

December 11, 2007  
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular November 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.

The report from the State Police noted a total of 39 incidents for the month of November 2007: 14 accidents, one assault, one burglary, one false alarm, three criminal mischiefs, one missing person, three requests for assist, two thefts, one vehicle report and 13 miscellaneous items.

The Upper Salford Fire Company responded to 17 incidents in November, six of which were in the township. Senator Wonderling, through a DCED grant, procured \$5000 for the fire company to use toward equipment.

During the month of November, the Special Fire Police Unit responded to 17 emergency calls. They did not assist at special services.

The Lower Frederick Ambulance Service responded to 7 emergency calls in November within Upper Salford Township with a total of 185 calls year to date, including calls to the Spring Mountain ski area.

The Green Lane Community Ambulance Service responded to 12 emergency calls in November within Upper Salford Township with a total of 79 calls year to date.

The Planning Commission met on December 5, 2007; however, there was no report on the meeting. Most of the items on the agenda had been tabled until the following month.

The Zoning Officer issued five permits from November 5, 2007 to December 7, 2007. He spent a total of 23.5 hours in zoning related matters.

The Building Inspector made 11 inspections and four plan reviews during the period of October 4, 2007 to November 30, 2007 for a total of 11 hours.

The Park Board did not meet during the month of November.

The Township Solicitor reported that during the month of November he prepared for and attended several township meetings and met with and/or consulted with township staff. He worked on some outstanding issues regarding the Philadelphia Folk Festival. He also worked on various subdivision/land development matters including the Clemens' Bunton tract, a use issue at the Shelly Square Shopping Center, sewage planning and a plan review for the Bateman tract, a plan review for the Atlantis Properties' two lot subdivision, a water study for New Life Youth & Family Services, and the Hershey final plan. He also worked on various zoning and miscellaneous matters including TH Properties, an issue related to dimensions in the Commercial Business District, a township policy for financial security relating to the Act 167 policy, and revisions to the Indian Valley Regional

comprehensive plan, which will be presented at the December 19<sup>th</sup> joint meeting for approval. He also did some research for the fire company with regard to an incident involving the Special Fire Police, answered some questions regarding Supervisors' compensation and reviewed the minutes.

Resident Mark Hosterman question what work had been performed by the Township Solicitor with regard to TH Properties stipulation since he was under the impression that had been finalized. Mr. Imms informed him the report was for the month of November. He also confirmed the stipulation had been finalized.

The Road Superintendent reported the following work from October 8, 2007 to November 4, 2007: removed trash from parks, repaired and cleaned equipment, removed snow and ice on November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>, mowed the parks, installed street signs on Spring Mount, Kratz Station and Burton roads, repaired flashers for barricades, replaced street signs on Oak and Bittersweet Drives, planted new tree in the park, cut brush on Hendricks, Overlook and Sumneytown Roads, attended a Public Works meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, replaced signs at 63 and Old Skippack road, Heather and Old Skippack Roads, Diminjan and Gladys Way and Harmon and Salford Street, cleaned, serviced and stored mowing equipment and removed trees and limbs from Quarry Road.

As per Section 606(c) (1), Kevin O'Donnell submitted a letter requesting participation in any of the township's group life, health, hospitalization, medical service and accident insurance plans paid in whole or in part by the township and maintained on behalf of its employees and Supervisors. The coverage would begin after Mr. O'Donnell is inducted as a Township Supervisor should he decide to take advantage of the coverage.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the 2008 meeting dates of the Board of Supervisors were approved as follows: January 7<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>. The vote carried two to zero with Mr. Gular abstaining.

A complaint was made to the township by a resident, Michael Scott of Galan Lane, with regard to the parking at the Salfordville Post Office at the corner of Old Skippack and Wolford Roads. He feels there is a line-of-site problem that needs to be addressed. He had planned to bring pictures and written details of an incident that occurred at that location; however, he did not attend the meeting. The Supervisors agreed it was a hazardous condition and planned to review the situation once Mr. Scott provided the aforementioned documents. There was some concern expressed that the post office use at that location was grandfathered in. The only suggestion might be to request a four-way stop sign at the intersection.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution 2007-15, authorizing the Township Secretary to sign section E of the Request for a Planning Waiver for the Harker subdivision and forward the request to the Department of Environmental Protection for their approval.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Gular, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a fee in lieu of widening the road associated with the Gehman subdivision at 1754 Wolford Road.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution 2007-16, approving the placement of signs on current and future preserved farms in Upper Salford Township and waiving all fees to the County and farm owner for these signs. Mr. Poatsy felt that if the township waives the sign fees, Upper Salford Township should be on the signs. It was decided that Mr. Poatsy would look into that possibility further.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the financial budget of 2008 as amended.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Gular, the bills for the month of December totaling \$161,963.14 were unanimously approved to be paid.

The receipts for the month of December 2008 totaled \$78,809.37.

The Treasurer's report noted that as of December 11, 2007, the books were in balance with the assets totaling \$3,007,582.33, liabilities totaling \$966,589.25 and total liabilities and equity totaling \$3,007,582.33.

On a motion made by Mr. Gular and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes from the November 13, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Dale McConnell appeared before the Board seeking assistance to resolve an issue he is having with his neighbor, James Bateman. Mr. McConnell claimed that Mr. Bateman has placed large rocks in the natural swale or stream bed that runs along the back of his and Mr. Bateman's properties which is forcing water to backup on to Mr. McConnell's property in the area of his sound mound. The Township Solicitor indicated there is nothing in place that allows the Township to regulate this type of situation, unless there was something on the original subdivision plan relating to stormwater management. If it is a regulated water course, it would be subject to regulations by DEP and the Army Corp of Engineers. It was suggested that Mr. McConnell attend the next Planning Commission meeting in January since the Bateman tract subdivision will be reviewed.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Gular, the Board of Supervisors directed the Township Solicitor to take action against Mark and Nancy Wlotko and Joseph Wynn for violations issued by the Township Zoning Officer. Mr. Poatsy indicated he was not aware of the violations and did not feel comfortable voting on them without understanding the violations. Mr. Imms indicated that he would secure additional information to provide to the Board before proceeding with any action. The vote carried two to one with Mr. Poatsy voting nay.

*Comments from the Public included:*

- Dave Davis asked if there was any information on the situation with the unauthorized tree removal on Clemmers Mill Road by Jeff Clemens. Mr. Hagey indicated that Mr. Clemens had been ordered to stop cutting the trees, which he has complied with. Nothing has happened since that time.
- Rick Sacks wanted to go on record that at the last Planning Commission meeting on December 5, 2007, the Planning Commission unanimously passed a motion recommending the Supervisors not enter into the agreement with THP.
- Mark Hosterman asked if the stipulation between the township and THP had been fully executed by both parties. He was informed that the township has fully executed the stipulation but it was unknown if THP has signed the agreement.
- Kevin O'Donnell asked Mr. Hagey if he had any additional meetings or conversations with THP since the agreement had been signed. Mr. Hagey indicated his only discussion with THP was in regard to the signing and transferring the document to THP. No changes had been made to the agreement.
- Mark Hosterman asked if there were any amendments to the stipulation. He was advised there were none. Mr. Hosterman was curious as to why the document hadn't been filed.
- Roger Richter felt the Planning Commission was wrong to table the review of plans submitted for the December Planning Commission meeting and felt the member should resign since they are supposed to be non-partisan and he felt they could not perform an unbiased review of the plan. Mr. Hagey indicated he hoped the members would not resign and believed they would review the plan within the parameters of the stipulation agreement.
- Rick Sacks responded that the Planning Commission was acting in what they felt was the best interest of the township.
- Mr. Hosterman felt the Planning Commission had represented his interests by their actions at their last meeting.
- Rick Sacks questioned how Mr. Gular could vote on the stipulation without a single question during the review process if he had not discussed the agreement directly with Mr. Hagey.
- Mr. Poatsy indicated he received a letter in his in-box at the township office from THP regarding insurance issues discussed at the November 21, 2007 meeting so apparently THP is still corresponding with the township.
- Mary Larson indicated she also felt the Planning Commission expressed her concerns by their action at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato

Assistant Secretary