

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
WORK SESSION

January 17, 2024

Chairman Bergman called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 7:31 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; Andy Freimuth, Township Solicitor and Stephanie Butler, Township Traffic Engineer.

Chairman Bergman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the minutes from the December 20th work session. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Freimuth gave the Board an update on the transfer of the golf course liquor license from the Township to the Recreation Authority as required by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. The Board asked that language giving the Township the right of first refusal to get the license back should anything happen to the golf course, and they no longer sell liquor. Mr. Freimuth said that he would add appropriate language to the transfer agreement.

Doug Jones introduced the newest member of the Public Works team, Sam Hudson, to the Board.

Mr. Jones reported that the streetlight upgrade project is still not complete as they are waiting for the delivery of remaining light fixtures.

Doug said that the staff is working with Boyle Construction and MKSD Architects on the latest concept plan. They are looking at separating the uses, into two buildings, to rectify some of the grading issues that resulted from the larger single

building in the earlier concept plan. Doug said that they are also looking into some new grant opportunities to help fund the project.

Mr. Jones said that the scoping plans for the Green Light Go grant have been submitted to PennDOT and they are awaiting their review comments. He said that the Township was awarded \$200,000 towards the Yoder Road sidewalk project by DCED. Additionally, Doug said that he was continuing his discussion with the owner of the property at Route 113 and Schlosser Road about the rental of a portion of their Barn for the storage of Township and golf course equipment.

Doug introduced Stephanie Butler, Township Traffic Engineer, who gave the Board an update on the possible extension of the right turn lane on Oak Drive at the intersection of Main Street. Stephanie said that they were looking at two options, option 1 was just the extension of the right turn lane and option 2 would be the realignment of Oak Drive with Alderfer Road (across Main Street). She noted that option 2 would be nearly double the cost of option 1. The Board noted that option 2 would make the left turn movement from Main Street onto Oak somewhat difficult as compared to its current condition. Supervisor Shelly asked if a roundabout was considered for the intersection. Mrs. Butler said that it had not as it would be much more expensive of an option and would require the acquisition of a lot of additional right of way. The Board felt that option 1 was the best option at this time. Mrs. Butler then discussed the possibility of applying for funds through the ARPA capital projects program for the Community Center project. She said that property acquisition as well as project planning/engineering were likely candidates for this program. Supervisor Canavan moved to get an appraisal of the property adjacent to the Community Center and Township open space and to apply for grant funding for the acquisition of the property. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Medwid reported that the sale of the 2009 Explorer on Municibid was complete with the final sale price at \$6,700. The Chief also reported that they were looking at installing park cameras at the Reiff Park Farmhouse as there is an existing pole and electricity.

Mr. Beuke reported that the building and zoning department had received 37 building permits thus far in the month of January. He said that there was no hearing for the Zoning Hearing Board's February agenda. He said that the Planning Commission would be reviewing the land development applications for Shahada 3 lot subdivision, 196 Main Street updated land development application, the amendments to the RO zoning ordinance, and updates to the temporary sign ordinance. Mr. Beuke said that representatives of the Keystone Opportunity Center

had reached out about using the former New Life school property as temporary housing and homeless shelter. He said that this use is not allowable under the current zoning of the property. The Board felt that this was not the best location for this type of use since it was located in such a rural area of the Township. He also informed that Board that the owners of the Harleysville National Bank building had reached out to say that Neshaminy Brewing Company would be opening a tasting room in the former bank building.

Mr. Czajkowski said that the Board would need to appoint Supervisor Krauss as voting delegate to the PSATS conference as he would be attending this year and not Supervisor Shelly. Supervisor Canavan moved to appoint Supervisor Krauss as the Townships voting delegate to the PSATS Conference. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski  
Township Manager