

APPROVED

October 9, 2007
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular October meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman Hagey at 7:30 PM. Messrs. Gular and Poatsy were present.

There was no report submitted by the State Police for September.

The Upper Salford Fire Company responded to 19 incidents in September, 7 of which were in the township. The Fire Company will host an open house on October 11th at 7 p.m. There will be a vehicle rescue demonstration. All are welcome.

During the month of September, the Special Fire Police Unit responded to 19 emergency calls. They assisted at 2 special services; the Old Goshenhoppen Oyster Picnic on September 8th, and the Penny Auction on September 16th.

The Lower Frederick Regional Ambulance assisted with 9 emergencies in September; 41 responses year to date.

The Green Lane Community Ambulance Service responded to 7 emergency calls in September within Upper Salford Township with a total of 53 calls year to date.

The Planning Commission met on October 3, 2007 and reviewed: Harker lot line adjustment, which was given a recommendation, a 2-lot minor subdivision for Atlantis Properties on Potato Road, and a preliminary plan for the lands of Mr. & Mrs. Bateman located on Salford Street. In addition, a representative from THP attended the meeting to respond to questions relating to the Normandie Golf Course proposal.

The Zoning Officer issued seven permits from September 10th through October 5th. He spent a total of 25 hours in zoning related matters.

The Building Inspector made 63 inspections from June 6th through September 12th.

The Park Board met on September 25th and discussed at length the unresolved issue of the Soccer Club's agreement with the township relating to the exclusive use of the fields under construction. Mr. Stacy added that the Park Board asked for the Township Engineer to review the existing plans for the fields to see if anything would need to be adjusted since so much time has passed since originally reviewed. Mr. Hagey questioned him regarding the request for irrigation of the soccer fields to water new grass seed. He asked if that was something the soccer club planned to pay for or if they expected the township to cover the cost. Mr. Hagey further questioned if the soccer club had an estimate of the amount of water that would be needed to determine if the existing reservoir and supply would be adequate. Mr. Stacy indicated that they did not but he could get that information.

Roger Richter asked how many wells were in the park and was told one. He then asked how many gallons per minute it produced when first dug and how deep it was. Mr. Hagey was not sure but indicated it was sufficient to water the entire park when the original fields were first planted.

Ernie Rosato suggested utilizing the Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company to irrigate the fields for a service fee. The Fire Chief, Brian Gwiazdzinski, indicated for the right price they would gladly irrigate the fields. It was agreed that it would be good to keep the money in the township.

The Township Solicitor reported that he worked on the Bunton tract, the Damiani improvements relating to the new property owners taking over the financial security for the recharge pits, set up a policy to allow the financial security for the Gehman improvements to be divided between the two lot owners, reviewed information relating to the Atlantis Properties, Bateman, and Hershey subdivisions, discussed the Shelly Square financial security agreement with the Township Engineer and Asst. Secretary, continued working on the stipulation agreement for the THP proposal, worked on the written conditional use decision for the Bateman hearing, reviewed the Act 537 draft plan, worked on a policy for the Act 167 plan with the Township Engineer, attended meetings and provided advise to the Supervisors and township staff. As per Mr. Poatsy's request, he will submit his report in writing.

The Road Superintendent reported the following work from September 10th through October 7, 2007: repaired and cleaned equipment, removed trash from parks, continued mowing township roads and parks, prepped and black topped Sumneytown, Burton, Roskowski and Long Mill Roads, spread stone on Woessner Road, watered trees and plantings in parks, installed a new driveway pipe at park entrance and worked on walking trails and infields at the Park.

Sealed bid were duly advertised for bituminous seal coat for approximately 1.187 miles of township roads. Two bids were received, opened and read during this meeting.

Asphalt Industries	Chester, PA.	\$27,856.00
Asphalt Maintenance Solutions	Center Valley, PA	\$22,006.24

On a motion made by Mr. Gular and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the low bidder, Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, to supply the township with approximately 13,928 square yards of bituminous seal coat to oil and chip the entire length of Church Road a partial length of Roskowski Road.

Jim Hershey appeared before the Board to discuss the approval of the final plan for the **Hershey Meadows** subdivision. He indicated the changes recommended by the Planning Commission, had been amended in an updated plan which was reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer. The Township Solicitor would have a resolution prepared for the Board's approval at the Joint Meeting on October 17, 2007.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Gular, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2007-11**, approving the application of Ruth Harker, Thomas E. Harker and Audrey M. Harker for preliminary and final plan approval of plan # 20208A, dated October 1, 2006, revised February 8, 2007, for a lot line adjustment on Burton Road, and imposing conditions on that approval.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Gular, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the requests for traffic and crowd control by our Special Fire Police Unit at the following events:

Green Lane Borough	October 21 st	Paper Chase
Lower Salford Township	October 20 th	Halloween Parade
Tylersport Fire Company	October 19, 20, 26 & 27	Hay Rides

The Board reviewed a request from a resident on Old Sunneytown Pike with regard to the requirements of his **sewage maintenance agreement** for the maintenance of his small flow stream discharge system. He asked the Board to amend the required inspections and water testing period from twice a year to once a year due to the cost involved and the fact that there is only one person living at the house with minimal waste and water consumption. The Township Solicitor indicated that he has been reviewing the current maintenance agreement requirements with the Township Engineer with regard to the various pumping and inspection standards to produce a standardized agreement for each of the assorted systems that could be used throughout the township. He suggested not approving amendments to any agreement until a standardized agreement has been approved. The Board agreed to wait until further information was provided by the Township Solicitor.

The Township Solicitor advised the Board of Supervisors that he is still working on a township policy for compliance to **Act 167**. The Township Engineer is investigating exemption requirements that will be included in the policy. At Mr. Hagey's request, Mr. Imms explained the requirements imposed on the township residents through Act 167, and further explained that the adoption of the act was mandatory.

Eric Gehman approached the Board to ask that they accept a fee-in-lieu of the road improvements relating to the four foot road widening of Wolford Road in front of lot two of his recent subdivision. Mr. Gehman claimed that the neighbors and the new owner of lot two do not wish to disturb the picturesque and rural nature of Wolford Road. Since the ultimate goal is to minimize impervious coverage as just presented in the Township Solicitor's discussion of Act 167, he felt the funds could be put to better use elsewhere in the township. Mr. Hagey indicated that he would take it under advisement and felt it should also be proposed to the Planning Commission for their consideration and recommendation. When asked for a time frame, Mr. Hagey felt that within 30 days they could present it to the Planning Commission and have it back to the Board for a decision.

In a motion made by Mr. Gular and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to return the \$5,000 financial security to the Philadelphia Folk Song Society.

Mr. Gwiazdzinski asked if a meeting between the township and the Folk Song Society could be scheduled next year prior to two weeks before the folk festival. He also verified that the fire company had received their funds from this year's festival as per the agreement.

Mr. Hagey asked the Township Solicitor if he had reviewed the latest revisions to the THP stipulation. Mr. Imms indicated he did but that he had some comments that he needed to direct to THP to clarify some issues. Mr. Hagey informed the public that a website was still under construction for the township, but that the stipulation would be posted once it had been finalized. The web site address is www.uppersalfordtownship.org.

Questions and comments from the public included:

- Mark Hosterman asked how long the public would have to review the agreement before a vote is taken by the Supervisors. Mr. Hagey indicated they did not have a set time.

Mr. Hagey announced that the 2008 budget was being prepared and would be reviewed at the November meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Gular, the Board unanimously recommended approval of the bills for October 2007 amounting to \$194,576.59.

The receipts for the month of October 2007 totaled \$84,981.36.

The Treasurer's report noted that as of October 9, 2007 the books were in balance with the assets totaling \$3,144,061.02, liabilities totaling \$970,152.48 and total liabilities and equity totaling \$3,144,061.02.

On a motion made by Mr. Gular and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the minutes from the September 11, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved as written.

Public comment included:

- Ernie Rosato asked if there was any progress with the 537 Plan. It was explained that a draft from the Township Engineer was presented to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission and would be reviewed during the October 17, 2007 joint meeting.
- Ernie Rosato asked if there was any news with regard to the ownership of the bridge on Salford Station Road. Mr. Imms explained the process of the investigation, to which no answer had been resolved to date.
- Tom Harker asked if the township had looked into amending the grade level instead of installing a bridge. Mr. Hagey indicated that the township had not since they did not feel it was their responsibility but agreed it was something to consider.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski asked if there was any danger of collapse to people walking on the trail beneath the bridge and questioned who took over ownership of the old railroad bed. When told it was the County, he stated they should assume all functions of the railroad. Mr. Imms explained why it was not that simple.
- Barbara Gormley indicated the "Road Closed" sign was laying down on the embankment on Salford Station Road. Mr. Hagey indicated he would check that out.
- Roger Richter questioned if there was a time line for the approval of the THP proposal. Mr. Hagey indicated there wasn't. He said it depended on when they could get the final draft out for review.
- Mr. Harker referred to comments in the September minutes regarding water testing. He indicated that he knew of two residents that had received contaminated results from the township and then had their water retested and it passed. Mr. Hagey asked if they had shocked their systems as was suggested in literature that was mailed out with the contaminated results. Mr. Harker believed they had done nothing. Another suggestion was those residents may have a water filtering system at their home. The township testing performed for the sake of the 537 plan was interested in the contamination of the water prior to any filtration system. If a resident were to get their drinking water tested, they would most likely be testing the water after it is run through the filtration system.
- An unidentified resident asked if the test results indicated contaminated water, were the residents required to get the water retested to confirm their water was adequate for drinking. Mr. Hagey was not aware of any requirement.
- Mark Hosterman asked if representatives of the township were still meeting with representatives of THP. Mr. Hagey indicated that the last meeting between the representatives was the prior week and that the attorneys were now working out the details. Mr. Hosterman asked if there were any substitute changes that deviated from the power point presentation. Mr. Hagey indicated there were changes but he would prefer to hand out the finished document than to enumerate the amendments as he did not have anything in front of him. Mr. Hosterman asked that the township residents be given 45 to

60 days to review the changes before a vote is taken. Mr. Hagey indicated he would take that under advisement.

- Barbara Gormley referred back to the discussion of the water testing. She didn't understand the purpose of bypassing filtering systems to acquire the test results. Mr. Imms explained that the purpose of the study was not to test drinking water but to determine the nature and extent of contamination issues in the township for the purposes of the Act 537 plan. Solution of a water contamination by a filtering system does not resolve the cause of the contamination.

With no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Assistant Secretary