

November 9, 2021  
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The November 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. The start of construction is scheduled for the second week in December and should be completed within six (6) months.
- The new Zoning Official, Candie Johnson of Technicon Enterprises Inc. II, has begun working with Upper Salford Township. Her physical office hours are Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm. She is also available, Monday through Friday, by telephone and email.
- Construction on the Park to Perkiomen Trail Connector-Phase 1 has been completed; however, the New Connector Trail is still closed to the public until Phase 2 is completed.
- There are nine (9) additional disc golf holes that have been added to the course in the Upper Salford Park, through an Eagle Scout Project.
- Mr. Poatsy reported that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 7:30pm at the Upper Salford Park.

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

***Public Comments included:***

- *After the Road Superintendent report, Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, commented about the clippings that were left behind after the roadside tree cutting was completed by the Road Crew.*
- *During the Historical Society report, Rick Sacks announced that the October meeting was very well attended. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, with a presentation on Rahmer Auto Racing by Mr. Rahmer. The meeting will be held at Tabor Church at 7pm.*
- *After the Residential Pumping Receipt Update report, Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired about the average number that need to pump each year.*
- *After the Residential Pumping Receipt Update report, Michelle Sowers, Wolford Road, commented that the pumper/hauler never submitted their receipt even though their paperwork was marked as such.*
- *After the Residential Pumping Receipt Update report, Robert Sowers, Wolford Road, commented that the Township should also contact the pumper/haulers if they say they are going to send it to the Township.*

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. Construction on Phase 1 has been completed. The Connector Trail will remain closed, to the public, until Phase 2 is completed.

The Board of Supervisors is continuing their discussion on the **replacement of the playground equipment** at Upper Salford Park.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **purchase of the equipment and an additional climbing apparatus** through Co-Stars (State Purchasing program) with an amount **not to exceed \$175,000.00**.

***Public Comments included:***

- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired if that included the equipment and installation.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the purchase for the **Rubberized Safety Surface** with an **amount not to exceed \$35,000.00**.

***Public Comments included:***

- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired if the total project is the amount of both the installation/equipment and the rubberized safety surface.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **appointment of Sue Barrick** to the Upper Salford Township **Board of Auditors**.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an **Amendment to the 2022 Technicon Enterprises Inc. II Fee Schedule for Engineering and Code Enforcement Services**.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a **Lease of the Farmhouse** by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use as their office for the Baghurst Remediation project. The lease agreement will be for \$1,200 per month for a minimum of 6 months and reimbursement to the Township for all utilities.

The draft **2022 Municipal Financial Budget** is currently being reviewed. A discussion of the draft budget will be held at the Joint Board Meeting on December 7, 2021. The final budget will be adopted at the December 14, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. No tax increase is proposed.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of November in the amount of \$173,119.96 for payment.

The receipts for the month of November totaled \$59,472.94.

The Treasurer's report as of November 9, 2021, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$9,351,610.44; total liabilities, \$738,710.85; total equity, \$8,612,899.59. Total liabilities and equity equal \$9,351,610.44.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, as written.

**Public Comments included:**

- *Emily Lenker, Wolford Road, commented about the speeding on Wolford Road and requested lowering the speed limit and additional signs. Ms. Lenker also commented on the safety of bikers and walkers on Wolford Road.*
- *Jen Luskin, Wolford Road, commented about the excessive speeding on Wolford Road.*
- *Rosanne Sarnese, Wolford Road, commented about the speeding drivers on Wolford Road.*
- *Robert Sowers, Wolford Road, commented about the traffic on Wolford Road and doesn't feel that lowering the speed limit from the current 35mph would help.*
- *Fred Barberra, Wolford Road, commented about the increase of traffic and speeding on Wolford Road.*
- *Nick Chiarolanza, Wolford Road, commented about the traffic on Wolford Road and feels that more enforcement is needed. Mr. Chiarolanza also inquired as to what the protocol is for getting the State Police out to enforce the speed limit.*
- *Ken Lenker, Wolford Road, inquired about the speed limit on Wolford Road and would like to see more signage along the road.*
- *Michelle Sowers, Wolford Road, commented that they have not had any problems pulling out of their driveway.*
- *Rick Sacks, Supervisor, commented that he will be in contact with the State Police Barracks Commander.*
- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired who approves getting the speed limit lowered on Wolford Road. Mr. Stein also commented that he is appreciative of the Board hearing everyone's comments.*
- *Ed Sowers, partner at Bechtel's Paving on Wolford Road, commented that he feels that the speed limit of 35mph is sufficient, and that enforcement is the issue.*
- *Bill Sarnese, Wolford Road, feels that more enforcement is necessary.*
- *Stephanie Barberra, Wolford Road, commented that the speed limit should be lowered, and more enforcement is needed.*
- *Michelle Sowers, Wolford Road, commented about the accidents at the intersection of Shelly and Schwenksville Roads.*
- *Robert Sowers, Wolford Road, commented that his concern is driving a commercial truck and going through the Roundabout.*
- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, commented that he took his puppy to Upper Salford Park over the summer and didn't see the signs that Moyer & Sons had just sprayed. He suggested larger signs after they spray. He also inquired about the soccer fields.*

- *Emily Lenker, Woford Road, inquired about the Woford Road Lot, which was used for parking for the WMGK Bonfire and would like to be notified when the event takes place in the future.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer  
Secretary