

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

## **November 8, 2018**

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, November 8, 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 John Theodossiou, Todd Weikel was not in attendance. Also attending were Township residents, Homer Williams, Ray Doskus, Jose Barbosa and Carl Stypinski and Mike Sassaman, Entech Engineering, Troy Goodman and Quinn Haller all representing the Antietam Valley Municipal Authority and Keith Smoker from the Reading Eagle.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2018 Supervisor's meeting was made by Supervisor Oswald seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and the motion carried.

### **III. SOLICITOR**

A. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and the motion carried to advertise an Ordinance for the establishment of a program for collection, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of municipal waste and recycling in Lower Alsace Township and to included changes as explained by Solicitor Setley to the Township's burn ordinance; He stated that those changes are required in order that the Township comply with the DEP Recycling Grant terms. That change will involve the allowance for exemptions for agricultural burning for properties no less than Five (5) acres.

### **IV. ENGINEER**

A. Engineer Rogosky discussed the projects as projected in the 2019 Township budget. Also discussed was what appears to be the beginning of an underground sink hole in the Township Office parking lot. The Engineer indicated that he would discuss his recommendations with the Road Foreman.

### **V. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS DISCUSSED**

- A. Road Department – it was announced and approved by way of a motion made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou that the sale of the Township's 1997 Ford Dump Truck on Municibid resulted in the sale of \$19,600 to Keith Lindemuth from Brookville, PA .
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission
- C. Lower Alsace Fire Company and Ambulance Association and Antietam Valley Recreation Commission

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

- A. A motion to accept the 10/31/18 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$ 11,207.55 from the General Fund and \$1029.61 from the Fire Tax Fund was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve.

**VII. THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED**

- A. **Central Berks Police Department**
1. October Report was submitted
- B. **Sewage Enforcement Officer**
1. October Report was submitted
- C. **Zoning and Building Code Officer**
1. October Report was submitted

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Representatives from the AMVA attended the meeting to begin discussions for the possible extension of a public sewer line on Friedensburg Road. Mike Sassaman, Authority Engineer presented the number of options that are available for this extension and pointed to the fact that a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant was awarded to the AVMA but only for \$125,000. The projected costs to extend the Public Sewer Line to Old Spies Church Road was \$459,544 and would serve 16 existing homes and three potential building lots. One of the other options discussed would still serve the requesting owners of 1720 and 1722 would shorten to serve only to that point and the total cost would be \$301,675 serving 10 existing homes and three potential building lots. The members of the AVMA and the Board of Supervisors discussed options and it was recommend that additional details and funding options be analyzed by the AVMA and then a public participation meeting be considered to involve the owners of the properties in this propose project area.
- B. Two Township Employees announced their retirement dates in order for the Supervisors to plan for their replacements. Terry L. Styer January 5, 2020 and Richard Gerhart on August 31, 2020.

***IX. ADJOURNMENT***

Hearing no additional comments the meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM. The next regular meeting is advertised for 6:30 PM on November 21 but will be cancelled and replaced with an advertised meeting for November 26, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer  
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer