

April 14, 2009
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular April 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 Court en banc denied the Township's appeal of the Commonwealth Court's decision to sustain the stipulation agreement between the township and T. H. Properties.

The following reports were presented for the month of March 2009: State Police, Fire Company, 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.

Terry Archer attended the meeting to explain the route of the **Perkiomen Valley Strides for a Cure 5-K Run and 2-mile walk** to be held on April 25, 2009.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the event.

Eric Steinpick from Diggle Productions, LLC approached the Board of Supervisors to seek permission to hold the 2nd annual **PetZoo festival** on Spring Mountain on September 18th and 19th.

Mr. Steinpick was instructed to contact the Township Solicitor to finalize the details for discussion and approval at a future meeting.

Public comment included:

- Gary Moore suggested a performer for the festival.
- Barbara Gormley question the date.

Ragesh Patel, Environmental Group Manager from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) attended the meeting to discuss the **Baghurst/Hendricks area water contamination** problem. Mr. Patel explained DEP's proposal to install a common well to supply water to the existing homes with contaminated water. His hope is to complete the project prior to June 2011, when the funding for such projects expires. DEP's desire is to have the township assume ownership of the public water supply system after DEP builds and operates it for an undetermined amount of time.

Public comments included:

- Kate O'Brien questioned if the proposal was for water and sewer or just water. She requested an additional meeting between the residents affected, township and DEP to review the details of the proposal and provide the residents an opportunity to express their concerns and ask questions.
- Gary Moore inquired whether DEP had considered the possibility of utilizing the existing community well system to address the situation and also questioned

whether DEP had considered repairing the existing community well distribution system, which leaks.

- Joe O'Brien asked how long it would take to build the new system. He also thought it would be a good idea provide fire hydrants in the area to be served by the proposed water system..
- Tom Gerhart questioned the storage capacity of the proposed water supply system, type of pipes to be used and the status of the contamination plume.
- Richard Detweiler questioned the Township's opinion of what DEP is proposing.
- Karen Cameron asked if there is an alternate plan and when building would start.
- Tom Brown questioned if the expense of the water company would be paid by the Township or the residents affected. He also inquired whether the proposed well would have an adverse impact on other wells in the area.
- Roger Richter asked if DEP had considered hooking into the North Penn Water supply from Shelly Square.
- Nate Payne suggested the township seek guidance from other municipalities which have faced a similar situation.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned the estimated well depth.
- Ralph Freed pointed out the opportunity DEP was offering the residents.

Mr. O'Donnell explained that this discussion was just the beginning and that no decisions had been made. He encouraged the residents to send their ideas and questions to the township.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously **appointed William Ryer** to the Upper Salford Special Fire Police.

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 Harleysville Jaycee's Country Fair Days fireworks on May 22, 2009 and parade on May 23, 2009 if they so desire.

Kevin O'Donnell offered an update on the township's efforts to resolve the issue of the closed wooden bridge on **Salford Station Road**.

Comments from the public included:

- Tom Gerhart questioned the options being considered.
- Joe O'Brien questioned the County Commissioners response and the removal of another bridge along the trail.

The Board of Supervisors gave their consensus to have the Park Board review the current rental rates for the **Upper Salford Park pavilion** with regard to weekday rentals for non-profit organizations.

The **Schneidinger Zoning Hearing application** was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. The Board decided to wait until after the Planning Commission's review on April 21, 2009 before determining if they wish to participate in that hearing.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors approved the bills for the month of April in the amount of \$239,976.00 for payment. The vote carried two to zero, with Mr. Hagey abstaining.

The receipts for the month of April totaled \$411,603.52.

The Treasurer's report as of April 14, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$3,370,602.26, total liabilities-\$811,128.88, total equity-\$2,559,473.38. Total liabilities and equity equal \$3,370,602.26.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the special meeting held on March 27, 2009 were unanimously accepted as amended.

Comments from the public included:

- Chip Damiani had questions related to the ownership of the Spring Mountain House property.
- Roger Richter asked if the proposed 537 plan addresses future needs.
- Roger Richter had questions relating to the lease rental of Orchard Park and spray license certification for the individual leasing the park.
- Chip Damiani suggested the township look into the equestrian bridge in Green Lane that was funded by the County prior to the meeting with the County Commissioners.
- Barbara Gormley questioned the estimated closing date for the Spring Mount Road Bridge.
- Tom Brown requested that copies of preliminary draft material from the 537 plan be available to the residents.
- Barbara Gormley suggested having copies of the draft available for review during the evenings when the office is open for meetings.
- Roger Richter reflected that it's difficult for people who work during the day to come to the office to review the draft.
- Chip Damiani indicated that in the past copies of drafts being discussed by the Board were made available during the meeting to be left at the office after the meeting.
- Joe O'Brien thanked the Board for sending the letters to notify the residents the DEP was attending the meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell asked for specific ideas of how to address the problems mentioned with regard to reviewing the 537 draft. He welcomed residents to send their ideas to the township.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary