

November 14, 2023  
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The November meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman O'Donnell at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Sacks was present, as well as the Township Solicitor, Stephen P. Imms, Jr. Mr. Poatsy was absent.

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

- 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. PennDOT is working on the regrading of the center, the replanting needs to be completed, and the lighting is currently on backorder due to supply chain issues.
- The Historical Society will hold their next presentation on November 27<sup>th</sup> at Tabor United Methodist Church at 7pm on the ice houses and the icehouse industry.
- Upper Salford Township is receiving the 2023 Montgomery Award for recognition of the Park to Perkiomen Connector Trail on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board of Supervisors has been in constant communication with representatives from the EPA on the continuing work on the Baghurst remediation efforts. Mitigation work has begun on the site at the Miller Farm to better understand where the contaminants are and then design a process to clean up the site. Myles Bartos also gave an update that the pumps and system will be calibrated/tested the week after Thanksgiving. There is potential delay as there is an issue with the payment of Tapping Fees. Schwenksville Borough Authority sent a letter to the EPA's attorney notifying the EPA that water would not be turned on until the Tapping Fees are paid.
- The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 7:30pm at Upper Salford Park.
- Supervisor Ted Poatsy and Auditor Susan Barrick were reelected.

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

The draft **2024 Municipal Financial Budget** was reviewed and discussed. Mr. O'Donnell gave a brief description of the process of the budget. **On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors authorized that the draft budget be **advertised** in a local newspaper. The final budget will be adopted at the December 12, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

A discussion was held on the “Resolution to Borrow” paperwork that is required for the FEMSLP loan application packet. This Resolution will need to be completed and approved by the Fire Company; however, the Township is required to follow the rules of the Local Unit Debt Act, if the Township is going to borrow funds from the state program. **On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O’Donnell, the Board of Supervisors authorized the **advertisement of an Ordinance for Borrowing**, to be adopted at the December Board of Supervisors meeting.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O’Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of October in the amount of \$118,751.50 for payment.

The receipts for the month of October totaled \$212,261.05.

The Treasurer’s report as of November 14, 2023, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$11,165,949.40; total liabilities, \$383,435.66, total equity, \$10,782,513.74. Total liabilities and equity equal \$11,165,949.40. Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Shafer, shared that funds were transferred from the bank savings account to PGLIT, which is currently earning 5.52% in interest.

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O’Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, as submitted.

***Public Comments:***

- *Julie Bernstein, Esquire, spoke on behalf of her clients, Joe O’Hara & Elizabeth Gular, 759 Old Sumneytown Pike and their Zoning Hearing Board Application for a Variance to operate a Fitness Studio out of the Accessory Garage.*
- *Joe O’Hara, 759 Old Sumneytown Pike, spoke about his personal training business to clarify that it is mainly single client or a small group setting.*
- *Tom Brown, Old Skippack Road, inquired about the plantings in the center of the Roundabout.*
- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, commented on the vehicle break-ins occurring at area Parks and parking lots.*

**On a motion** made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O’Donnell, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer  
Secretary