

January 4, 2010
Salford, Pennsylvania

The re-organization meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Supervisor O'Donnell at 7:30 PM. Messrs. O'Donnell and VanLuvanee were present.

Mr. VanLuvanee was introduced and welcomed to the board as the newly elected township supervisor. Confirmation was made that Mr. VanLuvanee's Oath of Office had been submitted to the township prior to assuming the duties of the office. Mr. VanLuvanee presented a letter to the township requesting to retain his right to participate in the township benefits in the future if he desired.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, Mr. Poatsy was appointed Chairman for 2010. The motion carried two to zero with Mr. Poatsy abstaining.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, Mr. O'Donnell was appointed Vice Chairman. The motion carried two to zero with Mr. O'Donnell abstaining.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, Susan Rosato was unanimously appointed as Township Secretary.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Lori Smith as Assistant Secretary.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, Susan Rosato was unanimously appointed as Township Treasurer.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously appointed Robert Hickson as Zoning Officer.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Stephen P. Imms Jr. as the Township Solicitor.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Michael Furey and Timoney Knox LLP as conflict counsel.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Technicon Enterprises Inc. II as the Township Engineer with the understanding that Michael L. Reinert would be the Township representative.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Fred Ebert of Ebert Engineering as the Township Sanitary Engineer.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Roger Priest as Township Building Inspector.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously appointed Technicon Enterprises Inc. II as the Township Third Party Inspector.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Lori Smith as the Open Records Officer.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously appointed Scott McMaster to serve on the Planning Commission until 12/31/2013 when the term expires.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Richard Astheimer to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board until 12/31/10 to complete the term of Linda Lewis who resigned from her term on December 31, 2009.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Gary Shelby to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board until 12/31/12 when the term expires.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously appointed Jack Stacy and Bryan Hunsberger to the Park Board until 12/31/14 when the term expires.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously appointed Stephen P. Imms, Jr. as the representative to the Board of Trustees for the Indian Valley Library.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Mr. VanLuvanee as a representative to the Indian Valley Library Task Force Funding Committee.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously appointed Mr. Poatsy as the representative to the Upper Salford Historical Society.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously appointed Mark Krupp to serve as Chairman of the Vacancy Board.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously appointed Mr. Poatsy as the representative to the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously appointed Lori Smith as the delinquent tax collector for light taxes for Upper Salford Township.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously appointed the firm of Berkheimer Associates as the delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector for Upper Salford Township.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously appointed XPAND as the delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Upper Salford Township.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, Marty Lynch was unanimously appointed Township Road Superintendent.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously certified Mr. Poatsy as the voting delegate to attend the State Association's annual convention to be held April 18, 2010 to April 21, 2010.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously authorized Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. VanLuvanee to attend the State Association's annual convention to be held April 18, 2010 to April 21, 2010 as non-voting delegates.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously appointed Kevin O'Donnell as the Emergency Management Coordinator and Robert Hickson as the Assistant Coordinator for Upper Salford Township.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell the Board unanimously appointed the elected Auditors to perform the audit of the township accounts for the 2009 fiscal year.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously adopted the 2010 bill rates for Natural Lands Trust Staff Consultants.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously set the amount of the Treasurer's Bond at \$1,000,000.00.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously reaffirmed the banking institutions to be used for township funds for 2010:
Harleysville National Bank/First Niagara Financial or their successor
Harleysville Savings Bank
PLGIT
PA Invest
Union National Bank

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously appointed the Sewage Study Commission to be composed of the Board of Supervisors and Township Planning Commission.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously appointed Mr. Poatsy and John Giannini as representatives to the Indian Valley Regional Plan.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously set the following township employee salaries effective January 1, 2010.

Lori Smith	\$13.00
Susan Rosato	\$21.65
Robert Hickson	\$29.25
Harry Gourley	\$22.75
Marty Lynch	\$26.00
Drew Hartenbauer	\$19.40
Kyle Lynch	\$10.00

The rates for seasonal employees were set at \$18.75 an hour for snow plowing with time and a half to be paid for work other than normal hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and \$10.00 an hour for summer help.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board unanimously chose to offer Drew Hartenbauer a full time employee position, allowing him to participate in the Township benefits plan.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell the Board established the standard IRS rates for mileage reimbursement.

Mr. Poatsy temporarily adjourned the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed **Ordinance 2010-1**, which amends the Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Zoning, Article XX, Signs, Section 2006.B.2 by adding a new subsection C. The Public Hearing was duly advertised to allow public comment. The hearing was recorded by a certified court stenographer and will be made a part of these minutes.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m. at which time the regular Board of Supervisors meeting reconvened.

The following reports were presented for the month of December 2009: State Police, Zoning Officer, Road Superintendent, and Township Solicitor.

Following the report, Brian Gwiazdzinski, questioned whether the township had heard any news about numerous burglaries in the township, as was rumored.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted **Ordinance 2010-1**, amending the Upper Salford Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Zoning, Article XX, **Signs**, Section 2006.B.2., by adding a new subsection C.

Questions from the public included:

- Chip Damiani asked if the amendment was strictly related to Shopping Centers and questioned the maximum size allowance.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. VanLuvanee, the Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution 2010-1**, approving the application of the **Barbara J. Gormley, Theodore f. Poatsy, Jr. and Mary Anne Poatsy** for preliminary and final plan approval and imposing conditions on that approval. The vote carried two to zero with Mr. Poatsy abstaining.

Questions from the public included:

- Chip Damiani questioned the lots involved.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned if the plan had been reviewed by the Township Planning Commission.

Mr. Poatsy announced that the Census Bureau is hiring census takers for the **2010 Census**. More information can be found at www.census.gov. Residents were encouraged to complete the census questionnaire which should arrive in March.

The Township secretary was directed to contact the school district to see if the Salford Hills Elementary School auditorium would be available to hold two **informal town meetings** to give the residents the opportunity to learn more about the proposed **537 plan** and to ask questions.

Comments from the public included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski suggested posting the 537 plan on the Township website to allow the residents to review the plan. The Township Secretary was directed to contact the Township Engineer to see if he could provide a locked, unprintable pdf copy of the plan to be made available for posting.

Mr. O'Donnell expected to have a plan to open up **Salford Station Road** for the Supervisors to vote and take action on at the February Board of Supervisors meeting. At Mr. Poatsy's suggestion, the Township Secretary was directed to research possible grant funding to assist with the cost of construction.

Questions from the public included:

- Joann Wismer asked for clarification as to what action Mr. O'Donnell was referring to.
- Cindy Gerhard questioned if the township would still plan to construct an "at-grade" crossing if grant funding was obtained..

Harleysville National Bank requires the township to adopt a Resolution whenever there is a change on the Board that would affect the Township's authorized signers for the various accounts held in their bank.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously approved **Resolution 2010-2**, confirming the **signatures** of the current board as authorized and designated to perform all transactions of township funds held in **Harleysville National Bank**.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of January in the amount of \$65,009.20 for payment.

The receipts for the month of January totaled \$36,884.49.

The Treasurer's report as of January 4, 2010 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$4,489,318.63, total liabilities-\$2,084,190.22, total equity-\$2,405,128.41. Total liabilities and equity equal \$4,489,318.63.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting were accepted as submitted. The vote carried two to zero with Mr. VanLuvanee abstaining.

Public comment included:

- Roger Richter questioned whether the open space funding had come in from the county. He also questioned the payments from Spring Mountain Adventures.
- Anthony Shoaf questioned when the twin steel Salford Station Road Bridges were scheduled to be repaired.
- Peter Merial from Lower Frederick asked for a distinction to identify the township owned and state owned bridges on Salford Station Road.
- Joann Wismer relayed her understanding of the funding and estimated repair date for the state bridges.
- Anthony Shoaf questioned the States obligation to open the bridge and mentioned his concern with the condition of Hendricks Station Road due to the additional traffic.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary