

April 14, 2020  
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The April meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors, duly advertised and held electronically through Facebook Live, was brought to order by Chairman Poatsy at 7:30 p.m. Messrs. O'Donnell and Sacks were present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr.

Solicitor Imms shared the legalities of the process of the virtual meeting of the Board of Supervisors being conducted due to the current State and Federal regulations in place from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Board shared several **public announcements**:

- The Township Building is still closed per the Governor's Stay-At-Home orders. All other April township meetings are cancelled.
- The Board of Supervisors has been meeting with representatives from the EPA and Schwenksville Water Authority to discuss Baghurst remediation efforts. Past month meetings included January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and March 9<sup>th</sup>. Surveyors will be on-site in the next 3 weeks. The April meeting was cancelled.
- The 2020 Census is taking place on April 1, 2020.
- The Perkiomen Valley Library continues to remain closed for structural renovations taking place, as more time is needed for the remediation.
- The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Annual Stream Clean-Up has been rescheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at Rahmer Park.

The following reports were presented for the month of March 2020: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Upper Salford Township Special Fire Police, Plymouth Community Ambulance Association, Zoning Officer, Building Inspector, Road Superintendent, Historical Society, and Solicitor.

*Public Comments included:*

- *After the Road Superintendent report, the Supervisors commended and thanked the Road Crew for their efforts and providing services to the residents, while practicing social distancing.*
- *During the Historical Society report, it was reported that the meeting for March was cancelled and unsure when they will resume.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved to ratify **Resolution #2020-4: Declaration of a Disaster Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency**, originally signed on March 18<sup>th</sup>. It was renewed a week later and extended for 30 days.

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved to ratify **Resolution #2020-5: Extending the Discount Period for Taxes Assessed on the Value of Real Estate within the Township**, to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution #2020-6: DCNR – Rogers-Hiester-Ganter Land Extension Grant.**

**Perkiomen Valley Library** is currently undergoing extensive structural renovations. All necessary loan paperwork has been filed to assist the Library with funds for the major repairs.

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the execution of the loan agreement by the Chairman and the release of the funds to the Library by the Township Treasurer.

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of April in the amount of \$216,939.56 for payment.

The receipts for the month of April totaled \$269,876.23.

The Treasurer's report as of April 14, 2020 noted the following amounts: total assets, \$8,895,797.79; total liabilities, \$580,806.12; total equity, \$8,314,991.67. Total liabilities and equity equal \$8,895,797.79.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the March 10, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting, as submitted.

*Public Comments included:*

- *Mr. O'Donnell commented that the Upper Salford Township public parks are closed; however, the trails are open for use as long as social distancing is maintained and CDC guidelines are followed.*
- *Mr. Poatsy publicly thanked Susan Rodzewich for her videoing, Amy Shafer and Lori Smith for their meeting preparation work, the Supervisors for their continuous efforts, Mary Ann Poatsy for her technical assistance, Steve Imms for his research of the law, Lori Smith for her help on the Facebook, and the Road Crew for doing a great job every day.*
- *Mr. O'Donnell reported that a resident from Wolford Road clarified that the loan for the library is for major structural renovations/repairs, not upgrades.*
- *Ruth Raisner, Schwenksville Road, thanked the Board of Supervisors for the work they do and for keeping the trails open.*
- *Mr. Sacks thanked the public for their cooperation and staying cordial.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer  
Secretary