

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
June 7, 2023

Chairman Keith Bergman called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Supervisors present were Chris Canavan, Kevin Shelly, Dave Scheuren and Kent Krauss. Also present were Assistant to the Township Manager, Holly Hosterman; Director of Building and Zoning, Mike Beuke; Township Solicitor, Andy Freimuth; and Township Engineer, Michele Fountain.

Chairman Bergman led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Bergman reminded those present that the schedule of upcoming Township meetings was listed on the bottom of the agenda.

Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Beuke stated that there were no Zoning Hearing Board applications for the month of May.

Park Board

Holly Hosterman reported that the next meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for June 27th, at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Hosterman said that the Historical Society will be hosting the Ice Cream Social at Bergey Mill Park on July 16th.

Fire Chief

Captain Mason Vasey, reported that the Fire Company reported to 34 calls during the month of May and averaged 10 members per call. They were in service for 15 hours and 16 minutes. Captain Vasey said that the Country Fair went well and that the Company has welcomed 10 new members since the beginning of the year.

Freedom Valley Medical Rescue – No Report

Communications Committee

Supervisor Shelly reported that the committee is looking into texting services as another way to get information out to residents. He said that they are reaching out to other municipalities to see what texting services they use. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, at 7:30pm.

Recreation Authority

Chairman Bergman reported that the golf course has been doing spectacularly, noting that there have been 7276 rounds played year to date on a budgeted number of 5400. He said that despite the dry weather, the course is in great shape.

Unfinished Business

- A) Resolution 2023-17 - 30 Fretz Road – PDC Machines – Waiver of Land Development – Township Engineer, Michele Fountain, said that the applicant had completed all punch list items and they had no issue with the requested waiver. Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt Resolution 2023-17. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 1 (Supervisor Shelly voting no)

New Business

- A) 110 Christopher Lane – Conditional Use Hearing – Chairman Bergman opened the hearing and turned the discussion over to Solicitor Freimuth. Mr. Freimuth gave an overview of the conditional use process. Steven Imms, Attorney for the applicant, reviewed the application noting that it was for the repair and maintenance of fire fighting equipment. He said that there would be no changes to the site or the building. Supervisor Canavan asked how many vehicles could be worked on at one time. The applicant, Mr. Glick, said that they could work on 12 vehicles. Supervisor Shelly asked what the hours of operation would be. The applicant said that generally the hours of operation would be 7:30am to 4:00pm. Tom Garrigus, 112 Astor Drive, asked if they would be using any noxious chemicals creating fumes. Mr. Glick said that they do not use any. Mr. Garrigus asked if they would be working any late hours. Mr. Glick said that they would not. Lynn Kitson, 124 Astor Drive asked about the trucks running and creating diesel fumes. Mr. Glick said that they do not leave the vehicles running and would only run when they are entering and exiting the building. Christina Caracciolo, 116 Astor Drive, asked if there would be management personnel on site during work hours. Mr. Glick said that there would be. There being no more questions, Chairman Bergman closed the hearing. Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the conditional use. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B) Ordinance No. 2023-03 – Authorizing the Execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Township and Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC – Authorization to Advertise – Mr. Czajkowski noted that this was a 5-year agreement with a 5% franchise fee. Supervisor Shelly noted a grammatical error in the document. Mr. Czajkowski said that it would be corrected before advertising. Supervisor Canavan moved to Authorize the advertisement of ordinance 2023-03. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C) Trail Easement Agreement between Montgomery Woods and Lower Salford Township – Authorization to Execute – Supervisor Canavan moved to execute the agreement. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D) Resolution 2023-21 – Resolution Fixing the Rate of General Obligation Note 2002 B Series- Mr. Czajkowski noted that this would allow the Township to fix the rate of the loan once the fixed rate expires at the end of the month. Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt Resolution 2023-21. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E) Motion to Appoint New Member of the Township Planning Commission – Chairman Bergman said that the Township had received 8 letters of interest to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Supervisor Canavan moved to appoint Scott Bamford to the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Shelly said that he wanted to thank all of the applicants who sent in letters of interest.
- F) Motion to Approve Fire Police Assistance – Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the assistance of the Fire Police at the Skippack July 4th parade, the East Penn Modifiers Car Show in Upper Salford on August 5th, and the Big Bad Bon Fire in Upper Salford on October 7th, 2023. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Don Orcutt, Lower Salford Historical Society, informed the Board that the society had put together a map showing the various Revolutionary War encampments that were located in the Township, noting that in 1777 there were encampments at Heckler and Reiff Farms (now parks). Supervisor Krauss added that an information kiosk will be installed at Heckler that will display historical information.

Mr. Czajkowski said that there was a need for an executive session to discuss a matter of real estate.

There being no further business, Mr. Feimuth moved to adjourn at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph S. Czajkowski
Township Manager