

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
November 1, 2023

Chairman Keith Bergman called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Supervisors present were Chris Canavan, Kevin Shelly, Dave Scheuren and Kent Krauss. Also present were Township Manager, Joe Czajkowski; Assistant to the Township Manager, Holly Hosterman; Director of Building and Zoning, Mike Beuke; Township Solicitor, Andy Freimuth; and Township Engineer, Michele Fountain.

Chairman Bergman led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was to welcome the newest Lower Salford Police Officer, Michael Parnes to the Township. Chairman Bergman swore in Officer Parnes. Chief Tom Medwid gave Officer Bailey his badge as all in attendance wished him well with a round of applause.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Consent Agenda

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Bergman reminded those present that the schedule of upcoming Township meetings was listed on the bottom of the agenda.

Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Beuke stated that there were no Zoning Hearing Board applications for the month of November.

Park Board

Holly Hosterman reported that the next Park Board meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 7:00pm.

Fire Chief

There was no report.

Freedom Valley Medical Rescue

There was no report.

Communications Committee

Supervisor Shelly said that the Committee continues to explore ways to communicate with residents. Supervisor Shelly said that they encourage all residents to sign up for Ready Montco Notify text alerts which will enable them to get texts from the Township. Supervisor Shelly said that the next meeting of the Communications Committee was scheduled for November 15th at 7:30pm.

Recreation Authority

Chairman Bergman reported that the golf course has been doing spectacularly well, noting that September revenue numbers were over budget and October numbers are looking good as well. Chairman Bergman said that the new golf cart fleet was delivered recently.

Unfinished Business

- A) Ordinance 2023-04 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Impervious Surfaces and Non-Conforming Structures – Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt ordinance 2023-04. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Supervisor Shelly voting no.

- B) 45 Mainland Road – Conditional Use Hearing – Museum Use – Chairman Bergman opened the public hearing and turned the proceedings over to Solicitor Freimuth. Mr. Freimuth explained the process and gave an overview of the application. Christine Pionzio reviewed the application on behalf of the applicant. Vince Papillo gave a history of the site and explained his plans for the future use as a music museum. Jean Kriebel, 355 Freed Road asked if there would be issues with noise from the site. Ms. Pionzio said that they would limit the playing of music to certain hours as determined by Township staff and would notify the Township in the event that they were going to have any outside events. Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the Conditional Use application for 45 Mainland Road with conditions agreed upon. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C) Recommendation to Award the Green Light Go Grant Traffic Signal Upgrade

bid – Supervisor Canavan moved to award the bid to Higgins and Sons in the amount of \$465,312.31. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D) Recommendation to Approve the sale of the 1999 Mack Tandem Axel Dump Truck and appurtenances to Tunkhannock Township – Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the sale to Tunkhannock Township for \$21,800. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E) Motion to Approve Fire Police Assistance to Upper Salford Township for the Big Bad Bonfire – October 28th, 2023 – Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the assistance. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- A) Resolution 2023-30 – 417 Main Street (Isabelle’s Kitchen), Approval of Waiver of Land Development – The Board discussed the landscaping along the property frontage and along School Lane and whether it was necessary. The Board did not feel that it was necessary at this time. The Board deferred the installation of landscaping until it was determined that it was necessary. Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the waiver or land development. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Supervisor Shelly voting no.
- B) 785 Cressman Road – Land Development – Discussion of Waivers – There was no representative for the project so the Board decided to defer discussion to a future meeting.
- C) Authorization to Advertise 2024 Budget – Mr. Czajkowski said that the General Fund budget proposes no tax increase for 2024. The budget included a \$174,000 contribution to the Ambulance Corps, an additional Public Works employee and a special projects coordinator position in the Administration. He said that the Ambulance Fund shows an increase to .5 mills from the current .32 mills. He noted that the Capital Fund included various projects for improvements to traffic signals and trail/sidewalk installation. Supervisor Canavan moved to authorize the 2024 budget. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Canavan asked the manager to reach out to our elected state officials and to PSATS to pursue raising the allowable millage for ambulance services.

Public Comment

Supervisor Canavan said that November 11th was the first day of Scouting food with November 18th being the day for the collection of non-perishable items for local food pantries.

Chairman Bergman reminded everyone to vote on November 7th.

There being no further business, Mr. Freimuth moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph S. Czajkowski
Township Manager