

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

July 28, 2016

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, July 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 and Tammy Oswald 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 July 14, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

III. TREASURER'S LIST OF BILLS

- A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou to approve for payment the list of bills in the amount of \$ 162,635.59 from the General Fund. The motion carried.
- B. Manager Styer then presented the Township's revised Five Year financial plan which now includes the Central Berks Five year projections. She indicated that the current plan shows a projected ½ mill of tax increases each year to continue to same services noting that each year's budget will be closely scrutinized with the goal of eliminating the need to do so.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was a discussion regarding the proposed Joint Codes Program for Central Berks Police Department, Lower Alsace Township and Mt. Penn Borough. The Manager was instructed to avoid drawing any grant funds from the DCED Grant for the Joint Codes program until the Township can be assured that it will function as a Joint Codes program.
- B. A motion was made by Supervisor Theodossiou and seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to ratify and confirm the signature of the Chairman on the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for Certification of uncollected interim Real Estate taxes for July 15, 2016

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Supervisor Weikel proposed that the board consider the development of an Emergency Services Commission which would help to administer grant funding and help to ensure improved coordination among all of the Emergency Services Agencies in the community. He also suggested that the Police Commission members could also serve as this board.

- B. Several proposals for the replacement of the letters on the Township Building were discussed. One was from The Little Old German Sign maker for \$2,230.00 with the second proposal from Signarama for \$1389.70. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve the lower bid from Signarama to replace the lettering on the Township Building subject to a minor change that the word Township should be included in the 15 " letters in place of Township on the second line in 10" letters. The Board acknowledged that there may be an additional charge for this change.

- C. It was then noted that Frank Piehl indicated he would no longer be able to serve as alternate on the Township Zoning Hearing Board. The manager submitted the name of Rom Koch along with this credentials stating that he was very interested in serving. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou to approve the appointment of Tom Koch for a one year term as alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer