

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Vice Chairman Sam Mallatratt, Member David Barth, Kimberly Mallatratt, and Solicitor Gary Swavely. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building. Mr. Stump led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting, David Barth seconded, and the motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jeff Weir – Mr. Weir asked a question regarding the property at 3083 Pricetown Road and the “illegal parking lot” and commercial usage of the property. After a brief discussion, Mr. Stump asked that the property file be reviewed.

Michael Waldeman – Mr. Waldeman asked if extra money is spent on fire responses when other companies that are not currently listed as Alsace Township Primaries or Secondary companies respond to an emergency. Mr. Barth stated that this does not increase our cost and they respond through the Mutual Aid agreement. Mr. Barth stated that the current response times have decreased, the Run Cards are running smoothly and that all is financially stable.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** None

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Resolution 2019-04 – Act 205 Pension Plan for Professional Services Procurement. David Barth made a motion to accept this Resolution, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.
- CareerLink – Summer Employment Agreement. This is the standard Agreement which is provided each year by CareerLink. This is a program through which the Township receives one or two individuals to work at the summer playground program free of charge. Ms. Mallatratt asked for authorization to execute this Agreement to request individuals for the 2019 Playground Program. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to authorize the execution of this Agreement, seconded by David Barth and the motion carried.
- The Business Manager stated that she has been informed by Vist Bank that eight of the checking accounts currently held by the Township at Vist Bank would be receiving a 1.2% increase in the interest rate, this rate is effective retroactively from March 14, 2019.
- Herbein + Company has completed their annual Township audit. Copies of the final report were made available to the Board. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to accept the Herbein + Company report, seconded by David Barth and the motion carried.
- Mr. Stump informed the public that the Polling location for Precinct 1 in the Township has been changed from 1 Antietam Road to the Township building at 65 Woodside Ave. based on the recommendation of Mr. Jim Gavin. Letters have been sent by Berks County Board of Elections to all affected residents and there are additional notices posted throughout the Township as well as on the Township website and Facebook page. An Agreement has been sent to the Township from the Berks County Board of Elections for execution. David Barth made a motion to execute this agreement, seconded by Sam Mallatratt. A question was then asked by Mr. Waldeman regarding

who is Mr. Jim Gavin? Mr. Stump explained that Mr. Gavin is the Berks County Court appointed Receiver handling the Fire Company matters. Following the question, Mr. Stump asked for a vote on the previous motion, all voted aye to the execution of the Berks County Board of Election Agreement.

### **SEPTIC**

- The Business Manager stated that a letter was received from the Alsace Manor Fire Company requesting a reduction in their EDU charges. Ms. Mallatratt stated the letter was dated March 16, 2019 and was received in the Township office on March 25, 2019. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by David Barth to table the item and send to Mr. Gavin for his review and comment, this motion was seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion was approved.

### **SUPERVISORS:**

- Mr. Barth stated that the Township has received the official ISO rating. The Township was previously a 5/9 and the new rating is 3/8. This is a better rating than the Township has had previously which may result in lowering of insurance rates.
- Mr. Barth also stated that he would like to consider drafting an Ordinance for Automatic Fire Alarms in the Township. If there are properties with recurring AFA's in the Township that there be penalties assessed. Mr. Swavely stated that he will work with Mr. Barth to develop a draft of an Ordinance to address this issue.
- Mr. Mallatratt asked that the Tax Collector provide a copy of the final Tax Audit when received to the Board for their review.
- Mr. Stump stated that we are nearing completion of the renovation of the Conference Room.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bonnie Landis – Ms. Landis asked if there was anything new with the sewer extension. Mr. Stump stated that he spoke with Mr. Ebert and he is developing the final layouts and will be developing a timeline for surveys and re-stakeout.

Mary Beth Feeg – Asked where Mr. Gavin is located. Mr. Swavely stated that Mr. Gavin is an attorney with offices in Wyomissing. Mr. Swavely briefly stated that the Attorney General's Office commenced litigation against the Fire Company. As part of that litigation, the Attorney General's office requested that a Receiver be appointed. The court granted that request and Mr. Gavin was appointed to that position. Mr. Gavin is now appointed to operate the Fire Company Corporation. He has the full authority to collect assets, pay bills and operate the Corporation administratively.

Darlene Bartsch – Ms. Bartsch stated that she did not attend the recent EMC training class. Ms. Bartsch then expressed her concern with the current state of the Fire Company.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Stump stated to the public that the Board would be convening for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and that no further business would be conducted following the Executive Session. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:34 pm.

Mr. Stump made a motion to adjourn the meeting, David Barth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt  
Business Manager/Secretary/Treasurer