

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALSACE
SUPERVISORS' MEETING AGENDA
June 8, 2023**

James D. Oswald, Supervisor, Chair
John Theodossiou, Supervisor
Todd M. Weikel, Supervisor
Michael A. Setley, Esq. Township Solicitor
Don Pottiger, Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

I. CALL TO ORDER- 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

II. PRESENTATIONS

None scheduled.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None scheduled.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023, Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

V. SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Road Department – Supervisor Oswald.
- B. Central Berks Regional Police Commission – Supervisor Theodossiou.
- C. Lower Alsace Fire Company – Supervisor Weikel.
- D. Lower Alsace Ambulance Association – Supervisor Weikel.
- E. Antietam Valley Recreation Commission – Supervisor Weikel.

VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- A. Solicitor's report to be presented.

VII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- A. Engineer's report to be presented.
- B. Discussion of 2023 Road Paving Projects list. Bids to be ready for approval at the July meeting.

VIII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

- A. Planning Hearing Board:
 - 1) The most recent meeting of the Planning Commission was held on November 2, 2022. No new meetings of the Planning Commission have been scheduled at this time.
- B. Zoning Hearing Board:
 - 1) The most recent meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board was held on May 17th, 2023. The Zoning Hearing Board approved the application from T & L Inc. for a variance and/or special exception to construct a 7 foot by 11 foot addition to the front of the existing garage to expand the office area on the property located at 800 Carsonia Avenue.
- C. Antietam Valley Recreation Commission – no report.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS

- A. Motion to accept the May 31, 2023, Treasurer's reports.
- B. Motion to approve the payment of the list of bills as presented.

X. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

- A. Central Berks Police Department
 - 1. May 2023 report.

B. **Central Berks Regional Codes Enforcement Department**

1. May 2023 report.

C. **Sewage Enforcement Officer**

1. May 2023 report.

D. **Zoning and Building Code Officer**

1. May 2023 report.

E. **Lower Alsace Township Fire Company**

1. No new report.

F. **Lower Alsace Ambulance Association**

1. No new report.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Continued discussion on potential project for use of American Rescue Plan Local Funds – timeline to be discussed. First allocation to Central Berks Police, Lower Alsace Fire Company, and Lower Alsace Ambulance was approved, and reservation of funds has been set aside. The total revenue of \$496,985.88 has \$346,985.88 remaining for additional projects.
- B. Review the status of any activity related to communications with representatives of Mount Penn Borough related to a discussion of a merger between Mount Penn Borough and Lower Alsace Township. Representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development will be on hand to answer questions on the process. A public meeting to discuss issues is being scheduled sometime after September 1st. Date, time, and location to be determined.
- C. Update on various discussions on closing Skyline Drive and all access points to vehicle traffic, including timing of closures.
- D. Update on the review of animal control services, and communication with both Safety Net Sanctuary and Animal Rescue League on processes and procedures performed by both entities.

- E. Review the status of the use and occupancy permit application for 1383 – 1385 Friedensburg Road. No current changes.
- F. Update on the status of the Petition with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to exempt liquor licensees from the PLCB’s regulations regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises for all the licensees within the Township.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve the hiring of Allison Smith, Assistant to the Township Manager, at the rate of \$_____ per hour (\$xx,xxx annually), retroactively effective to June 5, 2023.
- B. Discussion and approval of the special event permits for Celtic Festival on June 24, 2023, and b) Oktoberfest on September 27 through October 1, 2023.
- C. Discussion and approval of a motion for action on a building permit request by the City of Reading related to a construction project at Camp Lily.
- D. Discussion and approval of a motion for action on a request for a letter of support by the City of Reading related to a grant application for a construction project within the Mount Penn Preserve of electric and alternative fueling stations.
- E. Discussion and approval of a motion to approve a resolution amending the Mount Penn Preserve Partnership Council of Governments agreement by modifying Article III, Part L, Eligibility & Membership, by allowing the five (5) Governing Bodies to appoint a representative to serve on the MP3 COG Board and replacing the phrase “Executive Committee” with the term “Board”, as attached in Exhibit A.

XIII. FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session if necessary.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The next monthly meeting of the Lower Alsace Township Board of Supervisors will be held on July 13th, 2023.