

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

## **September 9, 2015**

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 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 were Township Residents Homer William and Tammy Oswald along with Keith Smoker, reporter 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 August 26, 2015 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

### **III. ENGINEER**

Township Engineer Joe Rogosky reported on the DCED Multi Modal Transportation Grant application for the rehabilitation of Skyline Drive from the City of Reading to Alsace Township. Other than several follow up items required for submission, he said that the grant application should be reviewed by the DCED sometime in November. He then discussed the 2015 road construction projects with the Supervisors and requested approval for the second payment totaling \$233,918.13 be released to Martin Limestone DBA Burkholder Paving. Approval for this payment was made with a motion made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve payment Number 2.

### **IV. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Road Department - Road Foreman Rich Bitting and Supervisor Oswald discussed the need to replace Truck 41 (2000 Ford F250 dump truck). Supervisor Oswald said he was obtaining preliminary quotes for the 2016 budget. Rich Bitting then requested that the Board begin to consider the possibility for contracting trash services, particularly in the Penn Side and Stony Creek areas. He said the damage caused to the roads from so many different trash companies may be reduced by contracting with fewer haulers.
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission – two proposals were submitted to provide painting services on the Police Building. A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the proposal submitted by Joseph Dicerchio Painting for \$8,455.00 and to split those costs with Mount Penn Borough
- 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 by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve for payment- the list of bills in the amount of \$2,561.72 from the Fire Tax Fund and \$20,799.55 from the General Fund as well as an additional payment on the 2015 Road projects to be applied against the 2014 PIB Loan proceeds in the amount of 233,918.13.

**VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

- A. *Central Berks Police Department*
1. August reports were submitted
- B. *Sewage Enforcement Officer*
1. August report was submitted

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The supervisors continued the discussion for the amendment of The Central Berks Regional Police Commission Articles of Agreement and suggested that the language regarding the appointed membership of the Commission help to provide some continuity with board members.
- B. A letter from Old Friedensburg Road Neighborhood Group was reviewed. The Manager updated the board on a recent meeting with the neighbors and the Police Chief to address concerns presented by the property owners.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The proposed road closures and the request for volunteers for the Reading 120 bike race was discussed.
- B. The supervisors unanimously approved a request from the organizer of Dean Milbrandt III annual memorial fundraiser requested approval to close Columbia Avenue from Roosevelt to Sterling Avenue for their motorcycle parking for this event at the Lower Alsace Fire Company on Saturday October 10, 2015.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no additional public comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 23, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer  
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer