

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA

January 31, 2019

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, January 31, 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, John Theodossiou and Todd Weikel. Also in attendance were Township residents, Bill Lewandowski, Tammy and Emily Oswald and a friend as well as Keith Smoker from the Reading Eagle.

Jay Worrall, President of the Recreation Commission of the Antietam Valley provided an update on the Carsonia Park project and presented a request from the Recreation Commission of the Antietam Valley to commit a funding match of \$25,000 in the Township's 2020 budget for the next phase of the Carsonia Park. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve that the amount be included in the 2020 Township Budget.

Sgt. Deron Mandel from the Central Berks Police Department introduced Doug Demangone from the Crime Watch Technologies company who was at the meeting to propose his new public safety communication product. Following the presentation the Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the purchase of this communication service provided all four communities involved in the Central Berks Police region agree to participate as well. The cost was proposed to be approx.. 19 cents per person or about \$850 annually. The board was informed that the project includes 10 signs that could be posted along the municipal borders announcing the availability of this crime reporting tool to the area residents.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all voted yes to approve.

III. SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve Ordinance #256 as summarized below:

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.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald and seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve the list of bills totaling to \$103,930.39. In addition to the list of bills the Manager presented the Schaffer proposal for 1,736 Recycling totes in the amount of \$81,942 which she reported would be in part funding by the DEP Recycling Grant.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**A. Township Manager**

1. Authorization to sign a Contract with Eagle Disposal formalizing the bid award for curbside recycling of 1736 residential units within Lower Alsace Township beginning April 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021 was approved by a motion made by Supervisor Theodossiou, seconded by Supervisor Oswald and all voted yes to approve.
2. Changes and amendments to the current Personnel Policy were tabled into the next meeting.
3. Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Weikel and all approved two Resolutions summarized below and submitted by Kozloff, Stoudt, Solicitor for the Antietam Valley Municipal authority to participate in joint RFP for proposals of Pension Advisory services according to the requirements of Act 44 of 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 20191311

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALSACE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING WRITTEN PROCEDURES REGARDING HOW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS ARE CHOSEN FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S PENSION PLANS IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH ACT 44 OF 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 20191312

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALSACE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING KOZLOFF STOUTD ATTORNEYS TO PREPARE ALL REQUIRED RESOLUTIONS, ADVERTISEMENTS, PROCEDURES AND APPLICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S PENSION PLANS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion to ratify and confirm the certification and exoneration of the Township Tax Collector for the collection of the 2018 unpaid Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$36,447.07 and to turn the unpaid Real Estate Taxes over to the Berks County Tax Claim Office for collection was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Solicitor was asked to get additional information on the requirements for township residents adjacent to the proposed Friedensburg Road Sewer Extension project. Following those answers, the board will consider setting up a meeting with the affected residents and the Antietam Valley Municipal Authority.
- B. Following a discussion regarding the proposed pricing and contract options submitted by Animal Rescue League Contract, the Supervisors decided to table their decision until more information is available from the Berks Cooperative Purchasing Council for additional options. A letter to residents will be posted to the Township Web site to inform them of this inconvenience.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ratify and confirm certification and exoneration of the Township Tax Collector for the collection of the 2018 unpaid Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$36,447.07 with zero unpaid interim tax bills to turn the unpaid Real Estate Taxes over to the Berks County Tax Claim Office for collection.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no additional business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next regular meeting will be scheduled for 6:30 PM February 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer