

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
WORK SESSION

December 20, 2023

Vice Chairman Chris Canavan called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Present were Chairman Keith Bergman (via Zoom), Supervisors 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; and Chief Tom Medwid, Lower Salford Township Police Department.

Vice Chairman Canavan led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Scheuren moved to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2023 and December 5, 2023, work sessions. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Director, Doug Jones, reported that he had a meeting with the streetlighting consultant to discuss the issues with some of the nodes and the status of the remaining lights to be installed. He said that the streetlight management program was up and running and the issues with the nodes seemed to be rectified. He said that he hoped to see the fixtures in the near future.

Doug said that we are awaiting the cost estimate for the Public Works and Community Center project. He noted that this was taking a bit longer as the original location for the Community Center site had grading issues and the building needed to be relocated on the site. We hope to see a detailed estimate in January or early February.

Mr. Jones said that there was a meeting with representatives of Weaver Reckner Dentists to discuss the Main St./Ruth Road sidewalk project. He noted that they had forgotten that the sidewalk installation was deferred and that they would be responsible for the installation of the sidewalk in front of their property. He said that meetings will be set up with the other property owners to discuss the relocation of their signs.

Doug said that the scoping forms for the Main and Maple and Main and Hunsberger intersections had been submitted for the Green Light Go grant for the upgrade to the traffic signals.

Other items that the department is working on include crack sealing on the Township trail system. Vinyl capping has been installed on the wood fascia of the YMCA daycare building. The installation of a brine storage tank in the Township garage is complete. We are now able to store 5000 gallons. The tank will allow the crews to brine more roads more quickly prior to future snow and ice events.

Chairman Bergman asked Mr. Jones to look at the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Bethann Drive and Alderfer Road as he has received some complaints about speeding traffic not yielding to pedestrians.

Chief Medwid reported that the sale of the patrol vehicle on Municibid was very successful noting that the vehicle sold for \$9,300. Supervisor Scheuren moved to approve the sale of the vehicle to Walter Omlor of Media, PA for \$9,300. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chief reported that the County was offering to pay for the installation of a license plate reader at the intersection of Routes 63 and 113. He noted that as this signal was scheduled for upgrade in 2024 that this would be an opportune time to install the LPR equipment. He said that the County would be paying for the equipment and installation as well as the maintenance for the first 5 years. After year 5 the Township would pay \$4,000 per year for maintenance. Supervisor Scheuren moved to approve the agreement with Montgomery County for the installation of the LPR system at the intersection of Routes 63 and 113. Chairman Bergman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning department had issued 32 building permits thus far in the month of December. He said that there were no hearings for the Zoning Hearing Board in January. He said that the Planning Commission will be looking at the temporary sign permit ordinance. He said that 785 Cressman Road 3 lot subdivision and the authorization to advertise the amendments to the RO zoning ordinance would be on the Boards reorganization meeting agenda, January 2nd.

Mr. Czajkowski said that the Township had received 4 letters of interest for the vacancy on the Planning Commission and one letter of interest for the vacancy on the Sewer Authority. The Board felt that Julia Farrell Hurle would be the best

candidate for the Planning Commission and that David Spause had the requisite experience for the Sewer Authority.

Mr. Czajkowski said that staff would be looking into the ARPA Facilities Grant program as a possible funding source for the Public Works/Community Center project. He said that staff will be meeting with representatives from DCED to discuss this possibility and other grant opportunities.

Mr. Czajkowski reminded the Board that registration for the 2024 PSATS Conference opens on January 9th, so please let staff know if you are interested in attending.

Supervisor Shelly said that he would like to discuss the timing of the work sessions at the reorganization meeting. He also said that he would like the Board to consider allowing for public interaction via Zoom at the meetings.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager