the Historical Society will be having a presentation by Larry Rodder on the Lenape Indians at the Township Building on October 1, 2023 from 1:30 – 5 PM. He stated that Phil Kline would be providing additional details to the Township for posting on the website.

ADJOURN: Mr. Stump made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mallatratt and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Katie Didrickson

