LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES WORK SESSION

May 21, 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; Deputy Chief Cory Moyer, Lower Salford Police Department; Andy Freimuth, Township Solicitor.

Chairman Bergman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – Supervisor Krauss thanked the Community and the Township for their support of the annual Country Fair Days. He reminded everyone that the fair starts this evening. Supervisor Shelly thanked Supervisor Krauss for all of his hard work on this event.

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the minutes from April 16, and May 6, 2025, Work Sessions with an amendment by Supervisor Shelly noting one spelling correction on page 3. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Doug Jones reported that the Bergey Road Mill Bridge Construction is moving forward, he said that there was some cleanup to the area after the heavy rains of last week. He said that the County was finalizing the design of the demolition and restoration of the area around the Roberts Road Bridge demolition project.

Doug said that the Public Works/Community Center team met last week to work through some final details of the plan. He said that once the plans were updated, Boyle will present them to the Board at a work session meeting in June.

Mr. Jones said that the pre-construction meeting for the Main Street/Ruth Road sidewalk project is to be scheduled in the near future. The notice to proceed is scheduled for July 14th.

Doug said that contractor for the Arle bike lane striping project is working around the weather and the project is progressing.

Mr. Jones said that while the America250 grant application for the installation of an AED in one of the Township parks was not successful, as the Township has received funding from various service organizations, AED's will be installed at three parks in the Township.

Doug said that the crew has completed clean up after last week's storms. He noted that the Township had received 3 inches of rain in less than an hour but was happy to say there was little damage.

Mr. Jones said that he has reached out to PennDOT to discuss the guiderail at the intersection of Fretz and Cassel Roads. He has suggested that PennDOT may want to move the guiderail back as it has been damaged and replaced about a dozen times since it was installed a couple of years ago. He said that the department has installed striping and gore markings to see if that helps.

Doug said that the Roth Park improvements are continuing. He noted that the pads and safety railing has been installed as have the sunshades. He said that they will begin looking at improving the lighting in the area.

Doug said that base repairs will begin on Camp Wawa Road next week, followed by Morris and Schlosser Roads.

Chief Medwid reported that the new Ford F15 arrived and noted that it will replace the 2014 Dodge Ram. The Chief said that the Freedom Valley Ambulance was interested in the Dodge as a supervisor vehicle. Supervisor Canavan suggested that the value of the Dodge should be established and noted as part of the Township's financial support of FVMR.

The Chief said that the License Plate Reader equipment has been installed at the intersection of Route 63 and 113. He said that he understands that contract issues between the County and the contractor have been settled and the system should be up and running shortly.

Mr. Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning Department has received 49 building permits thus far in the month of May. Mike said that there was no Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for June. Mr. Beuke said that the Planning Commission would be reviewing the following land development applications;

Clemens Mill (531-545 Main Street), 130 Christopher Lane, and 488 Harleysville Pike. Additionally, the Commission will be discussing the waiver of land development for small projects. Upcoming for the Board of Supervisors agenda in June; Public hearings for the amendments to the Village Commercial district, amendment to the right of ways in the villages in the Township, and Conditional Use for the Salford Mennonite Church. A representative from PPL will be before the Board in June to discuss proposed changes to the easement agreements as a result of planned upgrades to the high-power line towers.

Chairman Bergman moved to approved Fire Police Assistance for the Dock Mennonite Academy annual Chicken Barbeque on May 16, 2025. Supervisor Canavan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Shelly updated the Board on the amendments to the Resolution establishing the Communications Committee. Supervisor Shelly said that he would be reviewing the changes with the Committee at their next meeting.

Mr. Czajkowski said that there was a need for an executive session to discuss a real estate matter, and the Board would not be readjourning.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski Township Manager