

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
WORK SESSION

April 4, 2023

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; 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 Jones reported that he was informed by the streetlight upgrade coordinator that the installation of the new fixtures is being pushed back until mid-April.

Doug said that the video cameras have been installed at Reed and Roth Parks. Poles for cameras will be installed at Alderfer and Park Avenue parks and the cameras will be installed once the electricity is in place at each site. He noted that the wiring conduit and electricity will be installed by Foxlane homes at the Alderfer Park site.

Doug said that the test pits for locating the bioretention basin at the Community Center were dug this past week.

Doug said that he submitted a grant to the Montgomery County Conservation District's Low Volume Road Program for upgrades to Kober Road and adjacent drainage improvements.

Doug noted that the crews were completing building and grounds improvements to the Township Building and the parks. He said that they were doing a more substantial clean up to the monument area at Reed Park, repairing the walkway and

cleaning up the planting beds. He said that the Reiff Barn doors were recently replaced and trees were planted at Park Avenue and the Township Building.

Doug said that the fish stocking of the Township ponds took place on March 24th, and we received help from a local 6th grade class and a group of preschoolers. It was a great success.

Doug said that they would be shutting down Stover Road one day this week for tree removal along the right of way.

Doug reviewed the Base repair and pavement contracts for the 2023 road program. Additionally, Doug reviewed the list of recommended equipment that had been listed on Municibid for sale. Doug said that the sale of the equipment was a great success.

Township Manager introduced Ken Deurholz and Tony Ganguzza from Boyle Construction Management. Mr. Deurholz and Mr. Ganguzza gave an overview of their proposal for the feasibility study for a new Public Works facility at the Alumni Drive site. At the end of the process, they will provide the Township with a needs assessment and estimated cost of the project so that the Board can make an informed decision. The Board said that they would like to move forward with the Study.

Chief Medwid reported that next phase of the park camera installations is moving forward with the install of the poles in various parks. He also noted that the Township now has access to the security camera system at the golf course. This will allow officers in patrol cars to get eyes on the situation should there be an alarm or other issue at the course.

The Chief said that the hiring process is nearly complete, he said that Frank Bailey, formerly of Upper Perkiomen Police Department, will be sworn in at the Board meeting tomorrow night.

The Chief said that Bus Patrol program is slated to start next week and that all officers have been trained in the use of the system.

Mr. Beuke reported that the building and zoning department issued 39 permits in March. He said that he has received a conditional use application for 110 Christopher Lane for a change in use (truck repair facility), which will be on the Board's agenda in May. There is no ZHB meeting in April. He said that the items

to come before the Board tomorrow night are Louis Mascaro sewer planning module; 355 Maple Avenue preliminary/final land development; and Wiley subdivision request for extension. Supervisor Canavan said that he wanted to disclose that the company he works for purchased a piece of property in Hatfield Township from the owners of 355 Maple Avenue. He said that he discussed the issue with the Solicitor and he didn't feel that it was a conflict, but Supervisor Canavan wanted to disclose it nonetheless.

Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 2023 Board meeting and the agenda for the April 5, 2023 regular meeting. Supervisor Shelly asked that the wording be added to the agenda saying that "he asked to see the trail plan for 355 Maple Avenue before the next meeting".

Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the proposed Fire Inspection Ordinance noting that this was for non-residential properties throughout the Township. This would be an annual inspection program. The associated fee schedule was put together to make the inspection program self-sustaining.

Township Traffic Engineer, Stephanie Butler informed the Board about the debrief that was held with DCED regarding the Commonwealth Finance Authority/Multimodal Transportation Funding grant process. The Township applied for the program but was not awarded a grant. She said that the DCED representative said that the Township should fully engage the elected state representatives (State Rep and State Senator) in the process as the board who reviews the applications wants to hear from them directly on these applications.

Mr. Czajkowski informed the Board that he had been approached by members of the Recreation Authority who suggested that instead of installing a bench at Lederach to honor Doug Gifford's service to the Township, might the Board consider a clock, similar to that located adjacent to Rann's Pharmacy at the entrance to the Township complex. Chairman Bergman said that he would like to review the pricing and other information that was provided and continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Supervisor Shelly said that he would like to look at possibly putting Wi-Fi access into the Township parks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager