

# **Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA**

## **August 9, 2018**

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, August 9, 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, Todd Weikel and John Theodossiou. Also in attendance was Homer Williams, Jay Worrall, Tammy Oswald, Nathan Hahn and his father – all Township Residents together with Richard Lambert, Bob Mountz, Mark Faust from the LA Fire Company; Rick and Cindy Gerhart and Keith Smoker from the Reading Eagle.

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2018 Supervisor's meeting was made by Supervisor Oswald seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jay Worrall, President of the Recreation Commission of the Antietam Valley updated the board on the progress of Carsonia Park Phase I and the proposed improvements of the Tot Lot. He discussed a GOFUNDME Page set up for the park improvements as well. Additionally both Jay and Township Engineer Joe Rogosky discussed a request by Exeter Township that the Supervisors sign a letter indicating that they will agree to take on the land development approvals and reviews for the Park's Tot Lot project when Exeter agrees to waive their responsibility. The Board of Supervisors authorized the Manager to send this letter to Exeter Township.

Nathan Horn was introduced as a Boy Scout from Troop 377 who was attending the meeting for his Scout Citizens Ship badge. He also shared some ideas about ways his fellow scouts could educate members of their neighborhoods on ways to rid their properties of the Lanternfly.

### **IV. ENGINEER**

- A. Engineer Rogosky discussed the process and costs involved in requesting a waiver from DEP of the MS4 permitting requirements. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to proceed with the MS4 waiver request process.
- B. Engineer Rogosky recommended approval for Payment No. 1 to New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. for the 2018 Street Projects in the amount of \$173,611.59. Supervisor Theodossiou made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Oswald and all voted yes to approve.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS**

- A. A motion to accept the 7/31/18 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$ 235,215.92 from the General Fund and \$1,092.61 from the Fire Tax Fund was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve.
- B. A motion to approve the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Investment Statement for the Township's Defined Benefit plan was approved by a motion made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Todd Weikel and all voted yes.

**VI. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Road Department
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission – Supervisor Theodossiou thanked all the workers and volunteers who worked on the Central Berks National Night Out event.
- C. Lower Alsace Fire Company and Ambulance Association and Antietam Valley Recreation Commission

**VII. THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED****A. Central Berks Police Department**

- 1. Chief Serafin presented his July activities report together with the Central Berks Five Year Financial Plan
- 2. Central Berks Codes update for Lower Alsace – Ricky Gerhart provided an update to the Board of Supervisors regarding the many changes for the Codes Office. Those changes and new technologies are the reason why the Supervisor have decided to create a position of Codes Administrator. This position will report to the Chief of Police and help the Codes department coordinate with Pro-Champs and work to further develop the software database and other improvements to further enhance the effectiveness of the program.

**B. Lower Alsace Emergency Management Coordinator**

- 1. Ricky Gerhart serving as the Lower Alsace EMC presented the Berks County Mitigation Plan update and requested the Supervisors to approve it for submission to the County Department of Emergency Services. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve Resolution 2018891 adopting the Berks County Hazard Mitigation plan.

C. Sewage Enforcement Officer

1. July Report was submitted

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Robert Mountz, Assistant Chief and several members of the Lower Alsace Fire Company were in attendance to present the new 2018 KME Tanker Fire Truck purchased by the Fire Company.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The Supervisors held a brief executive session to discuss personnel matters, then hearing no additional business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next regular meeting is advertised for 6:30 PM on August 23, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer  
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer