

**Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA**  
**May 13, 2015**

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 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

Citizens in attendance were and Homer Williams, Frank Piehl, Tom and Linda Orth, and other Township Residents; Rich Bitting, Township Road Foreman and Carol Duran, reporter for the Reading Eagle.

***I.*** **PRESENTATION**

The Lower Alsace Township Board of Supervisors presented Frank Piehl with a Gift Certificate of a Certificate of Commendation for his 30 years of service on the Lower Alsace Township Zoning Hearing Board.

***II.*** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors Meeting.

***III.*** **ENGINEER**

Township Engineer, Joe Rogosky presented Resolution 513151 which provides for an escalator clause for bituminous materials in small quantities in Road Construction bid proposals. He suggested that this Resolution needs only to be adopted one time for future use. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel with all voted yes to approve.

Joe Rogosky discussed the request for waiver of Land Development Planning for the Carsonia Car expansion project and said that the proposed building expansion will be constructed on an existing impervious surface, therefore the building expansion will not create an increase in the property's impervious surface. He also said that this request was reviewed and supported by the Township Planning Commission. Supervisor Oswald made a motion to approve the waiver of a Land Development plan conditioned up the property owner agreeing to provide an evergreen planting around the storage area for towed vehicles. Supervisor Theodossiou seconded the motion and all voted yes to approve the waiver.

**IV. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Road Department
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission
- C. Lower Alsace Fire Company and Ambulance Association and Parks Study Committee

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

- A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded and all voted yes to accept the 4/30/15 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$92,478.77 from the General Fund, \$3,555.72 from the Fire Tax Fund.

**VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

**A. Township Manager**

- 1. The Supervisors reviewed the Zoning Hearing Board Variance Application for April 28, 2015 to enclose porch at 111 Heidelberg Avenue. As no objections or concerns were expressed, the board determined that they didn't need to appoint a representative to speak at the hearing on their behalf.

**B. Central Berks Police Department**

- 1. April report submitted

**C. Property Maintenance Code Officer/ Fire Marshall**

- 1. April report submitted

**D. Sewage Enforcement Officer**

- 1. April report submitted

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Resolution No. 513152 was approved by a motion was made, seconded and approved that the Lower Alsace Township Fire Police be approved to provide assistance with Bern Township at the Mid Atlantic WW II Weekend event.
- 2. Supervisor Weikel discussed the improvements needed to the Central Berks Police Building proposing that the Township and Borough agree to split the cost of the improvements proposed by a local contractor for under \$8,000.

3. A motion was made, seconded and approve to authorize the Manager to sign a release for the payment for property damage from State Farm Mutual Auto Ins. for the Skyline Drive Wall vehicle accident.

***VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT***

***IX. ADJOURNMENT***

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM May 27, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L. Styer  
Manager/Secretary-Treasurer