

March 10, 2009
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular March 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.

Mr. O'Donnell announced that the Commonwealth Court issued an unreported decision sustaining the stipulation agreement between the township and T.H. Properties and that the Board has authorized special counsel to seek review of that decision to the Court en banc and by the Supreme Court, if necessary.

The following reports were presented for the month of February 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.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed **Jason C. Kolb** to the Special Fire Police Unit of the Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company.

Gregg Adelman appeared before the Board on behalf of **Sunny Brook Developers, Inc.** to offer evidence to the township confirming DEP had been a significant factor in delaying construction of the pending Spring Run Farm Subdivision, as per the Planning Commission's recommendation.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a one-year extension of the vesting period for the Spring Run Farm Development, which extends the vesting period to April 13, 2010.

Public comment included:

- Tom Brown commented on the reason for the extension.

A request made by Terri Archer for permission to hold the **5th Annual Perkiomen Valley Strides for a Cure 5K Run** in Upper Salford Township on April 25, 2009, along with a request for assistance from the Upper Salford Special Fire Police with traffic control at the event, was discussed.

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 control during the event.

The Board expressed its concern with the route proposed, in particular the use of Clemmers Mill Road. The Township Secretary was directed to forward a letter to Ms. Archer requesting the route be reconsidered to avoid participants running on Clemmers Mill Road, which the Board felt would be a safety hazard. The Board will consider Ms. Archer's response prior to the event.

Public comment included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski commented on attendance at meetings by those that request approvals from the Board.
- Roger Richter questioned the number of participants estimated.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-4** honoring and congratulating Christopher Mark Krupp on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America.

Public comment included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski suggested that Christopher Krupp ride in the front car of the annual Township 4th of July parade.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the rates for part time township employees engaged in **snow plowing** to be paid at time and one-half of applicable rate for hours worked after 5:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m. effective January 1, 2009.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-5** authorizing the Board to execute and submit such applications as are required to seek funding under the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns Open Space Program and to authorize the expenditure of funds to effect the settlement of litigation relating to the Trust of Barbara DeMeno and the condemnation of certain lands in the Township of Upper Salford.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-6** authorizing the Board to execute and submit such applications as are required to seek funding under the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns Open Space Program and to authorize the expenditure of funds to effect the purchase of certain land identified as the "Johnson" Tract located on Dieber Road and located within Upper Salford Township and Lower Salford Township.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-7** ratifying the agreement of sale for the purchase of a conservation agreement and to authorize the expenditure of funds to effect the purchase of a conservation easement together with the Montgomery County Lands Trust of lands owned by the Old Goshenhoppen Church.

Public comments included:

- Chip Damiani questioned the number of acres included in the easement.

The Township Solicitor announced that pursuant to Resolution 2009-3, the negotiations for the **Saylor property** located across from the Upper Salford Park have been concluded. Terms for an agreement of sale have been reached. He will be presenting further information to the Board in the near future.

Kevin O'Donnell offered an update on the township's efforts to resolve the Salford Station Road Bridge closure.

Sealed bids were duly advertised for **road materials**. The following bid was received and opened:

Highway Materials, Inc. Blue Bell, PA

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board unanimously awarded the bid to supply the township with SuperPave mixtures and crushed stone from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 to Highway Materials, Inc.

Sealed bids were duly advertised for **rental equipment**. The following bids were opened and reviewed:

P. K. Moyer Earlington, PA
Bechtel & Sons, Inc. Salfordville, PA

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously awarded the contract to the lowest overall bidder, Bechtel and Sons, Inc.

Sealed **landscaping bids** were duly advertised for the maintenance to the township parks flower beds and trees. Total amount of bids received were as follows:

Puppy Dog Landscape Corp.	\$ 8,125
Clarke's landscaping	\$ 8,825
J & M Lawn & Landscape	\$38,140
Carber's Lawn Care	\$12,265
C & S Lawn & Landscape	\$ 9,660
GCS Landscaping	\$10,625
Corey's County Landscaping	\$ 9,640
AKS Landscaping	\$ 9,602
Mike McCauley	\$ 8,875
County Line Landscape Nursery	\$19,225
Land Tech Enterprises	\$ 8,235
M & M Landscaping, LLC	\$ 8,768
Dougherty Landscaping Inc.	\$20,300

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously awarded the landscaping contract to the overall low bidder, Puppy Dog Landscaping Corp., upon their submission of proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage.

Upon discussion of the landscaping bid, Brian Gwiazdzinski asked if the fire company's flower bed was included in the bid. He was advised it was not. Mr. Gwiazdzinski therefore asked if the township would drop off a load of mulch to the fire company. Mr. O'Donnell indicated he believed that would be possible.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of March in the amount of \$84,914.95 for payment.

The receipts for the month of March totaled \$181,892.31.

The Treasurer's report as of March 10, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$3,163,833.87, total liabilities-\$818,288.73, total equity-\$2,345,545.14. Total liabilities and equity equal \$3,163,833.87.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting were unanimously accepted as amended.

Public comments included:

- Roger Richter had a question regarding the payments from Spring Mountain and also the decision from the Supreme Court with regard to the THP stipulation.
- Chip Damiani questioned the cost to appeal to the Supreme Court with regard to the THP stipulation.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned the township's process on requiring safety inspections of commercial buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary