

September 8, 2009  
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular September 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 August 2009: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Upper Salford Special Fire Police, Lower Frederick Ambulance, Green Lane Community Ambulance, Zoning Officer, Building Inspectors, Park Board, Road Superintendent, Township Solicitor and Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission.

After the Park Board report, Brian Gwiazdzinski reiterated his request that the trails in the township be marked to help identify location on the trail in the event of an emergency.

After the Solicitor's report, Roger Richter questioned whether the Solicitor's contact with DEP was in relation to the proposed water company for Baghurst Alley.

It was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors to place an Ordinance which would allow the township to require contractor registration numbers on building permit applications as per the **Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act** on the October Board of Supervisors meeting agenda for consideration of approval. The Township Solicitor was directed to advertise the ordinance for adoption consideration at that meeting.

Parking and traffic problems during the **2009 Philadelphia Folk Festival** were discussed.

*Comments from the public included:*

- Barbara Gormley commented on the township's preparedness for an emergency evacuation.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski commented on the communication between the fire police and folk festival staff.
- Chuck Dornish commented on the township's ability to evacuate the township if necessary.
- Brian Gwiazdzinski requested that the back-up parking plan for the next Folk Festival be review in advance to allow input from all.

**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 the Schwenksville Fire Company with traffic and crowd control during their Open House on October 10, 2009.

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Theodore Poatsy Jr. as the Upper Salford Township voting delegate to the Montgomery County **Act 32 Earned Income Tax Collection Committee** and Robert Bruchak, Director of Business Affairs for the Souderton Area School District, as the alternate representative.

The following three bids were acquired for **striping 76,349 linear feet 4" double yellow lines** on township roads.

Interstate Road Management, Hazelton, PA	\$5,764.27
Alpha Space Control, Chambersburg, PA	\$6,863.78
Guidemark, Souderton, PA	\$7,635.00

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously recommended acceptance of the bid from Interstate Road Management for \$5,764.27.

*Questions from the public included:*

- Gary Larson questioned the type of paint to be used.

The Board of Supervisors opened and read the following submitted responses to an advertised bid to supply the township with **500 tons of treated deicing materials** for the winter season of 2009-2010:

Name:	Amount per ton:
Morton Salt	No Bid
International Salt Company	\$76.82
Eastern Salt Company	\$68.08
American Rock Salt	\$78.96
Oceanport	\$72.50
Cargill Deicing Technology	\$79.42

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously decided not to award any bid. The township will continue to use the state contract for the purchase of bulk ice control.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed a request from the Montgomery County Planning Commission for input from the Township to assist with a study they are conducting with regard to **public transit options** in the northwest portion of the county. The issue was tabled until further information could be secured.

*Comments from the public included:*

- Barbara Gormley suggested transportation for senior citizens

The Board of Supervisors considered retaining special bankruptcy counsel to represent the Township with regard to the T. H. Properties bankruptcy. The Township Solicitor was directed to secure names of possible candidates for the position.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to appoint special bankruptcy counsel in the matters of T. H. Properties pending recommendation from the Township Solicitor.

*Questions from the public included:*

- Roger Richter questioned the extent of the issues that would be handled by the special bankruptcy counsel.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2009-15**, declaring the intent of the Township of Upper Salford to reimburse expenditures for certain capital projects from the proceeds of a general obligation note that the township expects to issue within the next twelve month.

*Questions from the public included:*

- Barbara Gormley had questions relating to the involvement of other townships in the county's grant application.

The **2009/2010 winter contract from Montgomery County** was reviewed. The Board of Supervisors chose not to accept the County's contract for snow removal for the 2009/2010 season. The Township secretary was directed to send a letter to the county notifying them that the Township Supervisors declined to take action on the contract.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed a quote for an electrical upgrade at the Upper Salford Park to include the installation of a new outdoor 200 amp breaker with a 20 space panel to be connected to an existing below-grade junction box. **Mr. O'Donnell offered a motion**, which was seconded by Mr. Poatsy, accepting a proposal from McGuire Electrical Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$3,500.00. At Mr. Hagey's suggestion to secure additional quotes, the motion was amended by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy to award the job to the lowest bidder pending submission of additional proposals. The motion was unanimously approved.

*Questions from the public included:*

- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned the location of the manhole for the junction box.
- Roger Richter offered a suggestion for a contractor to obtain a quote from.

Mr. O'Donnell offered an update on the situation with the wooden **Salford Station Road Bridge** and gave a brief synopsis of his and Mr. Poatsy's meeting with the Montgomery County Commissioners held on August 26, 2009.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the back-up plan of the Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Police to make Church Road one way between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2009 during the **Old Goshenhoppen Church Oyster Picnic** in the event that the grove cannot be used for parking due to weather related conditions. This would allow parking on one side of Church Road. The Board of Supervisors offered the use of the paved parking lot at the Township building for the volunteers to park their vehicles to allow more space for the attendees of the picnic. The Township barricades were also offered for the Fire Police's use. The Supervisors asked to be notified once a decision is reached concerning the closure of Church Road.

The Montgomery County Planning Commission contract for the three-year period of 2010 to 2012 was reviewed. The Township secretary was directed to contact Matt Schelly to find out if credit would be given for meetings that were not attended by the County Planner during the current year. Also suggested was possibly securing a contract for eight night meetings a year instead of 12. Action on the contract was tabled until October.

*Questions from the public included:*

- Brian Gwiazdzinski questioned what was included in the price of the contract.

**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 September in the amount of \$75,661.41 for payment.

The receipts for the month of September totaled \$70,470.03.

The Treasurer's report as of September 8, 2009 noted the following amounts: total assets-\$3,275,058.19, total liabilities-\$794,486.52, total equity-\$2,480,571.67. Total liabilities and equity equal \$3,275,058.19.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the August 11, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting were accepted as amended.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the minutes of the August 27, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting with the Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company were approved as submitted.

*Public comments and questions included:*

- Barbara Gormley questioned the estimated date for the closing of the Spring Mount Road bridge. The Township Secretary was directed to contact Representative Mensch's office for an update and all residents were encouraged to do the same.
- Ken VanLuvanee offered his understanding of what was required of the contractor with regard to the closing.
- Roger Richter had questions relating to the water company proposed by DEP to address water issues in the Baghurst Alley area.

A problem with non-authorized fruit picking at Orchard Park was discussed. The Board of Supervisors clarified that picking of the fruit is not allowed under any circumstance at Orchard Park.

*Comments from the public:*

- Roger Richter indicated that there was a contaminated well at the park that should be looked into.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato  
Secretary