

APPROVED

February 10, 2009
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular February 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, Mr. Imms.

The following reports were presented for the month of January 2009: State Police, Fire Company, Special Fire Police, Lower Frederick Ambulance, Green Lane Community Ambulance, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer, Building Inspector, Park Board, Road Superintendent, Township Solicitor and Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Poatsy offered an update on the expected closing of the **state-owned bridge on Spring Mount Road** extending from Upper Salford Township to Lower Frederick Township. The bridge is expected to be closed from June 2009 until the end of 2010. Detour routes and access for emergency services are being researched. Further updates will be provided as received by the township.

Comments, questions and suggestions relating to the Spring Mount Road Bridge were made from the following residents: JoAnn Wismer, Barbara Gormley, Paul Mamsic, John Young, Dale McConnell, Chuck Dornish, Anna Keyser, Kate O'Brien, and Alex Fraizer.

The status of the closed **wooden bridge on Salford Station Road** adjacent to the township building was discussed. Comments, questions and suggestions were made from the following residents: Geoffrey Loughery, Joann Wismer, Chip Damiani, Anna Keyser, Tom Harker, Judy Hartenbauer, James VanLoon, Michelle Alles, Joyce Halteman, Kate O'Brien, Ernie Rosato, Ken Dietterich, Frank Bull, Kenneth Knot, Tom Brown and Barbara Gormley.

Suggestions included:

- Write letters to State and Local representatives, possibly start a petition
- File a law suit against the county to assert ownership of the bridge
- Remove bridge and re-grade for at-grade road crossing
- Remove bridge and install a new bridge at half the current height
- Remove bridge and install large culvert for the trail and pave road over culvert
- One resident suggested that if someone in the community has a connection with Alan Myers or Haines and Kibblehouse they may be able to get a rough estimate for an at-grade crossing without expending any money.

Mr. Hagey felt that the township should make another attempt to work with the county or pursue litigation. He also wanted to look into a box culvert and at-grade crossing as a replacement for the bridge. Mr. Hagey suggested an on-site meeting with Mr. O'Donnell.

Mr. Poatsy felt the township should make another attempt to work with the county before expending more money on litigation. He would also like to look in the at-grade crossing.

Based on those comments, Mr. O'Donnell offered to draft a letter to the county formally expressing concerns about the bridge and inviting the county to participate in a discussion to resolve the issue of the closed bridge.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized Glenn and Allison Garis to proceed with the application process for a building permit for the **Energy Station Restaurant** for the creation of a meeting room/banquet area in the basement of the existing structure contingent upon compliance with all UCC and L & I code requirements.

The **appointment of Jason C. Kolb** to the Upper Salford Township Special Fire Police was tabled until satisfactory results of the pending background clearance are received.

In response to the Zoning Officer's inquiry for direction from the Board with regard to a request made for the release of a building permit for a temporary construction trailer on **the New Life Youth and Family Services** site prior to the recording of the subdivision plan, it was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors, under the advisement of the Township Engineer, to wait until the plan is recorded before releasing the permit in order to comply with the Township SALDO and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-3**, as amended, authorizing the execution of such documents as are necessary to effect the purchase of the real property identified as the Saylor Tract; to authorize the Board to execute and submit such applications as are required to seek funding for the purchase of real property under the Montgomery County Green Fields Green Towns Open Space program and to authorize the expenditure of funds to effect the purchase.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of February in the amount of \$103,134.56 for payment.

The receipts for the month of February totaled \$69,306.39.

The Treasurer's report as of February 10, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$3,066,972.78, total liabilities-\$820,701.19, total equity-\$2,246,271.59. Total liabilities and equity equal \$3,066,972.78.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting were unanimously accepted as submitted.

Public Comment included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned whether the township had made a decision to enforce fire safety requirements on commercial businesses as per his comment made during the Chief's Report at the January 5, 2009 meeting.
- Roger Richter had a question with regard to an Open Space purchase.
- Kate O'Brien thanked the township for the resolution of the water and road issues on Hendricks Road.
- James Vanloon and his son Jarrod presented their concerns regarding the speed limit on Barndt Road. Jarrod Vanloon presented a sketch showing the speed limits on the neighboring roads. They have made several attempts to get the state to reconsider the speed limit to no avail; therefore, they were hoping the township could offer some assistance. They would like to reduce the current speed limit of 40 mph to 25 mph. Mr. Vanloon also mentioned the overgrowth of trees at the corner of Old Sumneytown Pike and Barndt Road that are protruding into the intersection making it difficult to turn onto Barndt Road from Old Sumneytown Pike. That intersection involves a county road and a state road. Mr. Hagey felt the township should write a letter to PennDot to request a traffic study. Mr. Poatsy planned to make a request to the school board to install flashing lights to lower the speed limit when students are arriving and leaving the school. Mr. O'Donnell also felt a letter should be sent to the State Police asking for their presence and patrol during critical times.
- Anna Keyser mentioned her concern with the speed limit on Hendricks Station Road and questioned whether there was any regulation in the township for maintenance of leaves.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary