

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

December 8, 2016

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board members present included John Theodossiou and Todd Weikel; Jim Oswald was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Township residents: Homer Williams, Ray Doskus, Andy Shean and Tom Hopper; Matt Stairiker, President of the Lower Alsace Ambulance Association also attended. Additionally, Keith Smoker attended from the Reading Eagle.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors Meeting was made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and the motion carried.

III. ENGINEER

A. Engineer Rogosky provided an update on Skyline Drive project noting his plans to arrange an information meeting in January with the representatives of the City and Alsace Township to discuss the final design plans. He also projected a date for awarding the construction bid at April of 2017.

IV. SOLICITOR

- A. Solicitor Setley indicated that consideration for Ordinance #244 - Blight Prevention Ordinance was ready for adoption at this evening's meeting. Supervisor Theodossiou made a motion what was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all agreed to adopt.
- B. At this time Solicitor Setley discussed another ordinance for consideration involving the registration of all Bank Foreclosures in the Township. After a discussion regarding the merits of this program, Supervisor Theodossiou made the motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel to approve the advertising of this Ordinance, the motion carried.

V. 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

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. A motion to accept the November 30 2016 Treasurer's report and approving the payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$ 98,205.68 from the General Fund (from November 11th through December 8th) and \$1,029.61 from the Fire Tax Fund as presented was made by Supervisor Theodossiou and seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

VII. 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

- A. A motion to adopt the 2017 Lower Alsace Township Budget and approve Tax Millage as shown below was made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20161281

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Alsace Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania adopted the Budget as proposed for 2017 summarized below and more fully detailed on the attached pages.

<u>Total Proposed budget for 2017</u>	3,168,783
General Fund	2,894,653
Highway Aid	154,668
Fire Tax	39,827
EMS Tax	79,635

RESOLUTION NO. 20161282

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED ANE ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Alsace Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania that a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the Township of Lower Alsace subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2017 as follows:

Tax rate for General Purposes, the sum of 7.25 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .7250 cents on each hundred dollars of assessed valuation plus;

Local Services Tax - \$52.00
 Per Capita - \$10.00
 Fire Tax - .25 mills
 EMS Tax - .50 mills
 Antietam Lake Tax - .68 mills
 Real Estate Transfer Taxes – ½ of 1%
 Earned Income Tax – ½ of 1%

- B. A motion to accept the 11/30/15 Treasurer's report and approve payment of the list of bills as presented was made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel, the motion carried.

- C. Following a review of the proposed list of Township meetings for 2017, the board authorized the manager to advertise them according to the requirement of the Sunshine Act.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

A. Central Berks Police Department

- 1. November report submitted

B. Zoning and Building Code Officer

- 1. November report submitted

C. Sewage Enforcement Officer

- 1. November report submitted

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. There was a continued discussion on the proposal for the LED conversion of the Township Street Lights. It was agreed that the manager would continue to seek information on the type of lighting, cost of the upgrades and timing with the Township account representative at Met Ed.
- B. A motion was made by Supervisor Theodossiou and seconded by Supervisor Weikel to appoint Ray Werts to the position of part-time snow plow operator on an as needed basis for an hourly rate of \$17.00, the motion carried.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

II. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer