

October 10, 2023
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The October 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 **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. PECO has supplied electricity to the pumphouse. The project has been moving forward.
- PennDOT's Roundabout project at the intersection of Schwenksville/Shelly/Old Skippack Road opened on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Township Officials met with PennDOT representatives to discuss the unacceptable landscaping in the center of the Roundabout, as well as the lighting, and the line-of-sight issues. It was reported that the new lighting and the replacement of the landscaping is to be completed around November 1, 2023.
- The annual Crossasaurus Cyclocross bicycle race in Upper Salford Park is being held on Saturday, October 14th in Upper Salford Park. The Disc Golf Course will be closed for the day, and pedestrians may experience delays on the walking trail with cyclists crossing.
- WMGK's Big Bad Bonfire was postponed from Saturday, October 7th to Saturday, October 21st from 5pm to 9pm at Spring Mountain Adventures and is free to attend.

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

Public Comments:

- *There was no Park Board meeting; however, Mr. O'Donnell announced that due to several resignations and a health issue of another member, the Park and Recreation Board meetings will be suspended until further notice.*
- *During the Historical Society report, Ginny Ward announced that the September 25th presentation by Bryan Brady was well attended, and he has donated his painting of Salford Station to the Township. It will be presented at a future Board of Supervisors meeting. The next presentation will be by Smoky Panepinto about the Clemmer's Mill/Spring Mount and will be held at 7pm on October 26th at Tabor United Methodist Church.*

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by both, Mr. Sacks and Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted **Resolution #2023-9** recognizing **Ronald Mininger** for his **more than 33 years of service** as a member of the **Park and Recreation Board**. It was noted that Mr. Mininger is the longest serving resident on any board in Upper Salford Township.

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 at the **Tylersport Haunted Hayride** on October 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st, 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 awarded the bid for the sale of the **2007 Volvo Tri-Axle Dump Truck** to Springville Township for **\$135,700.00**. The bid was received through an electronic auction on Municibid.com after being duly advertised.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the letter of intent to purchase a **new Tandem-Axle Dump Truck** at Co-Stars pricing and to get the truck on order, as the delivery date may possibly be as late as the end of 2024 or in early 2025.

Representatives from **Perkiomen Valley Library** gave a presentation. Aileen Johnson, Branch Manager of the Library, and Don Barrick, Upper Salford resident and Board Member, gave an update on various programs, such as Yoga, that are available at the library. They mentioned the availability of hotspots (mobile Wi-Fi devices) that are able to be signed out for up to 2 weeks, as well as passes that can be signed out for different museums in our area and Elmwood Park Zoo. It was also announced that the library is at its highest membership-to-date with a total of 776 library cards in circulation.

Public Comments:

- *Ginny Ward, Schwenksville Road, inquired about the banning of books and how the library handles this topic.*
- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, commented about book bans versus censorship.*

On a motion by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized **Financing Assistance for the Acquisition of a new, pre-owned Fire Truck** by completing and submitting the loan application packet, at 2% interest, through the State of Pennsylvania.

The **preparation** of the **2024 Budget** will begin, and the draft will be reviewed at the November Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. O'Donnell gave a brief description of the process of the budget.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of October in the amount of \$155,239.49 (of which \$56,053.88 was for State Funds) for payment.

The receipts for the month of October totaled \$97,165.67.

The Treasurer's report as of October 10, 2023, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$11,072,040.94; total liabilities, \$383,062.74, total equity, \$10,688,978.20. Total liabilities and equity equal \$11,072,040.94.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the September 12, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, as submitted.

Public Comments:

- *None*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer
Secretary