

October 13, 2009
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular October meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman O'Donnell at 7:30 PM. Messrs. Poatsy and Hagey were present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr.

The following reports were presented for the month of September 2009: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Upper Salford Special Fire Police, Lower Frederick Ambulance, Green Lane Community Ambulance, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer, Building Inspectors, Road Superintendent, AND Township Solicitor.

During the Fire Company report, Brian Gwiazdzinski requested that a Knox box be installed at the New Life Family Youth Facility for the new girls' dormitory.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to take an executive session break at 7:45 p.m. with the Township Solicitor to discuss matters relating to the acquisition of open space in light of comments made during the Solicitor's report. The meeting reconvened at approximately 8:10 p.m., at which time Mr. Poatsy gave a brief synopsis of the executive session which related to the acquisition of the **Saylor Property** and funding through the Montgomery County Green Field Green Towns grant program.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted **Ordinance 2009-3**, amending the requirements for the issuance of a building permit to require disclosure of the contractor registration number as per Act 132, also known as the Home Improvement Consumer Act.

Comments and questions made by the public included:

- Chip Damiani questioned the need for a contractor's number if the work is performed by a neighbor.
- Barbara Gormley questioned the need for a contractor's number if the homeowner was performing the work.
- Gary Larson questioned what the township planned to do with the contractor's number, and whether the township would be confirming the validity of the number.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Montgomery County Planning Commission **Planning Assistance Contract #597** for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012.

Comments and questions from the public included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned the rate of the contract.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the **Upper Salford Special Fire Police** to assist with traffic and crowd control at the following events if they so desire:

- The Green Lane Borough annual Paper Chase to be held October 18, 2009 with a hurricane date of October 25, 2009.
- The Lower Salford Township Halloween Parade to be held Saturday, October 24, 2009.
- The Suburban Cyclists Unlimited memorial bicycle ride in honor of Dennis Mayse, to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009.
- The Borough of East Greenville Halloween Parade to be held on October 25, 2009 with a rain date of October 27, 2009.
- The Borough of Schwenksville Halloween Parade to be held on October 29, 2009.
- The Tylersport Fire Company Halloween Hayrides on October 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th and 30th.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Theodore Poatsy Jr. as the **Chief Administrative Officer of the Upper Salford Township Pension Plan** as per the requirement of Act 205 of 1984.

Lori Weller attended the meeting to discuss her concerns with the speed of motorist traffic on **Sumneytown Road**. She was encouraged to contact the State Police to enforce the traffic laws. She was also encouraged to contact the owners of the Upper Perk School District bus company to notify them of the failure of their bus driver to obey the posted speed limit.

Felicia DeRosa attended the meeting on behalf of **Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance**. They are requesting to hold a bike ride fundraiser that would travel through Upper Salford Township on October 25, 2009. The Supervisors discussed their concerns with the proposed route

Questions and Comments from the public included:

- Gary Larson referred to an incident that occurred during the "Live Strong" bike race.
- Chip Damiani questioned the ability of the township to restrict a bicyclist from using the township roads.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski suggested that the township determine what roads would be appropriate for a bike race and post those roads accordingly.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the Township Secretary to send a letter to Penn DOT acknowledging awareness of the fundraiser ride and to offer permission to use the township roads. Mr. Poatsy asked that all future requests for similar events be made to the Township at least 60 days prior to the event to allow the township's input on the bike route and to insure that safety precautions are in place. It was suggested that the situation be referred to the Park Board for input as well as for letters to be sent to organizations that have held races in the past to advise them of the township's desire for at least 60 days notice of all events.

Mr. O'Donnell offered an update on the status of his efforts with the Montgomery County Commissions to seek their assistance in resolving the issue of the Salford Station Road Bridge closure.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of October in the amount of \$100,420.26 for payment.

The receipts for the month of October totaled \$62,224.59.

The Treasurer's report as of October 13, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$3,236,936.93, total liabilities-\$787,607.56, total equity-\$2,449,329.37. Total liabilities and equity equal \$3,236,936.93.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the September 8, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved as submitted.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the September 22, 2009 Board of Supervisors special meeting for the purpose of adopting Ordinance 2009-2 were approved as submitted.

Comments and questions from the public included:

- Barbara Gormley questioned the retention of special bankruptcy counsel to represent the township with regard to the T. H. Properties bankruptcy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary