

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

September 8, 2016

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board members present: James Oswald and Todd Weikel; John Theodossiou was not in attendance. Also in attendance was Homer Williams, Lower Alsace Township Resident, Berks County Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt, Lee Olson, Architect and President of Pagoda Foundation and Tom McMahan former Mayor for the City of Reading and Board member for Pagoda Foundation and Carol 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. VISITORS

Berks County Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt presented the Mt. Penn Preserve proposal which he described as the development of an organization of local citizens to help develop a Charrette Committee who will ultimately help to create a report with graphics delineating how the community at large sees the mountain being best utilized. The report will include an action plan and schedule and a potential organizational management. They attended the meeting with the hopes of seeking \$3,000; \$1,000 contributed by the County of Berks, \$1,000 from Lower Alsace and \$1,000 from Alsace Township to match a \$15,000 Peer to Peer Grant to complete a Master Plan.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Weikel seconded by Supervisor Oswald, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting. The motion carried.

IV. ENGINEER

Engineer Rogosky presented a request for payment Number #2 for the 2016 Road construction projects in the amount of \$67,974.23. Supervisor Weikel made the motion to authorize the payment, seconded by Supervisor Oswald, the motion carried.

V. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

A. Road Department

B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission

C. Lower Alsace Fire Company and Ambulance Association and Antietam Valley Parks Commission

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. A motion to accept the August 31, 2016 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills as presented from the Fire Tax Fund in the amount of \$2,598.69 and \$76,746.22 from the General Fund was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

- A. Central Berks Police Department

- 1. August Report

- B. Sewage Enforcement Officer

- 1. August report

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to amend the Township fee schedule effective September 1, 2016 under section C. Commercial as follows:

Includes commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings or structures as well as additions, alterations, renovations or modifications of existing Commercial, Industrial and Institutional buildings, signs or structures

1. Projects less than \$2,500 in cost	\$125.00
2. First \$1,000.00 of project cost	\$100.00
3. Each additional \$1,000.00 or part thereof	\$ 7.80
4. Plan review fee	\$ 75.00 per
hour	

- B. A motion to approve 2017 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to accept and project into the 2017 Township Budget at \$83,498 for the defined Benefit plan and \$4,444 for the Defined Contribution plan for the Township's Non-Uniform Pension plans.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
 Manager, Secretary / Treasurer