

**Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
December 28, 2017**

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, December 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, Township resident and Chair of the Planning Commission.

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

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

III. SOLICITOR

Solicitor Setley reported that the two proposed ordinances were advertised and ready for adoption at tonight's meeting. The Manager indicated that if approved tonight she would reach out to Pro-Champs for the Vacant Property agreement and propose the new fees to the Supervisors at the next regular Supervisors' meeting in January. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve the following Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 247

REGISTRATION OF VACANT PROPERTY AND REGISTRATION OF RENTAL UNITS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER ALSACE TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF RENTAL UNITS AND VACANT PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNSHIP BY OWNERS AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 248

CRIME FREE RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER ALSACE TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSHIP CRIME FREE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM, WHICH REGULATES RENTAL HOUSING UNITS IN THE TOWNSHIP BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REQUIRING A CRIME FREE RENTAL HOUSING ADDENDUM TO BE INCLUDED IN RESIDENTIAL LEASES, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO REPORT AND RECORD DISRUPTIVE

CONDUCT COMPLAINTS AGAINST OCCUPANTS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS IN THE TOWNSHIP AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT.

IV. TREASURER

- A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve payment of the list of bills as presented totaling \$25,026.26.
- B. Two proposals for painting the Twp. Codes Car were received from Weikel Brothers for \$800 and from Maaco also for \$800. Supervisor Oswald made a motion to approve the job to Weikel Brothers, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou with Supervisor Weikel abstaining from the vote as this company is owned by his brother. The motion carried and the bid for Weikel Brothers was approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The board discussed the traffic light repair estimate of \$7,200 from Telco and agreed to seek a cost estimate from the Township Engineer to remove the Traffic Light if a one way street could be created for Cherrydale going from Carsonia Avenue to Friedensburg and then a one way street for Park Street from Friedensburg down to Carsonia.
- B. The Manager reported that new road signs will be required to create new house numbers on several of the township's private lanes where they serve more than one property that doesn't have direct access to the public roadway. The first private drive off of Old Spies Church Road will be named Long Rifle Lane if approved as a new name by the Post Office and the Berks 911 Center. The board decided by way of a motion that was made by Supervisors Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes that due to these changes being initiated by the House number project, the township will purchase and install the new name signs at no cost to those property owners.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Oswald discussed the purchase of the new truck that was approved for the 2018 budget. Details of the specs were discussed with some remaining questions that he was authorized to negotiate as long as the ultimate cost of the truck did not exceed \$165,000.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM January 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer