

## **Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA February 11, 2015**

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman James Oswald and then followed with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

Also in attendance were and Homer Williams and Matt McGough, township residents and newly appointed members of the Township Planning Commission, Rich Bitting, Road Foreman, Matt Stairiker and Don Pottiger representing Lower Alsace Ambulance Association and Carol Duran, reporter for the Reading Eagle.

### **I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all votes yes to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2015 Township Supervisors Meeting.

### **II. VISITORS**

The President of the Lower Alsace Ambulance Association Matt Stairiker and Don Pottiger, CPA and Ambulance volunteer were in attendance to present the same budget proposal that they presented the prior night at the Mount Penn Borough meeting. As explained by Matt Stairiker, the proposed budget the Ambulance Association and the move to an Advance Life Support service will enable the additional revenue to help offset the purchase of a new Ambulance. It was also noted that the Borough had committee to contribute \$10,000 on the down payment for the new ambulance in addition to their budgeted \$10,000 donation contingent upon the Township matching the down payment. Also discussed was an discussion to consider a name change from Lower Alsace to Antietam Valley. The Solicitor will report back on some cost effective options for the Association. An agreement for some long term funding arrangements between the Ambulance and the funding agencies (municipalities) was then discussed. It was suggested that language could be in the agreement that the equipment and building to revert to the municipality if the association ever dissolved. Additional considerations such as regular financial reporting, grant and or low interest loan applications and possible board memberships was also discussed. A motion was then made by Supervisor Weikel, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all agreed to authorize the Solicitor to work with the Borough Solicitor in the development of this agreement and to commit to the \$10,000 down payment on the new ambulance in addition to the \$20,000 donation to the ambulance association. The Supervisors then thanked Don Pottiger for his assistance to the Ambulance Association.

**III. ENGINEER**

- A. Joe Rogosky, P.E. updated the board on the Berks County Parks and Recreation's submission to the DEP for park improvements. He noted that the Township's Storm Water Management Ordinance requires the property owner to establish an escrow fund with the Township to cover the costs of inspections for the constructed storm water management facilities. The Engineer suggested that the Township enter into an agreement with the County agreeing that the County could perform the inspections of their facilities, at their cost, for the 10-year period and agree to forward all inspections reports to the Township for their files. This was approved by a motion made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to authorize Joe to prepare the agreement for the Board to sign.

**IV. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS SUBMITTED:**

- A. Road Department –Rich Bitting attended the meeting to discuss the winter activities and commended the township's newest road crew employee, Roger Stief Jr. for his first few weeks of snow plowing services.
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission –Supervisor Theodossiou
- C. Lower Alsace Fire Company and Ambulance Association and Parks Study Committee- Supervisor Weikel reported that discussions are underway to formalize the Regional Parks Commission and noted that the Parks Committee will be meeting with the DCNR to discuss the Carsonia Parks grant application.

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

- A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve the 1/31/15 Treasurer's Report and to approve the payment of the list of bills as presented including \$1,045.76 from the Fire Tax Fund and \$111,031.61 from the General Fund and to transfer \$250,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund until the Real Estate Tax revenue is received.

**VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

**A. Central Berks Police Department**

- 1. Chief Serafin reported on the prior month of activities including the approvals from the Police Commission and the Borough to hire a Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer to work along with the Lower Alsace Codes Officer in the Police Department.

**B. Property Maintenance Code Officer**

- 1. January report submitted

C. *Sewage Enforcement Officer*

1. January report submitted

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no additional comments, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM February 25, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L. Styer  
Manager/Secretary-Treasurer