

December 14, 2021
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The December 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 were present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr.

The Board of Supervisors 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 to begin within the next week or two, as the contract has been signed by EPA and the Contractor. There will be several days when the Perkiomen Trail will be closed in the area of Rahmer Park, at which time it will be posted.
- 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.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting was held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 7:30pm at the Upper Salford Park.
- Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company will be having their Santa Run on Saturday, December 18, 2021.
- The Grand Opening of the Ice-Skating at Spring Mountain Adventures is scheduled for Saturday, December 18th starting at 3pm. All details are posted on their website.

The following reports were presented for the month of November 2021: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Special Fire Police (September & October), Plymouth Community Ambulance Association, Planning Commission, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer, Road Superintendent, Solicitor, Historical Society, Residential Pumping Receipt Update, and Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Public Comments:

- *During the Historical Society report, Barb Gormley of Wolford Road, mentioned that the Historical Society has a YouTube Channel. Ginny Ward, Schwenksville Road, stated that the YouTube Channel is posted to their Facebook page. All programs from this past year (2021) are posted to the Channel for the public to watch. The Historical Society has Township Office hours from 9am to 11:30am on Tuesdays.*

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.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the **2021 Per Capita Exonerations** for fourteen (14) Upper Salford residents.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the advertisement of the **2022 meeting dates** for the Board of

Supervisors, which would be the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m., with the exception of the January meeting, which will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:30p.m. and the November meeting, which will be November 1st due to Election Day; the reorganization of the Board of Auditors will be held on Tuesday, January 4th at 9:00a.m.; the Planning Commission, which would be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m.; the Joint Board, which would be held on the first Tuesday of every month, at 7:30p.m., the Park Board, which would be on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m., except December; the Historical Society, which would be the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00p.m., and the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission, which would be held January 25 (virtual), March 22 (virtual), May 24, July 26, September 27, and November 22 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Township Office, except for the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission meetings, which will be held at the Franconia Township Municipal Building.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved, the **Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company and Special Fire Police's participation in the following 2022 non-emergency events and fundraisers:** Red, White and Blue 4th of July Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Penny Auctions, Chicken Barbeques, Pork Barbeque Drive-Throughs, Fire Prevention week, which includes an open house at the Fire Hall and numerous visits to local schools and day care facilities, Santa Claus Run, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Ladies Auxiliary banquets and picnics, Fire Company picnic, Fire Police Details, Philadelphia Folk Festival, Movie on the Mountain, Car Washes, Blood Drives, Landis Bagging Night, Trunk or Treat Event, Bake Sales (Election Day), Church of the Holy Spirit Community Day, Univest Family Fun Day, Old Goshenhoppen Oyster Picnic, WMGK Fundraiser, Pink Day and Veteran's Event at Daniel's Lawn and Garden Center, Christmas Event at Daniel's Lawn and Garden Center, Tabor Church Community Day, Schwenksville Halloween Parade, Upper Perkiomen Halloween Parade, all Harleysville Parades, Harleysville Country Fair Days, Tylersport Haunted Hayride, Schwenksville Community Day, Trappe Memorial Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade-rotating schedule, Limerick Township Fireworks, and Schwenksville Food Pantry Fundraiser. These events are approved contingent upon no alcohol being consumed by the volunteers at the events.

Public Comments:

- *Ginny Ward, Schwenksville Road, inquired if the Ladies Auxiliary functions are included in the list.*
- *Ed Sowers, Sumneytown Pike, inquired if private functions could supply their own traffic control.*

The Board of Supervisors held a discussion on the property located at **2210 Shelly Road**, known as the former NW Controls building. The former Zoning Officer referred the matter to the Planning Commission, who held a Joint Board Meeting on December 7th in which this topic was on the agenda. Solicitor Imms recommended referring it back to the current Zoning Officer to make an initial determination of the use of the building. No formal action by the Board of Supervisors was taken, and they will follow the recommendation of the Solicitor.

Public Comments:

- *Barb Gormley, Wolford Road, inquired what the building is going to be used for.*
- *Ginny Ward, Schwenksville Road, inquired if there will be an increase in traffic.*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **2022 Municipal Financial Budget**. No tax increase was 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 December in the amount of \$111,342.37 for payment.

The receipts for the month of December totaled \$123,375.10.

The Treasurer's report as of December 14, 2021 noted the following amounts: total assets, \$9,363,637.99; total liabilities, \$709,373.11; total equity, \$8,654,264.88. Total liabilities and equity equal \$9,363,637.99.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Public Comments:

- *Supervisor Poatsy reiterated that the Farmhouse is being rented by the EPA during the Baghurst remediation project.*
- *Michelle Sowers, Wolford Road, inquired if there was any update on the traffic circle.*
- *Emily Lenker, Wolford Road, inquired if there has been any additional discussion on the issue of speeding on Wolford Road. Ms. Lenker would like to see signs posted at the curves on Wolford Road.*
- *Barb Gormley, Wolford Road, commented that she has lived on Wolford Road for the past 49 years and feels that the speed limit of 35mph is fine the way it is.*
- *Ginny Ward, Schwenksville Road, commented about the traffic on Salford Station Road by the Upper Salford Park.*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer
Secretary