

October 12, 2021
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The October meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman O'Donnell at 7:30 p.m. Messrs. Poatsy and Sacks was present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr.

The Board shared several **public announcements**:

- The Board of Supervisors has been meeting with representatives from the EPA and Schwenksville Water Authority to discuss Baghurst remediation efforts. There haven't been any new updates from the EPA since going out to bid.
- Construction on the Park to Perkiomen Trail Connector-Phase 1 has been completed, therefore, the walking trails in the area of the Wolford Road lot are now open. The New Connector Trail is still closed to the public until Phase 2 is completed.
- Mr. O'Donnell reported that Montgomery County will be conducting the replacement of the bridge on Rostkowski Road with a tentative start date of February 2022.
- The WMGK Big Bad Bonfire is taking place on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 5pm to 9pm at Spring Mountain Adventures.
- Mr. Poatsy reported that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2021, is in the early stages of planning.
- Mr. Sacks reported that he spoke to a representative from PennDOT and construction on both Salford Station and Hendricks Station Road bridges will begin in the next week.
- Grave Tales at Old Goshenhoppen will be held on October 23, 2021, with a rain date of October 30th. Tours will begin at noon and will end at 8:30pm at a cost of \$6.00/adults and \$4.00/students and seniors.

Public Comments included:

- *Mr. Poatsy inquired if the Township had any input for the Rostkowski Road Bridge.*
- *Kyle Nice, Josie Lane, inquired about the land that was purchased next to Rostkowski Road Bridge.*

The following reports were presented for the month of September 2021: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Plymouth Community Ambulance Association, Harleysville Area EMS, Zoning Officer, Building Inspector, Park Board, Road Superintendent, Solicitor, Historical Society, Residential Pumping Receipt Update, and Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Public Comments included:

- *During the Historical Society report, Barb Gormley announced that the next meeting will be held October 25th by the Damiani family regarding the history of Woxall. On November 15th, there will be a presentation on Rahmer Auto Racing by Mr. Rahmer. All meetings will be held at the Municipal Building at 7pm.*

Mr. O'Donnell gave an update on the **Construction of the Park to Perkiomen Trail Connector Phase 1**, which includes Upper Salford Park to Spring Mount Road. The contractor has completed paving and construction on Phase 1. The Connector Trail will remain closed, to the public, until Phase 2 is completed.

Public Comments included:

- *Kyle Nice, Josie Lane, inquired about the cutouts and repaving that took place on the new trail.*

The Board of Supervisors is continuing their discussion on the **replacement of the playground equipment** at Upper Salford Park. A decision has not been made on which proposal will be selected.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the **Upper Salford Special Fire Police** to assist with the **Big Bad Bonfire** on October 16th, the **Upper Perk Halloween Parade** on October 24th, and the **Schwenksville Halloween Parade** on October 28th, if they so choose and have the volunteers available.

Public Comments included:

- *Mr. Poatsy inquired about the Fire Police assisting at the Big Bad Bonfire, as it is a non-municipal event.*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Montgomery County Planning Commission **Community Planning Assistance Contract** from **January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024** at a total cost of \$27,846.00.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution #2021-11: Providing for Supplemental Appropriations for the 2021 Budget** as the Township received funds from the American Rescue Plan.

Public Comments included:

- *Suzanne Stepanek, Barnbridge Drive, inquired about the amount of the funds.*
- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired if the funds were part of the Stimulus Plan and the determination of funds each Township received.*

Mr. O'Donnell restated that the Zoning Officer submitted his resignation in July and graciously offered to stay on until the end of the year. Subsequently, the Board of Supervisors conducted an interview for the Zoning Officer position, which is an appointed position.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution #2021-12: Amendment to the Fee Schedule for Zoning Permits**.

Public Comments included:

- *Seth Albright, Quakertown, inquired if Bob Hickson is also a Building Code Enforcement Officer.*

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed **Technicon Enterprise Inc. II/Candie Johnson** as the Zoning Officer for Upper Salford Township, effective November 1, 2021.

Public Comments included:

- *Suzanne Stepanek, Barnbridge Drive, inquired if the new Zoning Officer will be accessible in the office.*
- *Mr. O'Donnell shared that the new Zoning Officer's tentative office hours will be on Thursday afternoons in the Upper Salford Township office. She will also be available Monday through Friday by telephone and email.*

The **preparation** of the **2022 Budget** will begin, and the draft will be reviewed at the November Board of Supervisors meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of October in the amount of \$193,572.67 for payment.

The receipts for the month of October totaled \$108,540.73.

The Treasurer's report as of October 12, 2021, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$9,452,124.37; total liabilities, \$738,894.72; total equity, \$8,713,229.65. Total liabilities and equity equal \$9,452,124.37.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, as written.

Public Comments included:

- *Representatives from **Perkiomen Valley Library** gave a presentation. Aileen Johnson, Branch Manager of the Library, and Don Barrick, Upper Salford resident and Board Member, gave an update on various programs available at the library. Anyone that visits the library must wear a mask. The library offers free passes for members to use, first come first serve, to Elmwood Park Zoo, Audubon Museum, Boyertown Vehicle Museum, and Bucks County Children's Museum. The Board of Supervisors thanked the library for their continuous service to our residents.*
- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired if wearing a mask is a requirement of the library or through the County and State.*
- *Barbara Gormley, Wolford Road, commented how happy she and her husband are with the library's service of tracking down a book that was hard to find.*
- *Suzanne Stepanek, Barnbridge Drive, reported that her neighbor has started to remove the majority of the unpermitted structure from their property.*
- *Barbara Gormley, Wolford Road, reported the Historical Society presentation on the Old Factory will be scheduled at a later date.*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer
Secretary