

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, Business Manager Kimberly Mallatratt, Township Engineer Michael Reinert and Solicitor Gary Swavely. The meeting was held at the Alsace Township Municipal Building. Mr. Stump led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Chairperson Stump asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019 meeting. Mr. Mallatratt made that motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Barth and the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairperson Stump asked for approval for the Township payment of bills. Sam Mallatratt made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$62,167.56 from the General Fund, \$23,897.53 from the WWTP Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$985.10 from the Septic and Sewer Fund, and \$0 from the Liquid Fuels Fund seconded by David Barth, and the motion was approved.

PAYMENT OF PAYROLL: Mr. Barth made a motion to pay payroll in the amount of \$21,578.51 seconded by Mr. Stump. Sam Mallatratt abstained from the vote as his spouse is the current Business Manager and further presented a memo explaining his abstention from this vote moving forward. The motion was voted on and approved by Mr. Barth and Mr. Stump.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS: All financial reports were reviewed and there were no questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Moore – 120 Old State Rd. – Made a statement regarding the fire company and thanked the Supervisors for their fortitude to take on this difficult issue. He questioned why previous administrations did not address this issue.

Rosemary Stamm – 237 Spies Church Road – She expressed concerns about water on road in front of her home. She has requested that someone from the DPW look into the issue. She presented pictures to the Board. Rosemary also brought a parcel map and is concerned about the ownership of a parcel of property that she believes she owns but is not listed with the Berks County Deeds office. Following a brief discussion the Business Manager asked her to bring this back to the office during business hours so the matter can be researched.

Jerry Stoudt – 231 Spies Church Road – Mr. Stoudt commented further on the same issue. He believes water is coming from Silver Swallow Road and that there is backup in a pipe. Mr. Stump addressed both residents and reminded them that Spies Church Road is a State road owned by PennDOT. He asked that they also contact Judy Schwenk's office as well as PennDOT. He also asked the Business Manager to reach out to those entities as well. Mr. Stump also asked Mr. Reinert to explain potential stormwater options. Mr. Reinert explained the permit process necessary.

Denise Williams – Cralou Drive – Ms. Williams presented her concerns with water entering her property from Schmehl Road. She presented pictures of the situation to the Board. After a brief

discussion, Mr. Stump stated he would meet with Ms. Williams at her property to assess the situation.

Bonnie Landis – Pricetown Road – Asked for an update on the sewer extension project. The Business Manager stated that she was able to speak with the Ebert Engineering regarding the timing of the next steps. A letter will be sent to the affected homeowners in the next week and the surveying is scheduled to take place the last week of May. Then plot plans will be developed by mid-June and legal descriptions will be sent to property owners, along with easements which will need to be signed. There will then be some internal review of planning modules by the Board of Supervisors. Review will also take place with the Alsace Planning Commission, the Berks County Planning Commission and the documents will be sent to DEP for their review and comment. A public meeting will also be held during these reviews. A potential late fall, early winter timeframe is expected for the bids to be available for construction.

Keith Blankenbiller – 326 Freeman Drive – Mr. Blankenbiller mentioned a recent letter that was sent regarding sewer equipment purchases to public sewer customers. He stated that the letters were sent to his tenants and not to him and asked that future letters be sent to him. The Business Manager stated that they would note the files in that regard.

ZONING / BUILDING:

- Driveway Ordinance Amendment – Mr. Reinert explained some ordinance enforcement and interpretation issues in this Ordinance and would like authorization to move forward with the Business Manager and Township Solicitor to address these issues for an amended Ordinance. Dave Barth made a motion to authorize this activity, seconded by Sam Mallatratt, and the motion carried.
- 18 Kutz Road – Stormwater Management MOU – Mr. Reinert asked for a motion to move forward with the execution of the Stormwater Management MOU with the property owner. Mr. Stump asked a question regarding if the MOU provides the property owner the ability to design the stormwater management system and have it reviewed by the Township Engineer? Mr. Reinert stated that this is correct provided they meet all of the exemption criteria. Mr. Barth made a motion to approve the execution of the Stormwater Management MOU, seconded by Mr. Mallatratt, and the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Swavely reported that earlier today was a Case Status Hearing on the action filed by the Attorney General's Office against the Alsace Manor Fire Company along with certain individuals associated with the Fire Company. There was some progress made. The judge will be scheduling a second Status Hearing in 120 days. Present were the Township Solicitor, Board Chairman and Business Manager and all Fire Company parties along with respective Counsel from each entity involved.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Mr. Stump status that tree trimming on Sommers Road has begun which is part of our awarded grant. The full milling and repaving of Sommers Road will occur next.
- Rand Drive – Tax Liability Letter – Rand Drive currently is a private road which is being considered for dedication. There are currently taxes of over \$35,000 since 2005. The attorney representing Rand Drive is asking the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau, Alsace

Township and the Oley Valley School District for their consideration in forgiveness of these taxes. Mr. Swavely stated that he received a call from the Solicitor from Oley Valley School District asking for the Township's position on forgiveness. Mr. Swavely told the Solicitor that he had not been able to speak to the Alsace Board about that and the Oley Valley School District Solicitor did not provide Mr. Swavely with the OVSD opinion. Alsace Township has only a small percentage of the amount outstanding. After a brief discussion it was decided to wait for the response of the OVSD.

RECREATION BOARD – Justine Stump stated that their have hired a playground leader and will be interviewing for another leader. Ms. Stump also asked if the Township had received any additional information from Rescare on the additional playground leader. Ms. Mallatratt stated that she had not received additional information. Ms. Stump then stated that the program will begin on June 10th and run through August 19th. Registration will be open on June 8th. The program is \$90 for the season. Mr. Barth asked the Business Manager if payments were able to be accepted online. Ms. Mallatratt said that she inquired about this and the cost was \$500 to set this up for the playground. Mr. Barth asked how credit cards were planning on being taken during registration and stated that he does not want credit cards numbers being written down. Those that wish to pay via this method need to come into the office or call, during business hours, to pay by credit card.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Darlene Bartsch stated she received her certificate from the American Red Cross. Ms. Bartsch also stated that she needs a radio handset for her use. She has also been asked if she would like to teach.

SUPERVISORS: Mr. Stump stated that he received a letter for an event by the Historical Society for their 150th anniversary.

Mr. Mallatratt and Mr. Barth had nothing specific to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board adjourned at 7:45 for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. It was stated that no further votes would be taken at this meeting.

Mr. Stump asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Barth made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager, Secretary/Treasurer