

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
March 5, 2025

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 Joseph Czajkowski, Township Manager; Holly Hosterman, Assistant to the Township Manager; 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.

Chairman Bergman thanked State Representative Donna Scheuren for her efforts in securing a \$350,000 grant for the purchase of a new ambulance for Freedom Valley Medical Rescue. Mr. Bergman read a letter from Limerick Township thanking Representative Scheuren for her efforts. Matthew Frankel, President of the Freedom Valley Medical Rescue Board of Directors also thanked Representative Scheuren.

Chairman Bergman performed the swearing in of the newest Lower Salford Township Police Officer, David Sangree. Additionally, Chairman Bergman announced the promotions of the following: Sergeant Cory Moyer has been promoted to Deputy Chief; Corporal Chris Missmer has been promoted to Sergeant; and, Officer Matt Cotellesse has been promoted to Corporal. The Board congratulated all.

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

Mike Beuke stated that there is no Zoning Hearing Board hearing scheduled for

March.

Park Board

Mrs. Hosterman reported that the next meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for March 25th at 7:00pm.

Fire Chief – Chief, Ryan Nase reported that for the month of February the Company had responded to 24 calls, with the Company averaging 12 firefighters per call. The Company was in-service for 29 hours and 30 minutes. Chief Nase informed the Board that the new water rescue boat had been delivered.

Freedom Valley Medical Rescue – Chief Colleen Haines reported that for the month of February there were 214 dispatches in Lower Salford Township. She noted that there were 77 recalls for service mostly from VMSC service area. Matt Frankel, FVMR President, asked the Board to consider an additional \$175,000 be budgeted in 2026 for capital purchases (ambulance). He said that the general condition of the fleet required that new ambulances be put in service sooner than later. The Board said that the additional funding would be considered.

Communications Committee

Supervisor Shelly reported the next meeting of the committee is March 19th at 7:30pm. Mr. Shelly reported that the Committee was working on updating the Township quick reference guide.

Recreation Authority

Chairman Bergman reported that there was a slow start to the year due to the cold and snowy weather.

Unfinished Business

- A) Resolution 2025-06 – Final Land Development Approval – 196 Main Street – Rick Mast, Engineer for the applicant, gave an overview of the plan. He said that there were no additional waivers requested. Supervisor Shelly asked the Township Engineer if the tree replacement were as required, Mrs. Fountain said that they were. Additionally, Mr. Shelly asked about the brightness of the site lighting and if the drive-thru lighting would be turned off after bank hours. Mr. Mast said that they had no issue with the site lighting being at 3,000 lumens and that drive-thru lighting would be extinguished after hours. He said both items would be noted on the final record plans. Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt Resolution 2025-06. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1 (Supervisor Shelly voting no).

- B) 645 Store Road – Subdivision – Discussion of Waivers – Susan Rice, Engineer for the applicant, reviewed the list of waivers with the Board of Supervisors. It was noted that final disposition of the waivers would be at final approval.

New Business

- A) Resolution 2025-07 – Authorization the Disposition of Certain Public Records- Chairman Bergman said that this included 4 bins of evidence that was no longer needed for investigative purposes. Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt resolution 2025-07. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B) Resolution 2025-08 – Authorize the Submission of a Grant Application to DCNR for the Alderfer Park Inclusive Playground Expansion – Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt resolution 2025-08. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Representative Scheuren congratulated Supervisor Canavan for being the 2024 BSA Malcolm Schweiker Good Citizen Award winner. She presented Supervisor Canavan with a flag that had been flown over the state capital building. Supervisor Shelly thanked the public works crew for the excellent job they did this winter in keeping the roads clear and safe.

The Board convened to executive session to discuss a real estate matter.

There being no further business, Mr. Freimuth moved to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager