

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
March 8, 2018

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, March 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, Todd Weikel and John Theodossiou. 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 February 22, 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 and all voted yes to adopt Ordinance Number 251 summarized below:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALSACE ("THE TOWNSHIP") AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 178, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 215, RELATING TO THE PARTS OF SUCH ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ONLY; SETTING CERTAIN PENALTIES; AND REPEALING AND/OR AMENDING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

IV. ENGINEER

- A. Engineer Rogosky reported that the Township's MS4 Permit has been approved.
- B. The Engineer also reported on several projects including an update on the many bridge projects surrounding the area in Exeter Township; One of those bridges on Harvey Avenue is proposed to send the detour traffic onto Township Roads. He reported that contact was made with PennDot to seek the Township's participation on the evaluation of the proposed detour routes.
- C. The Engineer reviewed the Carsonia Park project stating that it was conditionally approved by Exeter Township and that bids for the Phase I construction were due to be opened and read on March 16th.
- D. An update on the permit requirements for the traffic light at the intersection of Cherrydale and Carsonia was provided by the Engineer. Joe Rogosky reviewed the permit requirements of Penndot coupled with the cost for the engineering study. Cost for the removal of the traffic lights themselves and then then the new signage for the changes to the traffic flow.

Following that presentation, the Supervisors agreed to have the existing traffic light repaired by Telco at the quoted price of \$7,200 and defer any decision to change the traffic patterns on the roads of Carsonia, Cherrydale and Park at this time.

- E. The Engineer updated the board of supervisors on the proposed Antietam/Friedensburg road bridge project. He explained that PennDot will not recognize driveway cuts for which they have no permits on file. Therefore if the township is to accept the proposed sidewalk construction from Friedensburg Road down to Logan Street, those existing driveways will have to be eliminated and replaced by on street parking.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. A motion to accept the 2/28/18 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$96,646.53 from the General Fund and \$1,029.61 from the Fire Tax Fund was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and the motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes amend the Township Fee Resolution No. 20180308 to comply with the new Rental Permit and Rental Registration program.

VI. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Road Department – the annual mowing agreement from PennDot was approved by a motion made seconded and approved.
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission
- C. Lower Alsace Fire Company and Ambulance Association and Parks Study Committee

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

- A. Central Berks Police Department
 - 1. February report
- B. Sewage Enforcement Officer
 - 1. February report

At this time the board temporarily adjourned the public meeting to hold an executive session for personnel reasons with no decisions reached at this time.

The Solicitor then reviewed an agreement from Ron Natale of Assured Property Inspections intended to assist the Township with the evaluation of the Township's Codes Enforcement program; help to establish standard operating procedures and other details as will be negotiated with the Township Manager and Solicitor. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, second by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer