

November 10, 2009
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular November 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.

Mr. O'Donnell announced that the Township is accepting 8 x 10 photographs of Upper Salford residents that are serving active military duty to be displayed at the Township office until their discharge from the service.

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

Following the Park Board report, Barbara Gormley asked about the bike race held at the Upper Salford Park and questioned if possibly the Fire Company could sell food to the participants if they hold the bike race in the park again next year.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized **the Upper Salford Special Fire Police** to assist with traffic and crowd control at the East Greenville Annual Santa Parade to be held on December 6, 2009 if they so desire.

After reviewing the **Joseph Wynn zoning hearing** application, the Board of Supervisors directed the Township Solicitor to contact Michael Furey, Esquire, to request that he represent the Township at the Wynn zoning hearing, which will most likely be scheduled in December.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously recommended the amendment to the **sign ordinance** be advertised for adoption. The Township Solicitor indicated he would be sending a copy of the ordinance amendment to the County Planning Commission for their input and that the ordinance will be on either the December or January Board of Supervisors meeting for adoption.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **2009 Per Capita exonerations** as presented by the Township Tax Collector.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the following **park pavilion rental prices** for the

Upper Salford Park to become effective at the start of the next rental season which begins February 1, 2010.

	1 to 50	51 to 100	over 100
Pavilion	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Kitchen	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$ 75.00
Grill	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$ 25.00

Propane will be provided by the township. The Board of Supervisors will retain the right to offer exceptions of the above-noted rates when they feel a situation warrants the exception. There will be no fees for field usage.

- Mark Krupp questioned the rates for the grill rental as he misunderstood the amounts read.

Mr. O'Donnell announced that the County has informed the Township they do not plan to assist with the cost to resolve the closure of the **wooden bridge on Salford Station Road**. The Township Road Master has been asked to compile a cost analysis for the three options presented; one of which includes removing the bridge for an at-grade crossing with the Perkiomen trail.

- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned whether the trail beneath the bridge should be closed to avoid an injury from objects falling from the bridge.
- Chip Damiani questioned whether the County has ever denied ownership of the bridge.
- Barbara Gormley questioned whether the Township would be required to get the County's approval to make an at-grade crossing.

A motion made by Mr. Hagey to close the trail beneath the Salford Station Road Bridge failed for lack of a second.

The **Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company's** request for a dedicated Fire Tax equivalent to .8 mil was reviewed. A motion made by Mr. Hagey to forward the requested funds to the Fire Company from the real estate tax currently collected by the township failed for a lack of a second.

- Chip Damiani questioned the percentage of responses the Fire Company receives from the help letter and asked for clarification of the purpose of the last tax increase.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski indicated that the Fire Company could not afford a 70/30 split for the purchase of new equipment and stressed that more assistance from the Township was needed to maintain the proposed equipment replacement schedule that was accepted by the Township over five years ago.

The proposed **2010 financial budget** was reviewed. It was suggested that the Township reconsider the fees charged for zoning hearings and building permits. The Township Solicitor indicated he would provide suggested zoning hearing fees at the December meeting. The Board offered their consensus to advertise the proposed budget for review by the public. Adoption of the budget would be considered at the December Board of Supervisors meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of November in the amount of \$1,462,317.88 for payment.

The receipts for the month of November totaled \$1,411,980.13.

The Treasurer's report as of November 10, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$4,102,559.78, total liabilities-\$2,160,220.99, total equity-\$1,942,338.79. Total liabilities and equity equal \$4,102,559.78.

Following the Treasurer's report, the Township Treasurer was directed to update the Township assets to include the additional payment made on the DeMeno property (Spring Mountain House) and to indicate the original purchase price of the Spring Mountain House property at 50% of the purchase price since the expense was shared with Schwenksville Borough.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved as submitted.

Mr. Hagey indicated the Township residents should be made aware of the extent of tax funds used in the recent open space acquisitions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary