

Supervisors Business Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024

Mr. Stump called the January 17, 2024, meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7 PM. Also in attendance were Board Vice Chair David Krott, Board member Keith Blankenbiller, Township Business Manager Jan Moore and Solicitor, Joan London. Mike Reinert, Township Engineer was in attendance representing Technicon Enterprises Inc. There were no remote attendees.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023 Business meeting and the January 2, 2024 board reorganization meeting, seconded by Mr. Krott and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$51,421.37 from the General Fund, \$15,437.30 from the Sewer Plant O&M fund and \$4,568.93 from the Septic & Sewer Fund, seconded by Mr. Krott and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES AND INTERIM BILLS: Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion for the payment of taxes and interim bills, seconded by Mr. Krott. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: All financial reports were distributed prior to the meeting with no additional comments being made at the meeting. Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to accept and approve the financial reports as submitted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Krott and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Bob Neff made a comment to commend the Public Works staff on the job they did with clearing the roads from the recent snowfall.

Dan Fiskaldo asked what would be involved with installing a dry hydrant on his property utilizing the water from the nearby quarry. Mr. Stump stated that the Township would be agreeable to the installation, but the resident would be responsible for contacting the quarry as they would have to agree to the installation and cost. Mr. Moore stated that if Mr. Fiskaldo needed contact information for the ownership at the quarry, he could assist with that matter. Mr. Fiskaldo also asked what was happening with the fire company. Mr. Stump responded stating that the Pennsylvania Attorney General was handling the matter and that equipment had been distributed to other local companies. Mr. Fiskaldo asked who owned the building, to which Mr. Stump replied that the Social Quarters was listed as the owner of the building.

David Ludwig asked which supervisor was next up for reelection. Mr. Stump stated that his seat would be the next one up for election in 2026.

Glenn Schweikart made a comment that the street light issue was still not addressed by Met Ed. He provided several locations where the streetlights were not working properly and said that it had been almost a year since his first contact with the Township on the matter. He also stated that he had contacted State Senator Schwenk on the matter. Ms. London stated that she was involved with the Office of Consumer Advocate and that the Township could approach them concerning the matter as well as a letter to the PUC.

Darlene Bartsch made a comment that there was an ice buildup in Wedgewood Heights at Alsace Road at a drain and that she had to temporarily relocate her bus stop due to the ice. Mr. Stump said that he would have DPW look at the area first thing in the morning and address any issues they find.

SOLICITOR: Ms. London had nothing to report

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Moore requested that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for County UCC Board of Appeals at a cost of \$300 dollars which was the same cost as 2023. Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to execute the Agreement for the County UCC Board of Appeals at a cost of \$300 dollars. Motion was seconded by Mr. Krott and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SEWER: There was no report for public sewer

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Stump stated that there was another issue with the new truck and that he felt that the Township may have to have the Solicitor get involved as the issues seem a bit extreme. Mr. Stump stated that a Low Coolant warning was going off in the truck which causes the truck to shut off which can cause a safety concern.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS: Mr. Stump offered a formal welcome to Mr. David Krott as the newest Township Supervisor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Krott made a motion for the Board to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter, seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion for the Board to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Krott and the motion carried unanimously. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:43 PM.

Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to amend the meeting agenda and to add a Board Authorization request to the meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Krott and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blankenbiller made a motion to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to file a motion to intervene in the Ketner Zoning Hearing matter, seconded by Mr. Krott and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Mr. Krott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Blankenbiller and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan G Moore

Alsace Township Business Manager