

August 10, 2021
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The August 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 shared several **public announcements**:

- The 59 ½ Pocket Sized Philadelphia Folk Fest that was to be held in-person on August 21 and 22 at Spring Mountain Adventures has been cancelled. The Folk Fest pivots to a fully online festival for 2021.
- The Board of Supervisors has been meeting with representatives from the EPA and Schwenksville Water Authority to discuss Baghurst remediation efforts. No in-person meetings have been held, but there has been correspondence through email. The EPA is out to bid on the project and looking to the beginning of October to begin construction.
- Construction on the Park to Perkiomen Trail Connector is occurring, therefore, the walking trails in the area of the Wolford Road lot are temporarily closed for safety reasons.
- The Concert in the Park originally scheduled for July 8th featuring Dirk Quinn was postponed due to severe weather. The concert is rescheduled for Thursday, August 26th. The August 12th concert will feature The Little Red Rooster Blues Band. Concerts are scheduled 7pm to 8:30pm in the Upper Salford Park.

The following reports were presented for the month of July 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:

- *After the Zoning Officer report, Mr. O'Donnell mentioned that Bob Hickson had offered his resignation effective July 31st; however, he has since offered to stay on until a replacement is found, by the end of this year, at the latest.*
- *During the Historical Society report, Pat Hughes reported that the presentation last evening about the Upper Salford Park by Supervisor Poatsy was well attended. The next meeting is September 27th at the Municipal Building with a presentation from the Gerhard's about the Old Factory on Old Church Road.*

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 is moving along with the project. The public is continually being asked to stay out of the construction area until the official ribbon-cutting of the trail opening.

Public Comments included:

- *Pat Hughes, Church Road, inquired if the walking trail through the Wolford Road Lot will reopen once Phase 1 of the construction is completed. It was clarified that the walking trails through the Wolford Road lot will reopen once Phase 1 construction is completed.*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Sunday, October 9, 2021 **Ride Ataxia 2021 Bike Ride** to raise funds for Friedreich's Ataxia research.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the **resignation of Scott McMaster** from the **Planning Commission**.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the **appointment of Jeff Bean** as a member of the **Planning Commission** to replace Mr. McMaster.

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 **Harleysville Country Fair Days** from September 1st to September 4th, if they so choose and have the volunteers available.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of August in the amount of \$58,061.86 for payment.

The receipts for the month of August totaled \$235,694.30. The receipts included \$176,053.61 received from the **American Rescue Plan Act**.

The Treasurer's report as of August 10, 2021, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$9,653,512.42; total liabilities, \$740,529.75; total equity, \$8,912,982.67. Total liabilities and equity equal \$9,653,512.42.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the July 13, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, as submitted.

Public Comments included:

- *Seth Albright, of Quakertown, introduced himself and his wife, Mechelle, as new residents, who recently purchased the property at 2100 Ridge Road.*
- *Jim D'Angelo, Prestige Builders, spoke on behalf of the Spiers, who own and operate Bark Ave Pet Supplies. Mr. D'Angelo, contractor, hired to convert the Old Energy Station to a Pet Supply Store, inquired what he can do to move the project forward as far as inspections are concerned and getting the business open.*
- *Chris Woodward, 1520 Sumneytown Pike, addressed the Board and the Solicitor in regard to the shared driveways on his property.*

- *Mr. O'Donnell shared that the State will be milling and resurfacing Barndt Road in the near future. PennDOT just accepted a contract with the contractor.*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer
Secretary