

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

October 26, 2017

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, October 26, 2017 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 was Homer Williams 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

Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the October 12 , 2017 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

III. SOLICITOR

Solicitor Setley discussed some current options regarding the draft Rental Ordinance update and the possible partnership with Pro-Champs for Rental and Vacant property registrations in addition to the Bank Foreclosure registrations that Pro-Champs is currently administering for the Township. Both Solicitor Setley and Manager Styer described the use of this nationwide program and offered to obtain additional information prior to offering the final version of the Rental Program Ordinance to the board for final review and advertisement for adoption. Supervisor Weikel indicated his support for this rental registry program as long as the township would include their \$25 fee in the fee for Township Rental Licenses making the program and if the Township residents were provide a list of rental properties contact information for the property owners.

IV. TREASURER

- A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve payment of the list of bills as presented totaling \$94,381.95.
- B. The Manager presented a draft schedule proposed for adoption of the Township's 2018 budget. In addition to agreement for the schedule of adoption, the Manager was seeking board input on several outstanding expense items including the purchase of an message board for the Township Building. It was agreed to keep the \$25,000 in the 2018 budget in the event that the purchase is deferred until next year.

Additionally the proposed purchase for a new large dump truck was discussed. Options for financing the vehicle through a vendor was estimated to be over 4% in interest verses the use of the PA Infrastructure Bank or PIB loan which requires a 50% payment for the equipment up front and then low interest payments on the remaining amount for the following five years. The current posted interest rate for the PIB Loan program was noted to be 2.125%. The board agreed that the amount representing 50% of the purchase should be included in the 2018 budget and pending approval for a PIB Loan, the township would consider making this purchase of the truck replacement and offer old Dump Truck for sale on a likely site such as Municibid.

- C. The manager then reported receiving one proposal for LED upgrades of the remaining 18 streetlights owned by the Township. The proposal was from Telco. Supervisor Theodossiou indicated that he will seek several other vendors to offer proposals before the board reviews this estimate.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on November 9, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer