

**Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA**  
**February 8, 2018**

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

***I. ATTENDANCE***

Board members in attendance included Jim Oswald, and Todd Weikel. John Theodossiou was unable to attend the meeting. Also in attendance was Homer Williams, Township Resident and Keith Smoker from the Reading Eagle.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Todd Weikel, the motion carried.

***III. SOLICITOR***

A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel to adopt Ordinance Number 249 summarized below, the motion carried and the Ordinance was approved.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALSACE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BERKS COUNTY MS4 COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLABORATIVELY MEETING THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2018-2022 MS4 NPDES PERMIT.**

A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel to adopt Ordinance Number 250 summarized below, the motion carried and the Ordinance was approved.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE MT. PENN PRESERVE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (MP3 COG) TO FOSTER A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT COMPONENTS FROM THE MT. PENN MASTER PLAN AND IMPLEMENT OTHER REGIONAL INITIATIVES THAT WILL IMPROVE THE AREA**

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

A. A motion to accept the 1/31/17 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$10,420.78 from the General fund was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and the motion carried.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL****A. Central Berks Police Department**

1. January report

**B. Sewage Enforcement Officer**

1. January report

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Jay Worrall, President of the Antietam Valley Recreation Commission provided an update to the Supervisors on the Carsonia Park project stating that all Phase I permit approvals have been received. He anticipated advertising bids for the project in the next two weeks. The Supervisors agreed and approved to authorize the township Road Foreman to provide labor and equipment as appropriate, to keep costs of the development of the project down. Jay then discussed a request of last year's match funds to be contributed towards the cost of improvements on the Tot Lot. Both Supervisors Oswald and Weikel spoke favorable towards the contribution assuming the same funding support was being offered by Mount Penn Borough. Mr. Worrall also discussed the funding of the playground program from 2018 and the projected increase was budgeted because the participation in the program has generated a need for additional leaders.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The Manager reported that a Grant Application will be filed by the Antietam Valley Municipal Authority with the Commonwealth Financing Authority under the Small Water and Sewer program fund to construct a sewer main extension; Letter of support from Senator Schwank was also reviewed.
- B. A request to rename a private access road along Hill Road to Spook Hill Farms Lane by Tom and Linda Orth was approved by a motion made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and the motion carried.
- C. The Board approved the date of Saturday April 21 from 8 am to 3 PM for the annual Township Spring Clean-up day – details and rules will be posted on the Township Web page.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Homer Williams asked for an status report on the fire Services Study. The Supervisors reported that the study was complete and sent to the Borough requesting feedback last November. To date no meetings have been set to discuss the results.

Homer Williams suggested attending the County Commissioners meeting to formally request financial assistance on the Antietam Lake Debt. Supervisor Oswald indicated that he would check his schedule and make arrangements to attend with Mr. Williams.

***IX. ADJOURNMENT***

Hearing no additional business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next regular meeting will be scheduled for 6:30 PM February 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer  
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer