

# **Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA**

## **June 9, 2016**

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, June 9, 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 was Homer Williams Township Resident and Dave Kostival 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 Weikel and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

### **III. ENGINEER**

A. Township Engineer, Joe Rogosky recommended approval for Payment No 1 from EHB Paving & Materials Co. in the amount of \$45,657.21 for the completion of a portion of the 2016 Street Improvements project. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve.

### **IV. SOLICITOR**

A. Solicitor, Mike Setley updated the Supervisors on several draft ordinances he has been working on for the Joint Codes Program. One was the Blight Prevention Ordinance which has been shared with the borough of Mount Penn for review and the other is a Crime Free Rental and Landlord Incentive program ordinance.

### **V. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS**

A. A motion to accept the 5/31/16 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills as presented from the Fire Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,262.91 and the General fund in the amount of \$6,685.78 was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

### **VI. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Road Department – Supervisor Oswald discussed the progress of the 2016 Road projects.

**VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL****A. Central Berks Police Department**

1. May Report

**B. Sewage Enforcement Officer**

1. May report

**C. Zoning and Building Code Officer**

1. May report

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Weikel then discussed the Joint Codes program and expressed concern that the Borough officials are considering the hiring of one or two part time codes officials (intended to report to the Chief of Police and locate in the Joint Codes Department Office) without the involvement of the Police Chief or Police Commission. A discussion took place to consider offering the Borough extra funds in addition to the salary funds available in the DCED Joint Codes Grant. Supervisor Oswald objected to considering any additional funds while Supervisors Weikel and Theodossiou felt it was in the township's best interest. Solicitor Setley and Manager Styer urged the Board to attend the next Borough Council meeting to express their thoughts before any decisions about the next office are made.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer  
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer