Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
June 14, 2018

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board members in attendance included Jim Oswald and Todd Weikel. John Theodossiou was not in attendance. Also in attendance was Homer Williams, the Coyne / Culverhouse family and Carl Stypinski, Township Residents

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel, the motion carried.

III. PRESENTATION

The Board of Supervisors recognized Township resident Emily Culverhouse. Supervisor Oswald said that, "Emily was the Salutatorian of the Antietam High School graduating class of 2014. During her life, Emily overcame many obstacles. She lost her father at the age of two and has wanted to help others ever since. At the age of eight she decided she wanted be a doctor so she could help people. In 2018, she graduated from Hofstra University Honors College, Hempstead, NY- Cum Laude, where she majored in Chemistry with a minor in fine arts. This year she was Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and granted the U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship. This is a full scholarship to Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences to pursue a degree in medicine with plans of becoming a general surgeon."

The Board congratulated Emily, her Mother and Stepfather, Meg and Fred Coyne who live at 617 Brighton Avenue in the Township.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Complaints from residents were made regarding the numerous traffic impacts the current traffic detours caused by the Harvey Avenue Bridge replacement and the Perkiomen Avenue construction project. The Board approved posting of no parking restriction on the South Side of Prospect street until further notice. Also discussed was the traffic back up caused by the traffic light in the intersection of St. Lawrence Avenue and Prospect in St. Lawrence Borough. The manager indicated that she would reach out the Senator Schwank's office for some assistance with PennDot.

V. SOLICITOR

A. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel to approve Resolution No. 201806141 which establishes a Sinking Fund and paying agent for the Township Refinancing (attached). The motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel to approve the following Resolution No. 201806142 which agreeing to sign the new Articles of agreement as follows:

Resolved that the intent of the Ordinance enacted in February 2018 with respect to the Mt. Penn Preserve Partnership Council of Governments was to approve the substantial form of the Articles of Agreement of the Mt. Penn Preserve Partnership Council of Governments, with such changes as the officer of the Township signing such Articles of Agreement shall approve. Attached to the Minutes of this Meeting is the final Articles of Agreement of the Mt. Penn Preserve Partnership Council of Governments, as executed by the proper officers of the Township.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

A. A motion to accept the 5/31/18 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills in the amount of $ 158,614.15 from the General Fund and $1,092.61 from the Fire Tax Fund was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

VII. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

A. Road Department

B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission

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

VIII. THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED

A. Central Berks Police Department – May report

B. Sewage Enforcement Officer – May report

C. UCC and Zoning Report – May report

IX. OLD BUSINESS

The Solicitor updated the board regarding discussions with the Mt. Penn Municipal Authority for a proposed maintenance agreement involving the Carsonia Park property. A motion was made, seconded and approved authorizing the signature of this agreement when drafted in its final form.

Supervisor Weikel then recognized and thanked Homer Williams and James Oswald for their efforts in finalizing an agreement with the Berks County Commissioners for the County's contribution of funds reducing the interest and financing costs for the Antietam Lake debt.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel to Certify members of the LA Fire Company for participation in the Commonwealth of PA Voluntary Fire Service Program. The Manager was authorized to sign and arrange notarization of the document following the receipt of copies of the LA Fire Service Agency's training certifications.

A motion was made and seconded by the Supervisors to ratify and confirm the May 24, 2018 signing the approval for PennDot Authorization to Enter 2147 Perkiomen Ave. property for the purpose of installing ADA compliant sidewalk ramps.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no additional business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next regular meeting will be scheduled for 6:30 PM June 28, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer