

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

MINUTES: David Barth made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2019 meeting, Sam Mallatratt seconded, and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tammy Bartsch – 315 Walnuttown Road. Ms. Bartsch was concerned that they have not been invited to the upcoming Fire Company Corporation meeting that is scheduled for June 13th. She also stated that she understands that the Fire Company members were given an ultimatum regarding their resignation of the current Fire Company. She believes that the fire company members should have access to that meeting and be involved. Ms. Bartsch stated that she called Mr. Gavin and was told she “might” be able to attend following this initial meeting. Mr. Swavely corrected Ms. Bartsch and stated that the Fire Company individuals were not given an ultimatum, but rather voluntarily resigned at the advice of their counsel.

Kelly Haas-Brown – Stated she spoke with Attorney Houser yesterday about this issue. Mr. Swavely stated that Attorney Houser has withdrawn his representation with the court as Counsel. Mr. Gavin is in charge of the Fire Company by court order. Mr. Swavely further stated that Mr. Gavin has the right to determine who is and is not invited to the meeting. Mr. Swavely further stated that the Township is not a party to the case.

Mr. Swavely further explained the court order information. He also stated he is not in a position to give legal advice to individuals, only to the Board.

Darlene Bartsch – Further asked about not being invited to the meeting. Mr. Barth stated that this is a long process and this is simply the initial meeting and an attempt to move forward.

Keith Blankenbiller – Mr. Blankenbiller further questioned the letter which was sent.

Mr. Mallatratt stated the Board would take their concerns under advisement.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATION:

- The Business Manager stated that the office is intending to file municipal liens in-house. In order to recoup administrative time and costs the Business Manager requested approval of Resolution 2019-07 with Mr. Swavely to add a \$100 administrative fee to this service. David Barth made a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution 2019-07, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion passed.
- The Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council has received the Rock Salt bids for 2019-2020 with the low bidder as Eastern Salt company at \$62.00 per ton. Ms. Mallatratt requested the Board’s vote to accept or decline the bid. David Barth made a motion to accept the bid and authorize the Business Manager to sign the vote on behalf of the Township, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

- Rand Drive Tax Forgiveness – this was a tabled item from the previous meeting. Mr. Swavely received a call from the OVSD solicitor who stated that he believes the School District will forgive the tax on this property. Mr. Swavely then recommended to the Board that if they vote to forgive the taxes that it be contingent upon the School District and the County forgiving the taxes. David Barth then made a motion to forgive the taxes contingent on the forgiveness of both the School District and the County forgiveness of their portion of the taxes as well. Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion and the motion passed.

SEWER

- Fire Company – EDU Reduction. The Business Manager requested a reconsideration from the Board to reduce the sewer fees to 60%, per the policy in place, as the building has now been secured. David Barth made a motion to lower the fees to the reduced rate, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion passed.

CODES ENFORCEMENT

- 55 Basket Road – A summary of the issues concerning this property which were prepared by Eric Fuhrmann of Technicon was presented to the Board. This property has vandalism, an abandoned vehicle, rubbish and code violations. Numerous attempts have been made to contact the property owner including letters, certified letters, and placarding of property. Mr. Fuhrmann has also been on-site on several occasions to visibly inspect the property all to no avail. Technicon is asking for direction from the Board on getting the property cleaned up and secured and having a lien placed on the property. Following a brief discussion David Barth made a motion to move forward with the purchase of services to secure this property and remove the rubbish and vehicles and place a lien for the price on the property. This motion was seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

RECREATION BOARD

- The proposed playground leader 2019 compensation rates for the summer playground program were presented to the Board for their review and approval. David Barth made a motion to accept the rates as presented, seconded by Sam Mallatratt and the motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Bid Opening for Project #19-06202-01 for Sommers Road from Basket Rd to the Township Line. The results were as follows:
 - Schlouch Incorporated – Unit Price \$85.35 – Total \$108,991.95
 - H&K Group – Unit price \$80.65 – Total \$102,990.05
 - New Enterprise Stone & Lime – Unit Price \$78.06 – Total \$99,682.62
 - Construction Masters Services – Unit Price \$97.50 – Total \$124,507.50
- David Barth made a motion to award the bid to New Enterprise Stone & Lime subject to both the Engineer and Solicitor's review of the bid submissions and administrative items. Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SUPERVISORS:

- Neither Mr. Mallatratt nor Mr. Barth had anything to report.

Ms. Patty Moyer asked a question regarding whether cash was accepted at the Township Building. The Business Manager stated that while the Township does accept cash, the preference is for other forms of payment as cash is the least secure.

Mr. Barth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sam Mallatratt seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. Adjournment was at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mallatratt
Business Manager/Secretary/Treasurer