

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA December 20, 2018

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. held in the Antietam High School Cafeteria, 100 Antietam Road, Reading, PA.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board members in attendance included Todd Weikel and John Theodossiou. Jim Oswald was physically absent but joined via phone.

There were more than 155 people in attendance who signed in. There were 142 residents, 13 non-residents that were registered. There were a total of 29 people who gave comment.

Solicitor Setley opened the meeting with rules of order and conduct in order for a public record to be kept and for all in attendance to be heard.

II. TREASURER

A motion to approve the payment of the bills in the General Fund totaling to \$155,256.16 was made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Supervisor John Theodossiou summarized a public handout of information as follows:

The Lower Alsace Township Board of Supervisors has received a price of \$227.00 per residential unit for weekly removal of up to six 35-gallon containers of trash, every other week removal of recycling, and monthly removal of bulk items. If approved, this service will only be available to residential properties with four or fewer units under a municipal hauling service. Properties with five or more residential units and all commercial properties will still be required to hire their own hauler but the must also recycle.

Beginning municipal, contracted hauling in Lower Alsace Township will also allow the township to be eligible for several new grant programs, including a potential recycling grant of over a quarter of a million dollars. This grant, if received, will allow the township to purchase additional equipment and enhance brush and leaf collection services for residents. With this program the township also expects to see a reduction of the number of large trucks causing added wear and tear on the neighborhood streets.

This price is a substantial reduction in costs for the great majority of the residents of the township. For that reason, along with the added benefit of recycling and bulk items removal, which is not offered by all of the private

haulers currently operating in the township, we believe it is in the interests of the residents of Lower Alsace Township for us to take the necessary steps to accept this price reduction and begin municipal hauling in April of 2019.

- B. Those listed below were opposed to losing their choice of trash haulers:
1. Tom Orth – 44 Spook Hill Farms
 2. Nicki Mazurkiewicz – 634 N 25th Street
 3. Jose Barbosa – 511 Brighton Avenue
 4. Joseph Liddy – 914 Brighton Avenue
 5. Tina Lis – 509 Brighton Avenue
 6. Patrick Reardon – 1998 Neversink Mt. Road
 7. William Lewandowski – 518 N 25th Street
 8. Stacy Phile – 3 High Street
 9. Tom Watcke – 1038 A Friedensburg Road
 10. Denton Quick – 705 Brighton Avenue
 11. Karl Fisher – 1001 Friedensburg Road
 12. Ray Doskus – 200 Haag Road
 13. Evan Weikel – 1540 Kraemer Avenue
 14. Ed Bonato – 101 Glen Road
 15. Keith Clevenger – 232 Taft Avenue
 16. Andrea Phyrillas – 516 N 25th Street
 17. Randy Lafaver – Hauler
 18. Barbara Lawley - Hauler
- C. The following attendees expressed concerns for small business haulers; asked whether the haulers would be willing to drive back private lanes; Will they get recycling bins or dumpsters; what if they signed a contract; will it make their mortgage payment go up; Must they pay if their property is vacant; Some residents stated they only put out one bag of trash per week.
19. Lori Deisher -116 Harvey Avenue
 20. Estaban Ocasio – 12 Marshall Avenue
 21. Megan Archambault – 100 Spook Lane
 22. Donna Groff – 19 Cornell Street
 23. Frank Esposito – 1550 Friedensburg Road
 24. Daniel Daigle – 1127 Sterling Avenue
 25. Jim Lorah – 1728 Friedensburg Road
 26. Geneia Esterly – 816 Brighton Avenue
 27. Dana Ferretti – 910 N 25th Street
 28. Anita Schofield – 101 Wilson Avenue
 29. Mike Stump – Alsace Township Supervisor

- D. Some in attendance were in favor of just the municipal recycling program.
- E. Supervisor John Theodossiou addressed and answered many questions and reminded the crowd that the supervisors were elected to make the best decisions for the good of the residents as a whole and the Township.
- F. Solicitor Mike Setley commented that the Township advertised per the law in the Reading Eagle. He also noted that there was coverage on WFMZ TV, also information and previous township meeting minutes are posted on the website. The vote, at this time, will be extended to the next township meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no additional comments the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next regular meeting is advertised for 6:30 PM on December 27, 2018 and will again be held at the Antietam High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Corrie Zana
Assistant Secretary