

February 12, 2008  
Salford, Pennsylvania

The regular February meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman Poatsy at 7:30 PM. Messrs. O'Donnell and Hagey were present.

The report from the State Police noted a total of 49 incidents for the month of January 2008: nine accidents, five burglaries, two false alarms, 12 requests for assistance, one theft, three traffic violations, one vehicle report and 16 miscellaneous items.

The Upper Salford Fire Company responded to nine incidents in January 2008. The State approved a grant in the amount of \$21,974.33 which will be used towards the fire house mortgage. Mr. Gwiazdzinski, Fire Chief, presented a list to the Supervisors of items for future consideration to help with escalating operational costs.

The Upper Salford Fire Police Unit responded to nine emergency calls in the month of January. There were no special services for the month.

Lower Frederick Ambulance Corps responded to 22 emergency calls in Upper Salford in January 2008, 11 of which were incidents at Spring Mountain Adventures.

Green Lane Community Ambulance Service answered 12 emergency calls in Upper Salford. Their volunteers donated 296 hours of service in January.

The Planning Commission met on February 6<sup>th</sup> and reviewed issues pertaining to the Bateman preliminary plan submission, and an update on Rutledge Tract on Spring Mount Road that is currently an inactive submission.

The Zoning Officer issued five permits during the period from January 7, 2008 through February 8, 2008. He spent a total of 31.5 hours in zoning related matters.

Mr. Mininger, a Park Board member, reported that their board met on January 22, 2008 and discussed the following items: recommendation for Tom Haney as a new member of the Park Board, acceptance and recommendation of Mr. Caroff's one-year plan for Orchard Park, and a recommendation that contract issues with the Soccer Club be resolved.

The Solicitor's report covered the period from December 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008: He attended township meetings, consulted with supervisors, staff and consultants, reviewed grant contracts for solar panels at the fire station as well as the Orchard Park lease proposal and worked on various subdivision and land development matters. In addition, he worked on the Land Use appeal for TH Property and zoning enforcement issues.

Road Superintendent's Report noted the following work: snow & ice removal throughout January up to February 4<sup>th</sup>, patched pot holes on various roads throughout the township, removed fallen trees and limbs from roadways and park trails, made a road inspection with Supervisors in attendance, removed un-permitted signs from roadways, repaired and cleaned equipment and attended a Public Works Meeting on January 24, 2008.

Harleysville National Bank requires the township to adopt a Resolution whenever there is a change with board member signatures.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution #2008-5 confirming the signatures of the current board as authorized and designated to perform all transactions of township funds held in Harleysville National Bank.

Mark Vasoli, Esquire, appeared before the Board on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pierce from Cedar Road. The Board explicitly expressed their concerns with the condition of the property and requested assurance that the in-ground pool would be cleaned up and properly fenced or filled in without delay. Mr. Hagey felt the Zoning Officer should make another site inspection and site the Pierce's for any violations that currently exist. Mr. Vasoli asked that a copy of the violations be faxed to him after the Zoning Officer completes the site inspection.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Thomas Haney to serve as a Park Board member until December 31, 2011 when the term expires, as per the unanimous recommendation of the Park Board.

Teri Archer, coordinator for the Perkiomen 5 K Run, has requested permission to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Run and Walk to benefit a cancer cure on April 26, 2008.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously granted approval to have the Perkiomen Valley Strides 5 K-Run on April 26, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. contingent upon contacting the County regarding the use of the trail.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the advertisement of secured bids for the installation of solar panels at the fire company.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the recommendation made by Bruce Haigh in his memorandum dated November 8, 2007 relating to the New Life Youth and Family Services water resources impact study, whereby the township would hold in abeyance the requirement for compliance with Section 619.D.3 of the township SALDO concerning Phase II and Phase III Water Resource Impact Studies for the Land Development Phase I Final Plan, thereby, revising Resolution 2006-13. In addition, the township requires the remediation and closure of all abandoned wells.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved bid proposal specifications prepared by Mr. O'Donnell for the management and productive use of Orchard Park. The advertisement of the bid was approved by motion at the January 7, 2008 meeting. The bids will be advertised to be opened at the March 11, 2008 meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the hiring of Joseph Weisbach, Edwin Sowers and Robert Sowers for part-time seasonal employment to help with snow plowing at the rate specified at the beginning of the year for seasonal employees, upon the submittal of their applications with the township secretary.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the advertisement of two summer positions to assist with mowing in the parks and along the roadways.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an increase in the hourly wage for the Road Superintendent from \$23.52 to \$25.00, due to his added responsibilities.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the bills for the month of February totaling \$102,483.54 were unanimously approved to be paid.

During the review of the bills, it was decided that the new maintenance agreement for the Township small flow stream discharge systems at the township office and the Upper Salford Park should be put out for bid.

The receipts for the month of February totaled \$46,744.12.

The Treasurer's report noted that as of February 12, 2008, the books were in balance with the assets totaling \$2,962,658.56, liabilities totaling \$894,624.52 and total liabilities and equity totaling \$2,962,658.56.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the January 7, 2008 meeting as amended.

Cindy Gerhard indicated that her comments made at the January 7, 2008 meeting, were not reflected fully in the minutes. It was decided that the tape of the meeting should be reviewed and an amendment would be considered at the next Board of Supervisors meeting if needed. *Mrs. Gerhard's missing comments from the 1/7/08 meeting are to be included here. She was correct in that Mr. Poatsy did say he had not told anyone to refuse the water test. She indicated that she felt the only reason people were discouraged from having the test performed was so they wouldn't find out how bad the situation was.*

Mr. Hagey also clarified that a misconception was made at the previous meeting wherein it had been indicated that only some residents were offered the free water testing. Although only certain areas were chosen for the 537 study, all residents had the opportunity to request the free water test.

Mr. Poatsy reported that the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission met this month and discussed Transfer Development Rights. Also reviewed was a proposed resolution presented called Dark Skies, which relates to the reduction of lighting and energy usage.

Mr. O'Donnell discussed the township's e-mail address for accepting suggestions, which is USTsuggestionbox@comcast.net. He also mentioned that the township is considering options for a electronic newsletter that could be e-mailed to interested resident and that he was looking into the legalities behind that process.

Mr. Hagey questioned when Kate Harper, Esquire, was contacted and officially hired as Special Counsel. Mr. Poatsy could not remember when she was first contacted but indicated she was officially hired at the Reorganization meeting on January 7, 2008. Mr. Hagey indicated that Ms. Harper had billed the township for research on January 7, 2008, which he felt indicated she was hired prior to the reorganization meeting. Mr. Hagey felt it was important that the matter was handled properly since township funds were being used.

At 9:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned for an executive session to discuss residents with outstanding zoning violations that were addressed in a memo to the Board of Supervisors by the Township Zoning Officer. The meeting reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

It was decided that the Township Solicitor should proceed to file the necessary action against the individuals who are in violation of the Township Ordinance. Due to a conflict of interest with the Township Solicitor, the issue of Mr. Wynn would be referred to Mike E. Furey, Esquire.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato  
Assistant Secretary