LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES WORK SESSION

September 20, 2023

Vice Chairman Canavan called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors 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; and Chief Tom Medwid, Lower Salford Township Police Department.

Vice Chairman Canavan led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Scheuren moved to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2023 August 1, 2023 and September 5, 2023, work sessions. Supervisor Shelly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Director, Doug Jones reported that the streetlight management program was being set up for Township users.

Mr. Jones said that he and the Township Engineer would be meeting with the contractor to complete the final punch list for the Alderfer Road and Kulp Road basins.

Doug said that the consultant from PRPS and Township staff met with stakeholders to discuss the latest draft of the Athletic Field Use Study. Holly Hosterman said that the consultant would be at the October 18 work session meeting to discuss with the Board.

Mr. Jones said that the rain garden project at the Community Center was completed. He said that the Public Works team worked with the Perkiomen Watershed and volunteers to get this done. He said that all involved did an excellent job. He said that there are 300 more plants to be installed at a later date.

Doug said that the Jacob Reiff streambank restoration project had received an environmental stewardship award from the Montgomery County Conservation District.

Doug said that final cape seal work is being done on Arrow Lane. He said that PECO work had held up that portion of the job for a number of weeks.

Doug said that the court resurfacing is to be completed at Reed Park this week.

Chief Medwid reported that the hiring process to replace the officer who recently resigned has begun. He said that applications were slow coming in as there are many departments who are hiring at this time. He hopes to have 7 to 10 good applicants once they are ready to interview.

The Chief said that the Limerick Generating Station Emergency Management Drill is scheduled for next Tuesday.

Vice Chairman Canavan asked about the cameras in the parks. The Chief said that they have been helpful with a few instances of vandalism.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning department had received 39 building permits thus far in the month of September. He said that there was no hearing for the Zoning Hearing Board for October. He said that the Planning Commission will be looking at a proposed ordinance to clarify non-conforming structures, the Shihadeh subdivision (3 twins proposed) on Lederach Cross Road, 355 Maple Avenue trail plan and the 45 Mainland Road museum conditional use application.

Mr. Czajkowski said that staff is working on the first draft of the 2024 budget and would be presenting the minor funds for review at the first work session in October.

Mr. Czajkowski said that there was need for an executive session to discuss a real estate matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski Township Manager