

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
WORK SESSION

June 21, 2023

Chairman Bergman called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Chris Canavan, Kevin Shelly, Dave Scheuren and Kent Krauss. Also present were Joseph Czajkowski, Township Manager; Holly Hosterman, Assistant to the Township Manager; Mike Beuke, Director of Building and Zoning; Doug Jones, Public Works Director; Chief Tom Medwid, Lower Salford Township Police Department; and Stephanie Butler, Township Traffic Engineer.

Chairman Bergman called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the minutes from the May 17th and June 6th, 2023, work sessions. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Director, Doug Jones reported that the streetlight upgrade project 95% completed. He said that they are still waiting for the few remaining fixtures and training of Township staff on the use of the remote management system.

Mr. Jones said that the upgrades to the Alderfer Road and Kulp Road basins were complete.

Doug said that the cape seal project has been delayed and is scheduled to begin next week. He said that residents in the affected neighborhoods will be notified of the schedule change. Prep work for this project has been completed.

The base repairs to various roads will also begin next week and are anticipated to be complete in 3 or 4 days.

Doug said that the County has hired a consultant to survey the area around the Roberts Road bridge. He said that neighbors have been notified as it may be necessary for surveyors to access the property of adjacent landowners. The survey work will be used to prepare the cul-de-sac plans.

Doug said that the stumps that a resident on Indian Creek Road removed from the right of way have been grinded down. The crews have also grinded down stumps in the right of way on other roads in the Township. This will help with the roadside mowing operations.

Doug said that a resident at the intersection of Morris Road and Upper Mainland Road requested that a 4-way stop be installed. Doug said that he will be working with the Traffic Engineer to ascertain whether that would be warranted.

Township Traffic Engineer, Stephanie Butler updated the Board on the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) grant. Mrs. Butler said that staff had looked at the installation of a sidewalk along Route 63 in the area of Walmart. Stephanie noted that there was no requirement for the owner of the shopping center to install sidewalks on the Main St. frontage. She said that the cost estimate for the project was in excess of \$1 million and so she does not recommend moving forward with the application at this time.

Mrs. Butler also updated the Board on walkable Lederach noting that the open house that was held last week. Stephanie said that there were about 90 residents who attended and were able to comment on the preliminary plans. Many of the residents gave written comments which will be reviewed by the Trail and Sidewalk Committee at their July meeting. Supervisor Shelly said that he thought the open house was well attended and that he had received positive feedback from those who attended. Stephanie said that there will be another open house in the fall to get feedback on updated plans.

Chief Medwid reported that bus patrol had forwarded 93 violations to the department in the first 2 months. The Police department has approved about 50% of those submitted.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning department had received 55 building permits thus far in the month of June. He said that there was no hearing for the Zoning Hearing Board for July. He said that the Planning Commission will be looking at the Conditional Use application for 196 Main Street and a review of the plans for 355 Maple Avenue to see the filling of the courtyard. Additionally, the PC will be reviewing the temporary sign portion of the Township sign ordinance. Mike said that items currently slated for the Board of Supervisors July meeting include 100 Christopher Lane request for waiver of land development and authorization to advertise 196 Main Street Conditional Use Hearing.

Mr. Czajkowski updated the Board on the status of the pedestal clock for the golf course. He reported that the cost for the clock will be approximately \$10,000, half of which will be covered by the Recreation Authority. Supervisor Shelly said that the cost was not that much more than the bench that was originally discussed and said he supported moving forward with it. The Board agreed that we should move forward with the clock.

Supervisor Shelly gave an update on the Communication Committees research into adding texting services to Township residents, he noted that this would allow two-way communication between the Township and residents. He said that the initial setup cost for this service would be between \$4 - \$5,000 with a yearly cost of about \$3,000 per year thereafter. Supervisor Canavan asked if the Township could piggyback onto the County's system. Supervisor Kraus asked if this would be integrated into the Township's existing system. Supervisor Shelly said that additional research is needed to answer those questions. The Board was ok with continuing the research into this service and specifically into how the Township might utilize the ReadyMontco service for various notifications.

Supervisor Scheuren informed that Board that the Sewer Authority was looking into buildout numbers for the Township, and they estimated that the Township will reach sewer capacity within 5 years. He said that the Authority was looking into how much upgrades to the system will cost. He said that they hope to have those numbers soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager