

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALSACE  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING AGENDA  
August 10, 2023**

*James Oswald, Supervisor, Chair*  
*John Theodossiou, Supervisor*  
*Todd Weikel, Supervisor*  
*Kelsey Frankowski, Esq., Township Solicitor*  
*Don Pottiger, Manager/Secretary-Treasurer*

***I.     CALL TO ORDER- 6:30 P.M.***

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

***II.    PRESENTATIONS***

A.    No presentations scheduled.

***III.   PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS***

A.    None scheduled.

***IV.    APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES***

A.    Motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 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 the Township 2023 Road Paving Project.

***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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. No new meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board have been scheduled at this time.
- C. Antietam Valley Recreation Commission – no report.

***IX. TREASURER'S REPORT / LIST OF BILLS***

- A. Motion to accept the July 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. July 2023 report.
- B. ***Central Berks Regional Codes Enforcement Department***
  - 1. July 2023 report.

- C.     **Sewage Enforcement Officer**
  - 1.   July 2023 report.
  
- D.     **Zoning and Building Code Officer**
  - 1.   July 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.   Update the status of discussions 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.   Update 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. Further discussion to be held at the August meeting after meeting with both the Animal Rescue League and Safety Net Sanctuary.
  
- E.   Update 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. Discussion of the status of the City of Reading special event permit application for the Duryea Hillclimb on August 19 and 20th, 2023.
- B. Discussion and approve a motion to advertise for bids for the Township Recycling program. Bids to be opened and awarded at the October Township Supervisors' meeting.
- C. Approve a motion to advertise the revision to the Traffic Ordinance for the Speed Limit signs on Service Court to be correctly posted at 25 miles per hour as per the enforceable speed limit.
- D. Discussion on status of the process for researching the cost and the demand for a Yard Waste Collection program for grass clippings, flowers, and small shrubs.
- E. Discussion of preliminary timeline for 2024 budget process.

***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 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.