

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
WORK SESSION

September 18, 2024

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; 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.

Chairman Bergman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Chairman Bergman moved to approve the minutes from the June 19, July 2, and August 6, 2024, Work Sessions. Supervisor Shelly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Doug Jones reported that there has been no update on the status of the Bergey Mill Road Bridge project from the County.

Doug said that the County has forwarded their updated plans for the removal of the Roberts Road bridge and turnaround moved to the area of the Ingalls driveway. He will be meeting with the Ingalls to go over the plans with them and get any comments. The Board asked whether the abutments were to be removed or would they stay in place? Doug said that he would reach out to the County to find out the answer to that question.

Mr. Jones said that we were still in discussions with one of the property owners adjacent to the Oak Drive widening and sidewalk project about the installation of sidewalk along their property. Doug said that Bowman was finalizing the design for the Yoder Road sidewalk project. He said that letters have gone out to the residents whose properties will be affected by the project.

Doug said that Quarry Road is to be closed this week as the EPA will begin work on the Salford Quarry mitigation project.

Doug said that base repairs on Yoder Road will begin tomorrow followed by Camp Wawa Road next week.

Mr. Jones said that the Community Center project was looking at moving the new facility to the area of the existing buildings near the pools. He said that this location looks to be better suited for it as the grading is nearly level and there will be less additional impervious surface to be installed.

Doug said that the cameras for Alderfer park are scheduled to be installed tomorrow.

Additionally, he said that the 113/63 signal upgrade project is scheduled to begin in the next month, the adaptive signal upgrade is going out to bid and staff is working with Smile Realty on the installation of the sidewalk along their frontage and how it will be paid for.

Doug said that Grace Kelley is working on a number of grant applications including the installation of LED lights at Roth Park, solar parking lot lights at Park Avenue park, the replacement of the roof on Reiff farmhouse and the construction of the Police impound garage. Supervisor Canavan suggested that it would be a good idea to have Grace attend the Low Volume Road grant seminar as well as there is money available for drainage projects on some of our more rural roads.

Doug said that he was looking into the cost of demolishing the James House adjacent to the golf course. The Board suggested that he discuss sharing the cost with the Recreation Authority.

Doug said that he is looking at the purchase of a new plow which will be helpful with snow removal operations along routes 113 and 63. The board agreed that this would be a great tool and said that Doug should move forward with going out to bid.

Chief Medwid reported that there would be 8 cameras installed at Alderfer Park, 2 pan, tilt, zoom cameras and 6 stationary cameras.

The Chief gave the board an overview of the Morris Road traffic study done by the department's traffic unit. He noted that large tractor trailer trucks have a difficult

time making the turns onto and off of route 113. He said that the traffic engineer should probably do a more in-depth study showing turning movements, etc. The Board agreed that this was a good idea and said that the Township should get a proposal from the Township Engineer.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning Department has received 29 building permits thus far in the month of September. Mike said that he has received a request for a waiver of the subdivision and land development ordinance by the owner of a lot on the recently approved Tuttle subdivision. He said that they are a flag lot and would like a waiver of the front yard setback noting that this would save a lot of trees from being taken down. The board would like additional information from the owner before making a decision on this. Mike said that there were no applications for September or October. He noted that the PC would be reviewing the building addition application for Covenant Presbyterian church as well as a sketch plan for a 4-lot subdivision at 729 Harleysville Pike. Additionally, they will be reviewing land development applications for 196 Main Street and 488 Harleysville Pike. Mr. Beuke said that the Shihada 3 lot (twins) subdivision will be before the board at the October regular meeting.

Holly Hosterman reviewed a request from the Harleysville Eagles to allow naming rights for the fields at the Park Avenue facility. The Board said that they did not like this idea and that any proposals for the naming of the facility should come from the Park Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager