

Michael Stump, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the Alsace Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:01 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:** David Barth made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting, Sam Mallatratt seconded, and the motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Phil Kline – Asked if there was any recent developments concerning the Fire Company. Mr. Stump stated that there was no new information.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Deputy Tax Collector – Mr. Stump discussed the concerns of the Board and the recommendations of the Berks County Tax Office. Ruth Ann Moyer expressed that other Townships appoint family members. Mr. Mallatratt reiterated that while it is not illegal, that we are being cautioned. Ms. Moyer explained her procedure for processing taxes. Patty Moyer asked a question about why this concern wasn't brought up previously. Ms. Mallatratt explained that it was brought up as soon as it was discovered. Mr. Swavely also stated that it is the burden of the Tax Collector, not the Township office, to comply with all of the necessary procedures and regulations regarding this position. Following an additional discussion the Board took a vote on the Deputy Tax Collector. Mr. Stump made a motion to accept Patty Moyer as Deputy Tax Collector subject to the requirement that she be properly bonded and that Surety Company accepts Ms. Patty Moyer into this position. David Barth seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Safety Net Sanctuary – Mr. Stump explained that the Township was approached by Safety Net Sanctuary to take over the services previously provided by the Animal Rescue League. Mr. Stump briefly explained the previous situation with the ARL. Mr. Swavely is currently preparing a Memorandum of Understanding that will be signed by the Township and Safety Net Sanctuary. Ms. Mallatratt asked for a motion to continue to work with Mr. Swavely to finalize the MOU with this organization and authorizing the Board Chairman to execute the Agreement upon finalization. Mr. Barth made the motion to authorize this actively, Mr. Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**SEPTIC**

- Exeter WWTP – Act 537 Review. Mr. Barth made a motion to provide conditional approval, subject to Mr. Swavely's final review, of the Act 537 Plan as provided by the Exeter WWTP. Mr. Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Sewer Certification Fees – this item has been tabled to the next meeting

**SUPERVISORS:** Sam Mallatratt and David Barth had nothing to report. Mr. Stump stated that there will be construction beginning in the conference room in the next week or two depending on weather.

Mr. Stump also stated there was icing on the state portion of Skyline Drive. Mr. Stump stated this is a safety issue and will have the Township write letters to the state and include to State Representatives for PennDOT to address. Mr. Kline then asked that issues with Antietam Road be included in that letter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ruth Ann Moyer – Stated that the Tax Collector audit is currently scheduled for Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Patty Moyer – Asked if there is something we can do about speed limits. Mr. Stump stated that he is considering the purchase of flashing speed limit signs. Ms. Moyer asked about potential speed bumps for the roadway. Mr. Stump stated that this is not possible as this is a through way road.

Ms. Mallatratt also stated that she spoke with Sgt. Burgess of the PA State Police regarding speeding and the illegal passing of school buses. She stated that Sgt. Burgess stressed that the police need to be called ASAP following an incident. This is the best way to get an appropriate response. Ms. Mallatratt also stated that she did request additional surveillance.

Drew Eck – Asked how the taxpayer position is different from other Township positions. The Supervisors explained that there are additional individuals that work at the Township, the Tax Collector is only staffed by one elected person and a backup.

Mr. Stump asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Barth made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt  
Business Manager/Secretary/Treasurer