

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

October 13, 2016

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board members present were James Oswald, John Theodossiou and Todd Weikel. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Chairman James Oswald and then followed with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. ATTENDANCE

Board members present: James Oswald, John Theodossiou and Todd Weikel. Also in attendance were Homer Williams, Tom Hopper and Nate Halter, Lower Alsace Township Residents, and Keith Smoker from the Reading Eagle.

III. VISITORS

Homer Williams questioned whether the township's Event Ordinance application had any limitations for the closure of roads. He indicated that a pamphlet put in his door from the Reading Health System race indicated that the roads would be closed in excess of four hours and noted that this road closure follows the Reading 120 Bike Race road closure in September. The board discussed the need to consider ways to minimize the inconvenience of the residents while allowing the recreational use of the mountain.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Theodossiou seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

V. ENGINEER

Engineer Rogosky presented an update to the Skyline Drive reconstruction project reporting that approximately eleven storm drainage culverts may need to be replaced due to the clogged conditions that have occurred over the years. He said that all the details for those replacements will be included in the final design to DCED.

The Engineer discussed a meeting with the Road Foreman to determine that Brighton Avenue, 26th Street, Heidelberg and Wilson Avenue should be included in the 2017 road improvement budget with an estimated cost of \$142,465.00

He also discussed the guiderail project around Antietam Lake as part of the County of Berks Parks Department project. After hearing concerns from the Supervisors, it was suggested reaching out to the County again to see if the corner and the guiderail near the Lake parking lot could be redesigned for a wider cart way to better accommodate all the vehicles traveling on Angora Road.

VI. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Road Department
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission
- C. Lower Alsace Fire Company and Ambulance Association and Antietam Valley Parks Commission

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. A motion to accept the September 30, 2016 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills as presented from the Fire Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,386.00 and \$198,928.57 from the General Fund was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

- A. Central Berks Police Department
 - 1. September Report
- B. Sewage Enforcement Officer
 - 1. September report

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to renew a snow removal agreement with Haines & Kibblehouse Inc. for emergency snow plowing with various pieces of equipment ranging from \$146 per hour for a 6-wheel truck w plow and spreader and driver to a Rubber Tire Loader w/operator for \$311.00 to be used as needed during the winter of 2016 and Spring of 2017.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **The Supervisors reviewed two Zoning Hearing Board Hearings that have been scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM to consider of the following:**
 - 1. Application of Nathaniel Halter for a variance and/or special exception pursuant to the Joint Zoning Ordinance for Lower Alsace Township and Mount Penn Borough of 2011, as amended, to operate a landscaping business on property located at 8 Okmed Drive in the R-2 Zoning District.

2. Application of Forino Co., L.P., for a variance and/or special exception pursuant to the Joint Zoning Ordinance for Lower Alsace Township and Mount Penn Borough of 2011, as amended, to construct a garage and driveway on property owned by Brian P. and Deborah M. Ramsey located at 823 Penndale Avenue in the R-3 Zoning District.
- B. The Board reviewed a proposal for emergency repair work from Barwis Construction for the replacement of a collapsed storm drainage structure at the intersection of Park View and Fountain Avenues. The proposal of \$7,215 was approved with a motion made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer