

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

January 28, 2016

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, January 28, 2016 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 Homer Williams, Tom Hopper, Tammy Oswald, Ray Doskus and Kurt Linsenmier, Township residents and Carole Duran 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 Theodossiou seconded by Supervisor Weikel, and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 and the January 4, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

III. VISITORS:

Several residents from Haag Road attended the meeting to seek some type of resolution for noise and safety concerns they believe to be presented by a private gun range recently constructed in their neighborhood. The Solicitor said he would do some research into ordinances for the Supervisor's consideration.

IV. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS WERE PRESENTED:

A. **Road Department** – It was noted that the past weekend this area was hit with a snow storm that started late Friday evening on January 22 and continued nonstop through and including Sunday January 25 and it turned out to be the second deepest snowfall to hit Berks County since 1869. The Supervisors acknowledged the efforts of Township road crew, Rich Bitting, Ricky Gerhart Jr., Matt Heizmann and Roger Stief Jr. who remained at work and dedicated towards making the roads passable throughout the storm. The Road Foreman, Rich Bitting expressed his appreciation for the Board of Supervisors as then worked alongside the road crew to help clear the roads as well.

B. **Central Berks Regional Police Commission** – reports submitted

C. **Lower Alsace Fire Company and Ambulance Association and Antietam Valley Regional Parks Commission** – Supervisor Weikel said he was happy to announce that the Antietam Valley Regional Parks Commission will be awarded two State grants from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; one in the amount of \$27,700 to be used as Payment toward the acquisition of approximately 7.7 acres located along Butter Lane in Exeter Township, Berks County for expansion of Carsonia Park planned increase in passive recreation opportunities along Antietam Creek.

The second grant was in the amount of \$250,000 and is planned for the rehabilitation and further development of Carsonia Park, located in Exeter and Lower Alsace townships, Berks County. That project is intended to include construction of basketball and multi-purpose courts, baseball/multi-purpose field, stormwater management measures and pedestrian walkway; ADA access, landscaping, project sign and other related site improvements.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve for payment the list of bills in the amount of \$1,850.10 from the Fire Tax Fund and \$124,752.15 from the General Fund.
- B. A motion was then made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to ratify and confirm a proposal dated 1/14/16 from Collinson Inc. to repair the guiderail on Angora Road for \$2,700.00
- C. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to adopt a Resolution approving application for bank account for the Emergency Services Tax revenue at National Penn Bank.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

A. Township Manager

The Manager updated the Supervisors on a proposal submitted by Gary Gehret of Sustainable Energy & Lighting Solutions for the possible upgrade to LED lighting within the township building. The Supervisors agreed to authorize Supervisor Theodossiou to review and approve the best options as proposed in this project.

A. Central Berks Police Department

December operational and financial reports were submitted

B. Sewage Enforcement Officer

November and December reports were submitted

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all agreed to the exoneration of Patrick Duggan, Township Tax Collector for the collection of the 2015 unpaid Taxes and to turn the unpaid list of Per Capita Tax over to the State Wide Tax Collection Agency and the unpaid Real Estate Taxes over to the Berks County Tax Claim Office for collection.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned into an executive session to discuss Litigation and then adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer