

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
January 10, 2019

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, January 10, 2019 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 unable to attend the meeting. Also in attendance was Homer Williams, and Bill Lewandowski, Township Residents and Michelle Lynch from the Reading Eagle.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Lewandowski asked about the potential for changes to the recycling prices that were bid. He wanted to know if the contractor could amend the fees for escalating costs of fuel for example. The Solicitor said that the prices were fixed in the bid documents.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2018, the December 27, 2018 and the January 7, 2019 Reorganization Meeting of Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meetings was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou, the motion carried.

IV. SOLICITOR

Solicitor Setley reviewed proposed ordinance No. 256 and hearing no questions related the proposed ordinance as summarized below, a motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all agreed that the Ordinance be advertised for adoption at the next Township meeting.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOWER ALSACE TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPERSEDING IN ITS ENTIRETY ORDINANCE 254 OF THE TOWNSHIP AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RULES FOR COLLECTION, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION, PROCESSING AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTE AND A PROGRAM FOR RECYCLING, INCLUDING MANDATORY SOURCE SEPARATION AND SEPARATE COLLECTION OF DESIGNATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS; PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF DESIGNATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND LEAF WASTE WITH MUNICIPAL WASTE; PROHIBITING THE BURNING OF DESIGNATED RECYCLABLES AND LEAF WASTE; EMPOWERING LOWER ALSACE TOWNSHIP TO ADOPT AND PROMULGATE REASONABLE REGULATIONS THEREOF; FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

V. ENGINEER

A. Township Engineer Rogosky reviewed the proposals for the 2019 Road Construction projects suggesting that an early advertisement for bids on the projects may result in more competitive prices. A motion was made, seconded and approved for the Township Engineer to advertise for bids on the projects.

- B. The Engineer then reviewed a request for an Act 537 review be considered by the Township for the Exeter Township's Board of Supervisors sale of the Waste Water treatment plan to PA American Water Company. Both Engineer Rogosky and Solicitor Setley discussed the lengthy process by which the Township is required to be permitted via the PA DEP and the PUC for this transaction to take place. The Supervisors agreed to hear a presentation from the consulting engineer for PA American Water at their February meeting regarding the request for the Township to approve Exeter's Act 537 plan revision to simply include this change of ownership. The Engineer indicated that this would have no impact on the township and that it is more of a perfunctory process that Exeter Township is required to follow for the transaction to take place.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. A motion to accept the 12/31/18 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$93,460.39 from the General Fund and \$1,029.61 from the Fire Tax Fund was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and the motion carried.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

A. **Central Berks Police Department**

1. December report received

B. **Sewage Enforcement Officer**

1. December report received

C. **UCC and Zoning Officer**

1. December report received

VIII. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

Supervisor Oswald reported that the Lower Alsace Ambulance Association responded to 1680 calls during 2018 and were only forced to drop 113.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Lewandowski asked about the street lights that were not part of LED upgrade; he was informed that the township will need to obtain prices from private contractors before considering that upgrade.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made seconded and approved to authorize the Manager and or any member of the Board to sign the required grant documents for the PA DEP 902 Recycling grant for Lower Alsace Township.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no additional business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next regular meeting will be scheduled for 6:30 PM on January 31, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer