

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
February 25, 2016

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, February 25, 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, Andy Shean, Ray Doskus and Kurt Linsenmaier, James Hoy, Dave Schadler, Barry Scheib, Andrew Kutz and Jarod Grandstrom, 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 Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel, and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

III. VISITORS:

Most of the residents were attending the meeting for a resolution to their concerns from a private gun range constructed in their neighborhood. A Mr. Hoy attended the meeting to request that he be permitted to continue his range on his 17 acre parcel in the R-1 zone.

IV. SOLICITOR

- A. After several options were discuss regarding the regulation for the discharge of firearms in the Township, and after hearing all of the comments from the visitors including the property owner hosting the gun range, the board voted to approve the proposed Ordinance as advertised and then consider an amendment which would amend to include properties of a certain size rather than restrict the use in certain zones of the Township. This decision was approved by way of a motion made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to adopt:

Ordinance No. 240.

**AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER ALSACE TOWNSHIP, BERKS
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REGULATING THE DISCHARGE
OF FIREARMS**

- B. The Solicitor then discussed the draft Event ordinance related to the conduct of public gathering, establishing application and permit standards, fees, and procedures, providing for the administration and enforcement including penalties, as well as other matters. After hearing a few comments from the public, the board authorized the Solicitor to advertise this proposed ordinance for adoption at the March 10, 2016 meeting.

V. TREASURER'S LIST OF BILLS

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 \$537.08 from the Fire Tax Fund and \$14,216.25 from the General Fund.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to appoint Tyler Neiswender as a new full time Road Crew employee at a starting rate of \$17.00 per hour.
- B. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to sign a letter endorsing the Antietam Valley Recreation Commission's 2016 grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the continued improvements to Carsonia Park
- C. The Manager / Pension Administrator reported on a meeting with Supervisor Weikel and the Township Pension Advisor and Actuary who all agreed to reduce the Actuarial assumption in the Township Non-Uniform Plans to 7.75% from the previous 8% with a long term goal of reducing it to 6.5%.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer