

August 11, 2009  
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular August 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 July 2009: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Green Lane Community Ambulance, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer, Park Board, Road Superintendent, and Township Solicitor.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-12**, approving the application of **John Campbell** for final plan approval for the two-lot subdivision on Old Skippack Road, and imposing conditions on that approval.

Members of the Folk Song Society appeared before the Board to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with regard to the **2009 Philadelphia Folk Festival**.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the Memorandum of Understanding with the Philadelphia Folk Song Society for the festival to be held August 13, 2009 through August 16, 2009.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted **Resolution 2009-14** designating temporary no parking areas and tow away zones from August 13, 2009 through August 16, 2009.

As per direction given at a previous meeting, the Township Solicitor provided a draft Ordinance for the Board of Supervisors consideration with regard to permit requirements in relations to **Act 132, the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act**. The intent of the Ordinance was to allow the township to require a contractor's registration number on building permit applications.

*Comments from the public:*

- Ken VanLuvanee had questions relating to the implementation of the Ordinance and also questioned if the requirements would also apply to landscaping.
- Steve Rasbold indicated he felt it was a great idea to require the contractor number on the permit application.

The discussion was tabled until the Township Solicitor could confirm the legality of the Ordinance with the Attorney General's office.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously awarded a contract to Boucher and James for a **Phase I Environmental Study of Salfordville Park**, which is a due diligence requirement for the acquisition of the open space property.

*Comments from the public included:*

- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned how many phases of the study would be needed.

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-13**, accepting the terms and conditions of the approval of grant funding through the **Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns Open Space program** concerning the real estate in Upper Salford Township known as the Spring Mountain House property.

*Comments from the public included:*

- Barbara Gormley questioned the ownership of the property
- Tom Brown questioned the cost to the township and plans for the property

The Board discussed the appointment of a delegate to the **County Tax Collection Committee** for the collection of Earned Income Tax as per the requirements of Act 32. The appointment was tabled until information from other municipalities in the school district could be considered. An appointment will be made at the September Board meeting.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the Township Solicitor to work with Calhoun Baker to prepare the necessary loan documents to secure funding for the acquisition of the Salfordville Park. The loan option chosen was a 15 amortization at a variable rate for \$500,000 and an eight year amortization at a fixed rate for \$425,000. Combined, the annual loan payments would be approximately \$80,000.

*Comments from the public included:*

- Chip Damiani questioned the total loan payments
- Tom Brown questioned where the money would come from to pay the loan.

Representatives of the **Old Goshenhoppen Church** spoke of issues regarding the **Univest Grand Prix Bike Race** which is expected to pass by the church 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the Church's annual Oyster Picnic on September 12, 2009.

It was the consensus of the Board for the Township to attempt to rectify the problem with the individuals sponsoring and organizing the race.

Mr. O'Donnell announced that he is scheduled to meet with the County Commissions to discuss the **Salford Station Road Bridge** on August 26, 2009.

Ken VanLuvanee presented a brief synopsis of the meeting held at the Lower Frederick Township office earlier in the evening hosted by Representative Bob Mensch to discuss the **Spring Mountain Road Bridge**.

*Comments from the public included:*

- Mark Krupp had questions related to the use of the trail for emergency access.
- Barbara Gormley asked if the other state owned bridge on Salford Station Road had been discussed at the meeting.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of August in the amount of

\$55,249.35 for payment. Mr. Hagey asked that the cost for the Eagle Scout flag pole project be tracked.

The receipts for the month of August totaled \$46,798.01.

The Treasurer's report as of August 11, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$3,280,428.05, total liabilities-\$796,956.08, total equity-\$2,483,471.97. Total liabilities and equity equal \$3,280,428.05.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the minutes of the July 21, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting were accepted as amended. The vote carried two to zero with Mr. Hagey abstaining.

During public comment, **Steve Rasbold** approached the Board to ask permission to change the location of a proposed one-chair hair salon on his property. The use had been granted with conditions by the Zoning Hearing Board on September 8, 2008. Mr. Rasbold was advised to send a letter to the township explaining in detail the situation and what was being requested of the Board so that the Township Solicitor could look into the matter further.

Mr. Hagey brought up the subject of the placement of sheds in front, rear and side yard set-backs. He felt the issue needed to be addressed by the Board and Planning Commission. It was suggested that the subject be discussed at the September Planning Commission meeting while the Zoning Officer was attending to dissertate his interpretation of non-conforming lots.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato  
Secretary