

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

April 28, 2016

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, April 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, Jim Hoy and Tammy Oswald, Township residents; Matthew Stairiker from the Lower Alsace Ambulance Association 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 Theodossiou, and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

III. VISITORS:

Matt Stairiker, President of the Lower Alsace Ambulance Association suggested that the township develop some type of concurrence page prior to issuance of the Event Permits to assure that all emergency service related agencies had a chance to review the permit make suggestions to improve public safety. The manager said she would reword the application to accommodate this suggestion.

IV. SOLICITOR

A. Solicitor Setley requested a vote to enact the following two Ordinances that were advertised for adoption:

Ordinance No. 242 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance 240 and deleting section 2 of Ordinance No. 240 of 2016 Regulating the Discharge of Firearms is hereby amended by deleting Subsection 2 B) (4) thereof and renumbering Subsection 2 B) (5) as Subsection 2 B) (4) and renumbering Subsection 2 B) (6) as Subsection 2 B) (5). The entire rest and remainder of Ordinance No. 240 of 2016 is hereby ratified and confirmed. Supervisor Oswald made a motion to adopt Ordinance 242. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

Ordinance No. 243 - An Ordinance acknowledging that Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau, the collector of certain delinquent taxes for the Township, may engage one or more third-party collection agencies to pursue and collect delinquent Township taxes and approving the imposition of a fee chargeable to any delinquent Taxpayer by any such third-party collection agency engaged by the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau, provided such fee does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of Tax collected from any such Taxpayer. Supervisor Weikel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 243 as advertised. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Oswald and voted yes to approve.

V. ENGINEER

The Township Engineer reviewed the bid results for the 2016 Road projects seeking approval for the low bid from EJB Paving & Materials Co. for their bid of \$112,425.85. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to award the bid to EJB Paving for the paving of Hill Road and Byram Street and the micro-surfacing of sections of Angora and Old Friedensburg Roads.

NAME OF BIDDER	Total Extended Amount of Bid
EJB Paving & Materials Co	\$112,425.85
Landis C. Deck & Sons H & K Group	\$119,200.50
New Enterprise Stone and Lime	\$118,729.05

VI. TREASURER’S LIST OF BILLS

Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel to approve for payment the list of bills in the amount of \$97,882.12 from the General Fund. The motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Supervisor Oswald thanked Homer Williams for his volunteer efforts at the Township’s Clean-up program on Saturday, April 23rd .
- B. Solicitor Mike Setley discussed the Carsonia Park Maintenance agreement and several issues that have been raised by other parties to the agreement. He expressed disappointment that what started as a simple handshake agreement has yet to be approved by all involved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion to adopt a Resolution to open Holding Tank Escrow Account with National Penn Bank was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

- B. The Supervisors discussed the purchase a new Truck from New Holland Ford F550 under a COSTARS contract #25-117 FOR \$61,967.80. A motion to purchase the truck was made by Supervisor Oswald seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve. It was also decided to advertise to sell the 2000 F-550 and the 1997 L Series Ford Dump Truck on Municibid (a web site for municipal auctions)

- C. A motion was then made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to adopt the Lower Alsace Emergency Operations Plan update May 1, 2016.

- D. Supervisor Weikel then reported on a project he is working on for a sign at Redner's Market in an attempt to get new electronic sign for community use where the Township, School District and the Antietam Valley Community Partnership would partner with Redner's to share the expense.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer