

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
April 14, 2016

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board members present: James Oswald, John Theodossiou and Todd Weikel.

Also in attendance were Tom Hopper, Andy Shean, Jim Hoy and Homer Williams Township Residents. Ron Horn, Pretzel City Sports and Michelle Lynch from the Reading Eagle.

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. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

III. VISITORS:

Ron Horn from Pretzel City Sports attended the meeting to discuss the Township's Event Ordinance and to question the applicability of certain sections of the ordinance. It was explained that the ordinance was intended to serve as a regulation that could be applicable to all types of events but not intended to make all event applications applicable to all sections. The Manager is given authorization to waive certain sections that don't apply to the applicant.

IV. SOLICITOR

- A. The Solicitor discussed ideas and suggestions regarding a proposed amendment to the Discharge of Fire Arms Ordinance. His suggestion was to eliminate the zone language from the document and simply require that any property owner who proposes to use his/her property for shooting or for the construction of a target shooting range may only do so on a lot of five acres with the reference to standards established by the NRA. The Board agreed and authorized the Solicitor to advertise the ordinance for consideration at the April 28, 2016 meeting of the Township.
- B. The Solicitor then reviewed a proposed Blight Prevention (or Ticketing) Ordinance with the Supervisors. He indicated that the Township and Mt. Penn Borough Staff will be working on the details to prepare for future adoption.
- C. Solicitor Setley then reviewed an Ordinance acknowledging that Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau, the collector of certain delinquent taxes for the Township, may engage one or more third-party collection agencies to pursue and collect delinquent Township taxes and approving the imposition of a fee chargeable to any delinquent Taxpayer by any such third-party collection agency engaged by the Berks Earned

Income Tax Bureau, provided such fee does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of Tax collected from any such Taxpayer. A motion was made, seconded and approved for the Solicitor to advertise this ordinance for adoption at the April 28th meeting of the Supervisors.

V. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Road Department – the sale of the Township's 2000 Ford F550 small dump truck was discussed and it was agreed to advertise the truck for public auction on the Municibid web site. Also discussed was consideration for sale of one of the larger dump trucks as repair parts are quickly becoming obsolete.
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission
- C. Lower Alsace Fire Company and the Ambulance Association as well as the Antietam Valley Parks Commission – none

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. A motion to accept the 3/31/16 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills as presented from the Fire Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,624.85 and the General fund in the amount of \$ 16,968.22 was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

- A. **Central Berks Police Department**
 - 1. March report
- B. **Sewage Enforcement Officer**
 - 1. March report
- C. **Zoning and Building Code Officer**
 - 1. March report

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. A motion made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve the request for an extension of time until September 30, 2016 for the Conditional use and Variance approvals for the Stokesay Castle Hotel Project.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration for authorization for Manager to sign: Omega System's hosted Exchange, Smart Support and Master Services contracts for e-mail hosting and IT services for a period beginning April 1, 2016 and subject to the terms of said Master Services Agreement was approved by the Board with a motion made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes.
- B. Having reviewed the proposals received from Tri-Valley Stone and Stucco and Tony Di Cerchio, it was decided to authorize the repairs of the dark blue Dryvit on the exterior of the Township building to be completed by Tri-Valley Stone for \$7,000 as the only other proposal submitted was for painting the material with latex paint and the repairs to the Dryvit was the approved method by the board. A motion was made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all vote yes to approve the proposal by Tri-Valley Stone and Stucco's estimated \$7,000.
- C. The Township Manager discussed a list non-profit organizations including the Antietam Valley Community Partnership, the Blue Mountain Sports Car Club of America and Pagoda Skyline as those Event Permit applicants who hold multiple community events during the year and who could be considered exempt from the application fee.
- D. In response to a request from Bern Township, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the members of the Lower Alsace Township Fire Police to provide assistance to the Mid Atlantic Air Museum WWII Weekend in June in 2016 and for the Reading Fair in August 2016.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer