

July 21, 2009
Salford, Pennsylvania

The July meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman O'Donnell at 6:04 PM. Mr. Poatsy was present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr. Mr. Hagey was absent.

The following reports were deferred, but available for public review: State Police, Special Fire Police, Green Lane Community Ambulance and Lower Frederick Ambulance. The reports presented were as follows: Fire Company, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer, Building Inspector, Park Board, Road Superintendent, Township Solicitor and Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission.

During the Fire Company report, Chief Gwiazdzinski requested to meet with the Supervisors to review the Fire Company's long-term plan. A meeting will be scheduled during the second or third week of August.

Mr. VanLuvanee reported for the Park Board, noting the first Concert in the Park was a success. There were approximately 60 attendees. The next Concert event is scheduled for August 20, 2009 at 7:30 PM with the Magic of Sam Sandler.

Questions and comments from the public included:

Chip Damiani asked Mr. Poatsy to explain the topic of "Dark Skies" mentioned in his report from the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission.

The **Larson Road Subdivision** representative, Rick Mast, answered Mr. Poatsy's questions about the width of the Right-of-Way and how much has been given to the Township.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-9**, approving the subdivision application of Andrew & Marilyn Lewis for preliminary/final plan approval and imposing conditions on that approval.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the Township Solicitor to send a letter to the Liquor Control Board, as requested by the Philadelphia Folk Fest, stating the Township acknowledges the sale of beer at the Festival and the Township does not object to the sale of beer at the event.

Question from the public:

Chip Damiani questioned the wording of "alcoholic beverages" as opposed to "beer" sales. It was clarified by Mr. O'Donnell the sales are limited to beer and it is stated that way in the request.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the **Upper Salford Special Fire Police** to request assistance with traffic and crowd control on Thursday, August 13, 2009, during the arrival of campers for the **Philadelphia Folk Festival** from the following Fire Police Units: East Greenville Borough, Pennsburg Borough, Red Hill Borough, Green Lane Borough, Upper Frederick Township, Lower Frederick Township, Lower Salford Township, Towamencin Township, Perkiomen Township, Salford Township, Schwenksville Borough, Limerick Township and Trappe Borough, and to request assistance with traffic and crowd control at the **Old Goshenhoppen Church** 132nd annual Oyster Picnic to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from the following Fire Police Units: Salford Township, Green Lane Borough, Skippack Borough, Schwenksville borough, Lower Salford Township, Lower Frederick Township and Upper Frederick Township.

The appointment of a delegate to serve on the Montgomery County **Tax Collection Committee** for the collection of earned income tax under Act 32 was tabled until the August Board meeting. Mr. Poatsy will look into the possibility of appointing a joint delegate with the school district.

The Board of Supervisors considered adoption of the **2009 International Property Maintenance Code**. It was decided that further review of the code by the Board and Planning Commission would be required before adoption of the code could be considered. No further action was taken.

Questions and comments from the public:

- Chip Damiani commented that an International code would cover all types of municipalities from urban to rural and what would be appropriate for urban would not be for rural.
- Mr. VanLuvanee asked for clarification as to whether there would be a full discussion with the Planning Commission.

On a Motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance requiring any contractor performing work within the Township to provide a state registration number as a condition of the issuance and release of a building permit.

Question from the public:

- Chip Damiani asked if "home improvements" includes landscaping.
- Ken VanLuvanee asked for clarification on whether or not the Township has the ability to approve a building permit without a builder contract number.

On a Motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-10**, authorizing the acquisition of 42.5 acres of land situated on Old Skippack Road, Bergey Road and Woessner Roads by eminent domain.

Questions from the public:

- Chip Damiani questioned if there was any available money from the County.
- Chip Damiani asked if the money has to be borrowed.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski asked if the cost is \$925,000 plus the services incurred
- Chuck Dornisch asked if the Supervisors are committing to the purchase with the resolution.
- Tom Brown asked if the Board has an idea what they plan to do with the property.

On a Motion made Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-11**, authorizing the acquisition of 20.6 acres of land situated on Schwenksville Road by eminent domain.

Questions from the public:

- Mark Krupp questioned the physical location of the property.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski asked how many acres of open space the township owns and the costs of acquisition.

On a Motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the request from Montgomery County Lands Trust, to waive the Sign application fees associated with the Faringer and Manchester properties, marking the properties as permanently preserved.

Mr. O'Donnell gave an update on the **Salford Station Road Bridge** closure. The meeting with the County Commissioners scheduled in July was cancelled by the commissioners. That meeting is tentatively rescheduled for August 26, 2009.

Questions from the public:

- Chip Damiani asked if the meeting with the Commissioners will be held at the site or at their office.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the amended Zoning Hearing application submitted by David and Sherry Walter. No direction was given for the township to participate at the hearing scheduled for August 10th.

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 July in the amount of 140,563.43 for payment.

The receipts for the month of July totaled \$41,153.19.

The Treasurer's report as of July 16, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets \$3,288,879.39, total liabilities \$799,354.09, total liabilities and Equity \$3,288,879.39.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the minutes of the June 9, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting were unanimously accepted as submitted.

Mr. Poatsy thanked the township for their participation in the July 4th parade.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori F. Smith
Assistant Secretary