

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
WORK SESSION

August 6, 2024

Chairman Keith 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, and Dave Scheuren. Also present were Joseph Czajkowski, 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 asked those in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jessic Guyer, Living Hope Farm, 461 Indian Creek Road announced that the farm has received funding from the Mount Charitable Foundation to assist families with food insecurity in our area.

Doug Jones reported that the final payment processing for the streetlight upgrade has been completed and the one-year maintenance period has started.

Doug said that he reached out to the County regarding moving the turnaround on Roberts Road and they have agreed to moving it where the Township and the residents have requested.

Doug said that the clearing along the Bergey Mill Road bridge has begun. He noted that there has not been a preconstruction meeting yet to discuss a laydown area for the contractor to use for the construction equipment and trailer.

Mr. Jones said that he has met with the two property owners adjacent to the proposed Oak Drive widening project. He said that one owner is ok with the project and that the other owner still has some questions which need to be discussed further.

Doug updated the Board on the 2024 road resurfacing program noting the cape seal portion of the project is complete. He said that the Nova chip portion will be completed in the next week and that Indian Creek Road will be paved sometime in September.

Doug said that the Salford Quarry mitigation project by EPA is expected to begin with road closure in mid-September. He said he has spoken to the contractor who will be closing a portion of Quarry Road, noting that they will be installing message boards two weeks prior, to inform the traveling public of the closure. He said that the closure should be in place for about 18 months. He said that security lighting will be installed at the sight for the duration of the project because of the deep trenching that will be part of the mitigation process. Doug said that EPA will be scheduling a community outreach meeting prior to the beginning of the project.

Doug noted that the poles and conduit have been installed for the cameras at Alderfer Park. The electrician should be out in the next week or so to install the wiring.

Mr. Jones updated the Board about the proposed Community Center project noting that the building may be better placed at the sight of the existing buildings near the pool, as there is existing impervious surface and the grading is more conducive to constructing a building than the area near the “teachers’ lot”.

Doug said that the crews have completed a couple of projects in the parks recently, including the painting of the Reiff barn and the crack repairs on the hockey rink at Bucher Park.

Township Engineer, Stephanie Butler, updated the Board on the State Bridge Bill application process noting that the Stover Road bridge meets the current requirements of being a 20-foot span. The Board agreed that this would be a good choice to move forward with an application. Stephanie noted that the DVRPC has said that next year the program will allow for bridges with spans of 8 feet or greater which would allow the Landis Road bridge to be included. Mrs. Butler said that this is a retro-reimbursement grant with a 20% match required by the Township.

Mrs. Butler informed the Board that the Township has been awarded two Green Light Go grants for a total of \$710,684 for the upgrade to the traffic signals at Main and Hunsberger and Main and Maple.

Chief Medwid reported that the funding for the license plate reader project at the 113/63 intersection was scheduled to be voted on by the County Commissioners on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning department issued 82 permits in July. Mike said that the average number of building permits per month is up over last year. He noted that there will be a ZHB hearing in August for an application for a variance from the side yard setback related to the proposed construction of a 2-car garage at 193 Kinsey Road. He also said that the Township has received a Zoning Hearing Board application from Mar Mar Homes for construction of a 6-lot subdivision on Hoffman Road. Mike said that the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Shihada land development (6 lots) on Lederach Cross Road. Mike said that the Briarwood Development (931 Harleysville Pike), Lederach Village Homes and Jacobs Field developments have all started construction.

Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the minutes of the July 3, 2024, Board meeting and the agenda for the August 7, 2024, regular meeting. Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the quarterly financials for the Township noting that revenues were at 72.5% of budget and expenditures were at 61.4% of budget.

Mr. Czajkowski informed the Board that legislation was recently passed that would allow municipalities in Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware Counties to impose a millage of up to 10 mils for fire services and up to 5 mils for ambulance services.

Mr. Czajkowski introduced Dave Smith of Mount Materials, owner of the Quarry on Indian Creek Road. Mr. Smith discussed the future disposition of the quarry. Mr. Smith said that operating as it is today the quarry will finish extracting materials on or about 2042 and the reclamation (filling in) of the quarry will finish on or about 2054. Mr. Smith said that if the Board allowed him to expand quarrying activities to recently acquired property adjacent to the quarry, extraction would be completed in 2036, and reclamation would be completed in 2045. It was noted that this would require an amendment to the settlement agreement. The Board suggested that Mr. Smith put together a document that would explain in further detail the impacts of moving forward as outlined in the current agreement versus the impacts of moving forward as he is requesting. Additionally, the Board would like to see a suggested amendment to the agreement that could be reviewed by the Township Solicitor and the Board to further the discussions. It was noted that neither of these requests implies that the Board will move forward with the requested changes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski  
Township Manager