

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
WORK SESSION

February 19, 2025

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; Mike Beuke, Director of Building and Zoning; Doug Jones, Director of Public Works; Chief Tom Medwid, Lower Salford Township Police Department; and Stephanie Butler Township Traffic Engineer.

Chairman Bergman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the minutes from January 15, and February 4, 2025, Work Sessions. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Doug Jones reported that the Bergey Road Mill Bridge Construction was paused because of the weather. He said it is scheduled to restart this week or next. He said that there was nothing to report on the Roberts Road Bridge demolition project.

Doug said that staff had met with the site engineer to review the Community Center project and discussed stormwater management and the possible need for an NPDES permit. Doug said that if things proceed as hoped then an open house may be scheduled for April or May for public review and input.

Doug said that he and Stu Hartman from the golf course were working through the process to get the James House demolished.

Doug said that the department had 4 minor snow events totaling 3.5 inches of snow. He said that despite the low snow accumulation, these storms required a lot of salt and a lot of crew time. Mr. Jones said that we have had delays in salt

deliveries, but it is hoped that we will get salt delivered early next week. Doug said that the high winds last week required the crew to spend some time with tree removal/cleanup.

Chief Medwid reported that the hiring process for the new office is moving forward. He said that the Township is ready to make a provisional offer of employment to David Sangree, an 11-year police officer from Jenkintown.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning Department has received 15 building permits thus far in the month of February. Mike said that there was no Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for March. Mr. Beuke said that the Planning Commission would be reviewing the final land development application for 196 Main Street, the 862 Harleysville Pike minor subdivision and the VC district right-of-way and other amendments. Mike said that he expected that 196 Main Street final approval, 645 Store Road subdivision waivers would be on the March Board of Supervisors regular meeting.

Mr. Czajkowski informed the Board that we had received a request from a resident in the Cheswick development to petition PennDOT about restricting the use of “Jake” brakes by large trucks on Route 113. The Police Chief and Traffic Engineer, Stephanie Butler, discussed the process for asking PennDOT to perform a study. Noting that there was no cost to the Township for the Study, but the Township would need to install the signage and carry out any enforcement. The Board asked the Chief to have his department reach out to the resident to get more details on how many trucks and the time of day this is happening before we reach out to PennDOT to ask for the study.

The Board went into executive session to discuss a matter of real estate and a personnel matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager

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March 4, 2025

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, Director of Public Works; Chief Tom Medwid, Lower Salford Township Police Department; and Grace Kelley, Special Projects Coordinator.

Chairman Bergman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Mr. Jones reported that work has restarted on the Bergey Road Mill Bridge. He said that he was working with the contractor to keep the park entrance clean and clear. Doug informed the Board that the repairs to the fiber optic cable between routes 113/63 traffic signal and Oak Drive was repaired and functioning. Doug said that the Township had received \$450,000 grant for the widening of the Oak Drive intersection with Main St. He thanked Representative Scheuren for her efforts in securing the funding. Mr. Jones said that the Green Light Go applications for the upgrades to Main and Kulp and Main and Maple have been submitted. Doug said that Grace Kelley was working on a Schuylkill Highlands grant for the installation of water bottle filling stations at some of the parks. Grace Kelley, Special Project Coordinator, reviewed the proposal to install inclusive playground equipment adjacent to the Alderfer Road Park playground. Grace reviewed some of the options for equipment with the Board. Supervisor Shelly said that he had reached out to the Indian Creek Foundation and said that he had received lots of positive feedback on this project.

Doug informed the Board that the Salford Quarry superfund project is moving ahead. He shared some photos of the work that is taking place. Doug also let the Board know that we have received all of our back-ordered salt deliveries. He said that the crews are working on trimming trees throughout the Township and repairing cracks and other issues found along the trail system.

Doug said that the crew had picked up the playground equipment from the Delaware County IU and would be installing it at various parks throughout the Township.

Chief Medwid updated the Board on the brake retarder issue that was discussed at the last meeting noting the Township had received another request from a resident in the Vernfield area with similar concerns. He said that the traffic unit is reaching out to get additional information. The Chief informed the Board that the promotions and swearing in of the new officer will take place tomorrow night at the Board's regular meeting.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning Department received 41 building permits in the month of February. Mike said that there was no Zoning Hearing Board meeting in March. Additionally, Mike said the Planning Commission will be reviewing applications for the following properties: 310 Covenant Lane, 130 Christopher Lane, 841 Main Street, 440 Hoffman Road and 17 Mainland Road.

Mr. Beuke introduced Rick Mast, Engineer for 196 Main Street to discuss the tree waiver request for the project. He noted that there were dead Ash trees removed from the site by a neighbor of the site. He noted that trees will be planted in place of those that have died (and been removed) and any others that are planned to be removed.

Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the minutes of the February 5, 2025, Board meeting and the agenda of the Board's March 5, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Czajkowski asked for a brief executive session to discuss a matter of real estate and possible litigation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager