

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
August 7, 2024

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, and Dave Scheuren. Also, present were Joseph Czajkowski, Township Manager; 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.

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

Mike Beuke stated that there is a Zoning Hearing Board hearing scheduled for August 8th to discuss the side yard setback variance request at 193 Kinsey Road.

Park Board

Township Manager Czajkowski reported that the annual Hecklerfest will take place at the Heckler Farmstead on August 24th from 10am to 3pm. The next meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for August 27th at 7pm.

Fire Chief – Chief, Ryan Nase, reported that for the month of July the Company had responded to 40 calls, with the Company averaging 9 firefighters per call. The Company was in-service for 15 hours and 27 minutes.

Freedom Valley Medical Rescue – Interim Chief, Mike Gerish reported that the Squad had responded to 186 calls out of the Harleysville station. Mike said that FVMR provided mutual aid 58 times and received mutual aid 26 times.

Communications Committee

Supervisor Shelly reported that they finalized the New Resident welcome letter, He said that they will be reaching out to the multifamily facilities in the Township to ensure that they are receiving the most up to date information. The next meeting of the Communications Committee is scheduled for August 21st, at 7:30pm.

Recreation Authority

Chairman Bergman reported that there was no meeting in July, though the course is ahead of budget year to date. He said that the course was in excellent shape and doing well overall.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- A) Resolution 2024-10 – Designating Township Manager as Official to Execute Documents for the Transportation Set Aside Program Reimbursement Grant Agreement – Supervisor Canavan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-10. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B) Resolution 2024-11 – Tuttle Subdivision – Acceptance of Cressman Road Right-of-Way – Supervisor Canavan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C) Resolution 2024-12 – 392 Oak Dr. Preliminary/Final Land Development Approval – Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt Resolution 2024-12. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. Supervisor Shelly said that he was not in favor of approving preliminary/final as he feels that doing them separately would give additional opportunities for public comment and review. Supervisor Canavan noted that as this is a minor subdivision, the ordinance allows for preliminary/final without a waiver. The motion passed 3 to 1 with Supervisor Shelly voting no.
- D) Motion to Accept the Bid Award to Wilson of Wallingford for the Montgomery County Consortium 2024 #2 Heating Oil – Supervisor Canavan moved to accept the bid. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E) Ordinance 2024-04 – Municipal Waste Collection and Recycling – Amending Chapter 95 – Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse, Article 1 – Solid Waste, Section 95-1 – Authorization to Advertise – Supervisor Canavan moved to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2024-04. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F) Ordinance 2024-05 – Establishing Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program – Authorization to Advertise – Supervisor Canavan said that this ordinance will allow the Township to give a tax credit to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. It was noted that the credit would be retroactive for all of 2024. Supervisor Canavan moved to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2024-05. Supervisor Shelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, Mr. Freimuth moved to adjourn at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager