

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
WORK SESSION

May 17, 2023

Chairman 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, Public Works Director; and Sgt. Cory Moyer, Lower Salford Township Police Department.

Chairman Bergman called the meeting to order at 7:31am and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the minutes from the April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, work sessions. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Director, Doug Jones reported that the streetlight upgrade project is substantially complete with a couple of lights in various locations that need to be upgraded. Mr. Jones said that the work on the Park Avenue and Alderfer Road basin upgrades started this week. Doug said that the base repairs portion of the 2023 road program have been scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, after school is let out for the Summer.

Doug said that the Township was awarded a gravel and low volume road grant by the County Conservation District. The \$225,000 award will go towards improving the drainage along Kober Road.

Township staff, community group representatives and Boyle Construction held the kickoff meeting for the Public Works/Community Center feasibility study. It is hoped that Boyle will be presenting their recommendations and estimated budget by October.

Doug said that roadside mowing was underway. Crews installed conduit for path lighting at the Community Center. The basketball courts at Bucher Park are slated

to be resurfaced. Brandon Lane and Bergey Mill road drainage improvements will be done in the next week or so.

Doug said that he had a request from a resident on Indian Creek Road to remove the roots of trees that were recently taken down by the Township. The roots are on private property and the Township crews do not normally work outside of the right of way. The Board agreed that the Township should not remove the root system located on the resident's property.

Sergeant Moyer updated the Board on the Bus Patrol (cameras on school buses). He said that over the last month 45 reports have been filed with the Police Department, and 30 citations have been issued. Thus far 10 of the citations have been paid.

Sgt. Moyer said that Officer Bailey had completed his training and will be moving into solo patrol work. He said that the Traffic Officer will move back into his position.

Sgt. Moyer informed the Board that there were currently two homeless people in the Township who are living in their cars. He said that the department was working with County agencies to help with the matter.

Mr. Beuke reported that the building and zoning department had received 35 building permits thus far in the month of May. He said that there was no hearing for the Zoning Hearing Board. He said that the Planning Commission had no applications to review and would be discussing the zoning ordinance changes. Mike said that items currently slated for the Board of Supervisors June meeting include 110 Christopher Lane Conditional Use hearing and the 30 Fretz Road request of waiver of land development. He said that 100 Christopher Lane waiver request may be on the agenda if the application is received in time.

Mike said that he would like to look into a possible new permit process for expansion of an existing use. The Board discussed the need to find a definition and the need to nail down the process. Additionally, the Board asked Mike to look into how to handle accessory uses that do not include a structure. Mike said that he will meet with the Solicitors office to work on these issues.

Chairman Bergman asked for a motion for the adoption of a Proclamation designating May 24-27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as the Annual Harleysville Country Fair Days. Supervisor Shelly moved to adopt the proclamation. Supervisor Canavan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Czajkowski introduced Jamie Schlesinger from PFM. Mr. Schlesinger gave an overview of the current financial markets as they relate to borrowing. He said that the current market was interesting in that short term interest rates are higher than long-term interest rates. He said that recent changes to borrowing laws allow municipalities to benefit from arbitrage. He said that the interest rates and the arbitrage would negate the normal issuance costs the Township would incur when going through the borrowing process. The Board thanked Mr. Schlesinger for keeping them apprised of the situation.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski  
Township Manager