

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
February 14, 2019

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 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 Ray Doskus, Barry Scheib, Jim Lorah, Homer Williams, and Bill Lewandowski, Township Residents and Keith Smoker from the Reading Eagle.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Lewandowski asked several questions regarding the municipal trash and recycling program.

III. PRESENTATION

Gerald DeBalko, P.E. from PA Water Company presented the Act 537 Plan update for Exeter Township which has become necessary for the acquisition by PA Water Company of the Exeter Township Waste Water Treatment Plant. Following a brief discussion regarding the fact that no changes will take place for the twenty Township Properties currently served by Exeter Sewer Authority, a motion was made by Supervisor Oswald and seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou to approve a waiver of planning requirements by the Township Planning Commission and to approve the Act 537 Plan amendment - Resolution No. 21420191 (attached to these minutes) which is the special study for the properties located in Lower Alsace Township.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of January 31, 2019 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou, the motion carried.

V. SOLICITOR

Solicitor Setley reviewed reported on the proposed Sewer Extension project and the options that the affected residents would have for the required connection fee. He indicated that the tap in fee could be levied on the property owners now or with a property lien that would be paid at the time of sale of the property but those with functioning on lot sewer systems would not be required to connect immediately. As per the request for a meeting with are residents, the Supervisors made a decision to invite the residents and the members of the Antietam Municipal Authority to the Supervisors March 14 meeting for an informational discussion regarding the project.

VI. ENGINEER

- A. Engineer Rogosky reported that Nick Johnson was awaiting a response from the PA DEP on the Township's current MS4 permit and will also begin working on the MS4 Permit Waiver request for the Township. Engineer Rogosky then reported on the 2019 Township and PennDot Road/Bridge Construction project as well as the Township's road construction bids with projected a date of March 12th to open the bids and March 14th to award to the successful contractor. The Roads projected to be part of this year's construction budget are:
- Brighton Avenue from Parkview to Navella avenue – full width curb to curb milling and paving with curb ramp improvements.
 - Navella Avenue from Carsonia Avenue to Byram Street – variable depth milling along the curb line and paving.
 - As an alternate bid – Haag Road from Hill Road to Angora Rod – variable width milling and paving
- B. A discussion was then held to consider the installation of tractor trailer truck restriction signage on Angora Road. The Manager was asked to check with Alsace Township for information regarding PennDot's planned signage at the Alsace Township end of McNight's gap for the truck traffic reasons. The thought was that both communities should consider the same restrictions and signs.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. A motion to accept the 1/31/19 Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$100,742.69 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.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

- A. **Central Berks Police Department**
1. January report received
- B. **Sewage Enforcement Officer**
1. January report received
- C. **UCC and Zoning Officer**
1. January report received

IX. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

Supervisor Oswald reported that the new 2019 Freightliner Truck was delivered and in operation. Following a conversation regarding options available for the next purchase, Supervisor Oswald made a motion that was seconded and approved to order a new 2019 Ford F-550 truck under the Co-Star's contract for the use in the winter and for leave and brush collection. Including all specs on the Costars contract including plow and spreader, the cost came to \$71,623.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Following a brief discussion it was decided to schedule the annual township wide clean-up program for Saturday April 20, 2019

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Manager requested approval to establish two house number changes for properties on Midland Avenue. She explained that the current numbering system isn't consistent with the numbers directly across the street and one of the empty lots in the series was subdivided in 2008 and there are no numbers available. It was determined that 9 Midland would change to 5 Midland and add 7 and 11 for the two new lots. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the manager to contact the 911 center and the Post office to make the changes and then send the letters to the property owners.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no additional business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next regular meeting will be scheduled for 6:30 PM on March 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Styer
Manager, Secretary / Treasurer

See Reso attached below

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALSACE
RESOLUTION NO. 21420191**

APPROVAL OF ACT 537 PLAN UPDATE SPECIAL STUDY

**RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERVISORS OF LOWER ALSACE TOWNSHIP, Berks County,
Pennsylvania (hereinafter "the municipality").**

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act," as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, requires the municipality to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality, and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania-American Water Company (PAWC) has prepared an Act 537 Plan Update Special Study, dated January 2019 on behalf of Exeter Township, which provides for sewage facilities in a small portion of Lower Alsace Township, and

The alternative of choice to be implemented is for the acquisition of the Exeter Township wastewater system by PAWC. The public sewer service area shall remain the same as previously include the approval of the Act 537 Plan Update Special Study prior to the closing of the acquisition in the third quarter of 2019.

WHEREAS, Lower Alsace Township finds that the Act 537 Plan Update Special Study described above conforms to applicable zoning, subdivision, other municipal ordinances and plans and to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisors of the Township of Lower Alsace hereby adopt and submit to the Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as Special STUDY. The municipality hereby assures the Department of the complete and timely implementation of the said plan as required by law.

Resolved this 14th day of February 2019.

**LOWER ALSACE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Chairperson

I, Terry L, Styer , Township Secretary for the Lower Alsace Township Board of Supervisors hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Township's Resolution No. 21420191 adopted February 14, 2019.

(Township Seal)