

June 9, 2009
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular June 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.

The following reports were presented for the month of May 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.

During the Park Board report, Mr. Mininger announced that the Park Board is hosting concerts in the Upper Salford Park the third Thursday of June, July and August at 7:30 p.m. It was suggested that a sign be placed at the entrance to the park informing residents of the concerts. The Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company Fire Chief also offered to see if the information could be posted on the Fire Company's sign.

After the Solicitor's report, the Board of Supervisors directed him to work with the Township Engineer, Secretary, Building Inspectors and Zoning Officer to create a policy for the handling procedure of permit applications and related inspections. He was also advised to work directly with the Zoning Officer to adopt a policy for violations of the Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, Mr. Imms gave an update on the THP bankruptcy situation and indicated he would be filing a claim on the township's behalf.

Questions and comments from the public included:

- Tom Brown had questions relating to the legal expense for the THP bankruptcy issue.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned Special Counsel's total expense to the township to date with regard to all of the THP issues.
- Tom Brown refuted a comment made that the township has millions of dollars at stake with regard to the THP issue.

The advertised **Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009-2** with regard to the Indian Valley Inter-Municipal Agreement was tabled to a later time due to some unresolved issues among the municipalities involved in the agreement.

The **Larson Road Subdivision** was tabled until the July Board of Supervisors' meeting, at which time action would be required unless an extension of the review period is offered by the applicant.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the Upper Salford Citizens Group to hold the 21st annual **Red, White and Blue parade** on July 4, 2009.

The Township Solicitor was authorized to work on an Agreement of Sale with regard to a property in the township to be purchased for **open space**. The location of the property was not named due to the sensitivity of negotiations. More information will be given once the Solicitor is prepared to offer official documents for consideration.

No members of the Philadelphia Folksong Society were able to attend the meeting to discuss the **2009 Folk Festival**; however they do plan to attend the July Board of Supervisors meeting. Residents were encouraged to let the township know if they have any concerns to be addressed by the Folk Festival representatives.

Questions and comments from the public included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski asked that data relating to the formula that gate receipts are based on be given to the fire company for consideration prior to the July Board of Supervisors meeting. He also wanted to see the June, July and August minutes from 2008.
- Barbara Gormley felt that the Township should be more demanding in their request to have the Folksong Society attend meetings earlier.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski felt that the meeting should be held prior to September when the decisions relating to the Festival are made.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the purchase of a **batwing mower** under State Contract, not to exceed \$48,000.

Questions and comments from the public included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski asked if the mower had been budgeted for in the current budget.

Mr. O'Donnell gave an update on the Salford **Station Road Bridge** closure. To date he had not received a response from the County Commissions.

Questions and comments from the public included:

- Judy Hartenbaurer asked who the initial meeting with the county was to have been with.
- Mary Larson asked if there was anything other than write to the County Commissioners that the public could do to help.
- Gary Larson questioned if the County Emergency Management plan had been updated due to all of the bridge closures in the area.
- Ken VanLuvanee offered an update as to the evacuation plan discussed during Senator Wonderling's meeting held in Lower Frederick.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the **Zoning Hearing application of Andrew and Carrie Stankus**. The Board unanimously chose not to participate at that hearing.

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 June in the amount of \$102,249.54 for payment.

The receipts for the month of June totaled \$131,694.58.

The Treasurer's report as of June 9, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$3,388,802.30, total liabilities-\$806,359.13, total equity-\$2,582,443.17. Total liabilities and equity equal \$3,388,802.30.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the May 12, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting were unanimously accepted as submitted.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the Board's action at the May 5, 2009 joint meeting were unanimously accepted as submitted.

Mr. Poatsy announced that after a recent evaluation of the traffic conditions on **Barndt Road** by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the 40 mile per hour speed limit was lowered to 35 miles per hour.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the posting of the reduced speed limit signs on Barndt Road.

Mr. O'Donnell announced that a special meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th to discuss the **537 Plan**.

Public Comment:

- Barbara Gormley questioned the rates for renting the Upper Salford Park pavilion.
- Tom Brown questioned the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process.

On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors authorized Jeff Kerlin from Technicon to provide a scope of work to the township that can be bid out with regard to the outstanding improvements related to the Clemens subdivision on Old Sumneytown Pike.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary