LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES WORK SESSION

April 1, 2025

Chairman Keith 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, Director of Public Works; Chief Tom Medwid, Lower Salford Township Police Department; Grace Kelley, Special Projects Coordinator; and Stephanie Butler, Township Traffic Engineer.

Chairman Bergman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Mr. Jones reported that work on the Bergey Road Mill Bridge was progressing. He said that the bridge contractor was using the upper parking lot at the park for their construction trailer. Doug said that the various sidewalk projects in the Township were moving forward. He also said that staff was reviewing a couple of options for the location of the proposed Community Center building. He presented the Board with two options, "option A" showed the front of the building oriented towards the pools and "option B" was oriented towards Park Avenue. The Board felt that the front of the building should be oriented towards Park Avenue (option B).

Doug informed the Board that the Edaptive system upgrades to the traffic signals have been completed, and the system is live. He noted that the 30-day test period for the system started last week and is ongoing. Mr. Jones said that staff will be submitting an America250 grant for installation of AEDs at Alderfer park. He said that local service groups (Lions Club, Rotary and Jaycees) have pledged additional funds to allow for installation of AEDs at other parks in the Township.

Doug said that due to a mistake by the local paper, we had to readvertise the base repair bid. He noted that he hoped that the Board could approve the bid at the mid-month meeting in April.

Doug said that crews had completed streambank stabilization at Camp Wawa park as well as installing steps to create an amenity there.

Doug said that Eagle Scout Liam Simpson was not able to make the meeting this morning and will be rescheduling to review his project with the Board.

Township Engineer, Stephanie Butler reviewed the Oak Drive widening project, noting that since the Township only received partial funding the sidewalk portion of the project would be removed from the project and will be done when funding becomes available. She also reviewed the design proposal for the project. Supervisor Shelly asked if utility location would be a timing problem for the project. Mrs. Butler said that she believed that they would reach out to PECO early in the process and so she felt that it should not impact the schedule. Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the proposal. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie also discussed the possible DCED Multi-modal grant program and suggested the installation of a traffic signal at Maple and Route 113 would fit the requirements and funding limits of the program. Supervisor Shelly said that he did not feel that the signal was needed. Supervisor Canava moved to submit the MTF application for the signal. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Supervisor Shelly abstaining.

Chief Medwid updated the Board on the Fretz Road/Yoder Road intersection traffic study noting that the traffic unit had completed the first phase of the study and will complete the second phase by the end of the week. The Chief said that the traffic unit was also waiting for feedback from the resident of Cheswyck who had complained about Jake Brakes being used on route 113.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning Department received 47 building permits in the month of March. Mike said that there was no Zoning Hearing Board meeting in April. Additionally, Mike said the Township had been notified by PPL that they would be starting survey work along the high-tension wires in the Township in anticipation of replacing the existing towers with mono poles.

Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the minutes of the March 5, 2025, Board meeting and the agenda of the Board's April 2, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Czajkowski asked for a brief executive session to discuss a matter of real estate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski Township Manager