

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
WORK SESSION

October 1, 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, 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, and Stephanie Butler, Township Traffic Engineer.

Chairman Bergman asked those in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug Johnson, Lower Salford Representative to the Indian Valley Public Library, introduced Tracie Reed, the recently appointed library director. Ms. Reed gave a brief overview of her experience and thanked the Township for their continued support of the library. Mr. Johnson reviewed the library's 2025 budget noting income of \$1.2 million and expenses of \$1.4 million. He said that the difference between revenue and expenses would be made up by grants.

Doug said that there is no update on the Bergey Mill Road bridge. He noted that the County has met with the Ingalls and that the bridge abutments will be removed to 2 feet below grade.

Mr. Jones said that he has met with the two property owners adjacent to the proposed Oak Drive widening project. He said that we have received the signed deed of dedication from one of the property owners and is waiting to hear back from the other property owner.

Doug said that the base repair on Yoder Road, from Sunset to Fretz has been completed.

Mr. Jones said that the contractor for EPA has started the clearing and grubbing for the Salford Quarry remediation project.

Doug said that the Perkiomen Watershed has installed the floating garden treatment at Briarwyck Park.

Doug said that the 63/113 signal upgrade project is scheduled to begin next week.

Township Engineer, Stephanie Butler, gave an update on the Main Street adaptive signal update noting that the bids were received and Armor and Sons was the low bidder at \$682,600. She said that the Township match would be between \$90 - \$100,000. She recommends that the Board accepts the bid at tomorrow evening's meeting.

She said that the ARLE grant, for the striping of bike lanes through the township, will be ready for acceptance at the Board's November regular meeting.

Doug noted that he met with the sign contractor for moving the 3 business signs located along the Main Street to Ruth Road sidewalk project. He hopes to have pricing in the near future. Additionally, the Township Solicitor is looking into notification requirements for Smile Realty as they have not responded to our request to meet to discuss financing their portion of the project.

Mr. Jones said that the resurfacing of the basketball courts at Bucher Park should be completed by the end of the day. The hockey rink resurfacing will take place next week, weather permitting.

Doug reviewed the items on the regular meeting agenda for board action. He said that he recommends the extension of the contract for equipment rental as well as the authorization to advertise for the new snowplow attachment. Additionally, he said that the Montgomery County Consortium salt bid has been received and that the price per ton of salt delivered came in \$2 per ton lower than last year and recommends accepting the bid.

Chief Medwid informed the Board that the cameras have been installed at Alderfer Road Park. He said that they should be integrated into the Township's system by the end of this week.

Mike Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning department issued 63 permits in September. Mike said that there are no Zoning Hearing Board applications for the

Month of October. He said that the Planning Commission will be reviewing an application for a 4-lot subdivision at 645 Store Road.

Mr. Beuke introduced Judith Danko who owns a flag lot parcel at 773 Cressman Road (recently approved Tuttle Subdivision). Mrs. Danko asked the Board to consider a waiver of the 93-foot setback for her flag lot and to allow a 75-foot setback. Mrs. Danko gave an overview of the project. The Board felt that they did not have enough information to make a decision on the waiver. The Board asked Mrs. Danko to consider the cost of the additional information versus the denial of the waiver.

Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the minutes of the September 4, 2024, Board meeting and the agenda for the October 2, 2024, regular meeting.

Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the minor funds budgets for 2025 noting that the Ambulance and Fire Funds showed a millage increase to allow all of the funding to come directly through the millage instead of partial funding coming through the General Fund. He noted that none of the other minor funds anticipated an increase in their millages. He said that he would have the General Fund and Capital Fund budgets for the Boards review at the mid-month work session.

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 asked the Board to clarify how they wished to proceed with the Planning Commission vacancy. It was decided that the Manager would invite the three candidates recommended by the Planning Commission to attend the mid-month work session so that the Board could discuss their qualifications.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski  
Township Manager