

September 14, 2010
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular September meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman Poatsy at 7:30 p.m. Mr. O'Donnell was present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr. Mr. VanLuvanee was absent.

The following reports were presented for the month of August 2010: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Upper Salford Special Fire Police, Lower Frederick Ambulance, Green Lane Community Ambulance, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer, Building Inspector, Park Board, Road Superintendent, and Township Solicitor.

Lieutenant David Buckley, the Station Commander at the Skippack Barrack of the Pennsylvania State Police, attended the meeting to present the State Police report. He encouraged all residents to keep their car doors locked at all times because of the increased number of auto thefts in the area and encouraged parents to be aware of their children's activities because most of the thefts were being performed by local teens.

During the Fire Company Report, the Fire Chief, Brian Gwiazdzinski requested a 30-day burn ban be issued by the Township.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously referred the Stoneback Zoning Hearing application to the Township Planning Commission to be reviewed at their September 21, 2010 meeting.

At 7:55 p.m., the Board entered into a public hearing for **Ordinance 2010-3**. The hearing was recorded by a court stenographer and the transcript of the hearing shall be incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The hearing adjourned at 8:00 p.m. at which time the regular meeting reconvened.

Felicia DeRosa and Kyle Bryant attended the meeting to discuss **Ride Ataxia Philadelphia**, a bike ride sponsored by the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance to be held on October 10, 2010 that will run through Upper Salford Township. Proceeds from the race will be used to fund research to help find a cure for Friedreich's Ataxia.

Public comments included:

- The Fire Chief, Brian Gwiazdzinski, requested that the participants be requested to ride no more than two wide to avoid blocking vehicle traffic.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Ordinance 2010-3**, amending Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development, of the Upper Salford Township Code of Ordinances by amending Section 604A.C.3.b.i, Section 619.G and Section 619.K. and further amending Chapter 27, Zoning, by amending Section 281, Section 304.A.5.b.iv., Section 1201 A., Section 1305, Section 2003.B.1., Section 2006.B.2.c. and Section 2201.A.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the signing and acceptance of the Consent Order and Agreement, establishing a water company for the specific area of the Baghurst contamination site.

Public Comment included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned a contingency in the agreement in the event other local wells run dry.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2010-11**, approving the application of **Karen Ann Weiss, Kenneth D. Weiss and Carol Lynn Weiss** for preliminary and final plan approval and imposing conditions on that approval. The issue of a trail easement on the property would be discussed further between the applicant's engineer and the Township Solicitor to be resolved in a matter that would be acceptable to both the Township and property owner.

Christopher Stanford and Bob Keller from Michael Baker Jr., Inc., acting agent for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board to obtain the Board of Supervisors confirmation that the proposed **S.R. 1024 Salford Station Road Bridge Replacement Project** will not adversely affect Township owned Rahmer Park.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board unanimously concurred with Federal Highway Association's and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's determination that the project as designed will not adversely affect the recreational attributes of Rahmer Park.

Public comment included:

- Brian Gwiazdzinski inquired if the land in question had been purchased by the township.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the Township Solicitor to prepare an advertisement for the **lease of the Township property located on Long Mill Road**.

The following three bids were acquired for **striping township roads** based on 87,542 linear feet of 4" double yellow lines, 1,637 linear feet of 4" single yellow lines and 17,741 linear feet of 4" single white lines.

Interstate Road Management, Hazelton, PA	\$ 9,689.40
Alpha Space Control, Chambersburg, PA	\$ 8,225.55
Guidemark, Souderton, PA	\$11,667.78

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously recommended acceptance of the bid from Alpha Space Control in the amount of \$8,225.55.

The **2010/2011 winter contract from Montgomery County** was reviewed. The Board of Supervisors declined to take action on the contract.

Mr. Poatsy announced the next Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. O'Donnell offered an update on the Road Masters progress with regard to the replacement of the bridge on Salford Station Road next to the Upper Salford municipal building.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the **advertisement of a wooden structure bridge** for removal to parties who may be interested in the bridge. This would include the removal of all wooden structures and supporting structures. Timing should coincide with the installation of the new structure.

Public Comment included:

- Gary Raisner questioned the requirements for engineering design for the demolition of the structure.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of September in the amount of \$94,686.91 for payment.

The receipts for the month of September totaled \$84,242.84.

The Treasurer's report as of September 14, 2010 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$5,412,139.37, total liabilities-\$2,063,911.69, total equity-\$3,348,227.68. Total liabilities and equity equal \$5,412,139.37.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the minutes of the August 10, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Residents from Lower Salford Township, Perkiomen Township, Skippack Township, and Upper Salford Township attended the meeting to discuss the **Barnside Farm Compost Facility** located primarily in Lower Salford Township at 991 Haldeman Road.

Concerns were raised with regard to odors emanating from the property that have been a problem for the local residents ever since the facility began accepting food waste for composting; an activity permitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The residents claimed that their homes were becoming infested with flies and other insects and had concerns with groundwater contamination as well as contamination to the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek.

Those present that spoke of their opposition to the food waste being accepted at the compost facility were: Eric Callahan, Bill Donnelly, Jim McFarland, Shirley Welch, Kim Golden, Marci Yoder, Lori Schwemmer, Chris Gates, Dennis Hershberger, Pam Herman, Royce Yoder, Tamara Callahan, Jennifer Riley, Esquire, Dwight Alderfer, Gloria Riley, John Yanan, and Larry Golden. Many of these residents spoke highly of the operators of the facility, to whom they have always found to be good neighbors, but found it difficult to tolerate the odors and bugs that they claim result from the food waste composting. They were concerned that while many attempts to correct the problem were being made, no resolution had been found and the current conditions were affecting their health, their quality of life and the value of their homes.

Those that spoke in support of the compost facility and the operators of the facility were: Heather Mercon and Joe Greenwald. Allowing the operators the opportunity to

resolve the issue was more appealing than the construction of a large development on the site.

Others present who spoke neither in support nor opposition of the compost facility but merely commented on the issue were: Gary Raisner, who cited sections of the Upper Salford Zoning Ordinance and Bill Bushnell, who offered an update on the efforts being made by State Representative, Marcy Toepel, to help resolve the issue.

The Board of Supervisors indicated they would continue to look into the matter to hopefully help find a solution that would be in the best interests of the residents, the operator of the facility and the environment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato
Secretary