

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
February 25, 2015

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: James Oswald (arrived late), John Theodossiou & Todd Weikel

Also in attendance were Homer Williams, Lower Alsace Township resident, Roger Reto, Mount Penn Borough Councilman and Carol Duran, reporter from the Reading Eagle.

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

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Weikel, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Reto, Borough Councilman from Mount Penn was in attendance seeking the Board's agreement to set up a meeting with representatives from the Mount Penn and Lower Alsace Fire Companies. Following a discussion about the Township's interest in seeking a Peer Review with the PA Department of Community Development, it was agreed to pursue the development of a questionnaire for both departments and request that it be returned to the municipalities prior to the March 25th Township meeting where appointed representatives from each Fire Department would be invited to attend an information gathering session with the Township and representatives of the Borough. The Board agreed to that a next step would be to follow that information session with a public meeting to discuss options for the future of the two Fire Companies.

III. TREASURER'S LIST OF BILLS

A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented in the amount of \$25,239.24 plus an additional \$20,000 as the 2015 donation to the Lower Alsace Ambulance Association from the General Fund and \$526.76 from the Fire Tax Fund. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

IV. SOLICITOR

A. A motion was made by Supervisor Weikel, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to authorize the Solicitor to advertise an Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance to formally establish the Regional Parks Commission.

- B. The Solicitor proposed alternate ideas to assist the Ambulance with the financing of their new Ambulance. He suggested that a Promissory note and agreement detailing the Municipality's terms could be proposed that would enable the Ambulance to receive a low interest loan while the Township assures the necessary fiduciary requirements from the Association. The agreement would also contain dissolution terms favoring the Township and Borough based on their financial contributions. The Solicitor was also instructed to contact the Mount Penn Borough Solicitor to provide this same information to them. Following this discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all agreed to this proposal for the future support of the Ambulance.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. It was announced that the 2015 spring and fall clean up dates will be Saturday April 18th and Saturday October 17th from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Lower Alsace Township Municipal Building.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. There was a long discussion regarding possible applications for grants under the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program including a sidewalk and road improvement project for Carsonia Avenue from Parkview Avenue to Antietam Road or apply under the same grant program for funding the road improvement, biking and pedestrian trail along Skyline Drive. As there would be an opportunity to partner with the city of Reading, Alsace Township and several other non-profit organizations to assist with the Skyline Drive project and since this Township road is in need of maintenance, it was determined that the primary focus for this program in 2015 will be Skyline Drive. The Sidewalk program for Carsonia will continue to be on the future plans for the municipality but discussions regarding PennDot's plans for the roadway and shoulder repairs and or the possible turn-back program should be considered before pursuing the required Highway Occupancy Permits to perform any improvements on a State Highway.
- B. Resolution #20152251 authorizing the destruction of records according to the PA Records Retention Policy was approved by way of a motion made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve the following:

**LOWER ALSACE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 20152251**

AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF RECORDS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968, each individual act of disposition shall be approved by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Lower Alsace Township, in accordance with the above cited schedule, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following public records:

THEREFORE, the Township hereby authorizes the disposal of the records listed below:

Correspondence:	2001 - 2004
Permits: Building, Plumbing, Road Occ., Infil. Insp., Burn	2001 – 2010
Court Fines: state police & Berks County	2001 – 2008
Bank Reconciliation:	2001
Payroll Attendance Reports	2002
Accounts Payable: General & State Aid	2002 – 2006
Certification of Payroll: for Bldg. Contractors	2003
DJ Kowalski : Audit	2003
LST/OPT Tax: on local business	2004 - 2008
Notice of Violations	2004
Contracts for Bonds: Seasonal Requirements	2007 – 2008
State Ethics Forms	2009
W2's & Quarterly Tax reports	2006
Comcast financials	2002
Real Estate & Per Capita: Paid & unpaid Assess. Books	2007
Copy of School District Paid bills book	2007

- A. Consideration for a three year mowing contract with Pa Department of Transportation. For Caronia Avenue, Friedensburg and Antietam Roads and approved along with authorization for the Township Manager to sign on behalf of the Township. This Resolution was approved by way of a motion made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and voted yes.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no additional public comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L. Styer
Manager/Secretary-Treasurer