

April 11, 2023
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The April meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman O'Donnell at 7:35 p.m. Messrs. Poatsy and Sacks were present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr.

Rick and Gail Buckman, Spring Mountain Adventures, were recognized for their time, their facilities, and their in-kind support by the **Special Olympics of Montgomery County**. Tim Johnson, Montgomery County Alpine Ski Coach, PA State Representative Donna Scheuren, and Matt Aaron, CEO of the Special Olympics shared their gratitude and praises toward the Buckman's and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation.

The Board of Supervisors shared **public announcements**:

- The Board of Supervisors has been in constant communication with representatives from the EPA on the continuing work on the Baghurst remediation efforts. The pumphouse and the tank is currently under construction next to the Rahmer baseball field. They are currently working with PECO to obtain electricity for the pumphouse.
- Utility work is continuing for PennDOT's Roundabout project at the intersection of Schwenksville/Shelly/Old Skippack Road. Stage 1 Detour will start on March 6, 2023 – Shelly Road & Schwenksville Roads will be closed. Stage 2 Detour will start on May 1, 2023 – Old Skippack Road will be closed. The current anticipated reopening of the intersection is scheduled for July 13, 2023.
- Reminder that trees on private properties, regardless of if they are located in the right-of-way, are the responsibility of the property owner.
- PECO has hired a subcontractor to do tree work throughout the Township, as they are trimming back trees from the power lines.
- There will be a Ribbon-Cutting Celebration for the Upper Salford Park to Perkiomen Connector Trail and will begin at 4:00pm at Spring Mountain Adventures on May 2nd.
- The Summer Concerts in the Park lineup has been set. On June 8th will be Mike Greer & Co., July 13th will be The Mighty Manatees, and August 10th will be Lil Red Rooster Blues Band. Concerts are free to the public and start at 7pm.
- The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission will be hosting a Trail Summit after the Ribbon-Cutting Celebration from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on May 2nd with area communities around Upper Salford Township to discuss possible future trail connections.

The following reports were presented for the month of March 2023: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Special Fire Police, Plymouth Community Ambulance Association, Freedom Valley Medical Rescue, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer/Building Inspector, Road Superintendent, Solicitor, Historical Society, Residential Pumping Receipt Update, and Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Public Comment:

- *During the Historical Society, it was announced that there will be a presentation on Fraktur (Folk Art) given by Christine Pennock on April 24th at 7pm at the Township Building.*
- *Following the IVRPC Report, PA State Representative Scheuren shared that there will be a questionnaire about development, going out to all residents within the Indian Valley Region, around mid-May.*

Chairman O'Donnell introduced Patrick Callahan, Boy Scout Troop 141 of Hatfield, who presented his proposed **Eagle Scout Project**. The project will consist of plantings in the three (3) water retention basins along the Connector Trail.

Chairman O'Donnell presented the **Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company** with a check for **half of the ticket proceeds** for what the Township received from the **Philadelphia Folk Festival**.

Aileen Johnson, Branch Manager of the **Perkiomen Valley Library**, gave a presentation and discussed different events that the library is holding for their members this year, as well as some incentives that the library offers. The Board of Supervisors presented their annual donation check to Ms. Johnson.

The **Oath of Office for the Special Fire Police** was given by Supervisor Chairman O'Donnell. The one (1) new member of the Special Fire Police sworn in is Virginia "Ginny" Ward.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the **Upper Salford Special Fire Police** to assist at **Harleysville Country Fair Days** from May 26th to 27th, if they so choose and have the volunteers available.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution #2023-3: Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month**, recognizing the month of **April 2023** as **Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month**, on behalf of the PA One Call System.

Public Comments:

- *Don Barrick, Heflin Road, inquired about the markings around the area of the Pipeline in Upper Salford Park.*
- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired if the PA811 is for all utilities on a property.*
- *Barbara Gormley, Wolford Road, inquired about the age and safety of the Pipeline.*

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the appointment of **Kevin O'Donnell** as the Upper Salford Township representative to the **Freedom Valley Medical Rescue Municipal Advisory Committee**.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **advertisement** for the **Revision of the Amusement Tax**.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of April in the amount of \$253,084.33 for payment.

The receipts for the month of April totaled \$309,369.46.

The Treasurer's report as of April 11, 2023 noted the following amounts: total assets, \$9,892,671.96; total liabilities, \$382,901.51; total equity, \$9,509,770.45. Total liabilities and equity equal \$9,892,671.96.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, as submitted.

Public Comment:

- *Chairman O'Donnell announced that the Zoning Hearing for 1503 Schwenksville Road will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30pm.*
- *Karen Kirk, Galen Lane, inquired about trees being planted behind their property, along the Connector Trail, for privacy.*
- *PA State Representative Scheuren shared that she is hosting a Shredder Event on Saturday, May 6th at Indian Valley Middle School from 10am to 1pm. She also shared that the Superintendent of Souderton Area School District lost his wife.*
- *Bob Kirk, Galen Lane, inquired about the plans for the Clemens property.*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer
Secretary