

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

September 28, 2017

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, September 28, 2017 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, Nancy Aulenbach and Andy Shean, township residents; along with Carole Duran 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Aulenbach attended the meeting to discuss seeking approval to rent one of the units in her home at 602 Brighton Avenue home that was once a three unit rental building but used by the prior owner as a single family dwelling for the past several years. She was advised to seek legal assistance in requesting a zoning interpretation from the township Zoning Officer before she considers a request for a Zoning Variance.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Supervisor Weikel made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Oswald and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the September 14 , 2017 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

IV. SOLICITOR

Solicitor Setley presented the draft Rental Ordinance update. He described the document as an amendment to the Township's existing Rental program; it would propose to reduce the Township's Rental Licensing period from three years to two years; The document contains language intended to incentivize good landlords by reducing the number of license inspections they would be required to submit to, as well as encourage them to put people into their properties that your residents would want as their neighbor. The Board was asked to review for future consideration.

V. TREASURER

A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou to approve payment of the list of bills as presented totaling \$459,947.31 inclusive of the PIB loan payments. The motion was approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Manager presented a proposal for an electronic sign for the Township building from Stewart Signs, Inc. Following a conversation, it was decided to table to a later date while the budget is reviewed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Oswald and all voted yes to approve the 2017 Halloween Curfew:

RESOLUTION No. 928171

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Lower Alsace Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, does hereby declare a curfew during the Halloween period. The curfew shall be in effect from Friday, October 6th through and including Sunday, November 5th 2017 at 5 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the time of the curfew shall be between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. weekdays and weekends from 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. to include all persons under the age of 18 years not accompanied by a parent or guardian or other responsible person, except those going to or coming from a place of employment or a bona fide school activity.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Alsace Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, held this 28th day of September, 2017.

- B. At this time the Manager asked the board to consider a new three year Electric Supply Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for electric supply a 0.03652 KWH down from 0.05059 KWH was presented by the manager who explained that this agreement from January 2018 to January 2021 projects annual savings to be \$4,000. A motion to authorize the Manager to sign the agreement was made by Supervisors Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on October 12, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer