

December 12, 2023
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The December 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. Mitigation work is continuing 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 supplied an update of the continuing efforts of the EPA to supply clean drinking water to Baghurst residents.
- PennDOT's Roundabout project at the intersection of Schwenksville/Shelly/Old Skippack Road has been mostly completed, including the regrading of the center and the replacement of the landscaping. The permanent lighting is still on backorder due to supply chain issues.
- The 26th Annual Tree Lighting had to be cancelled due to inclement weather (heavy rains and wind). This is the first time in 26 years that it had to be cancelled.
- Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company will be holding their "Santa Run" on Saturday, December 16th throughout the Township. Schedule is on the fire company website and on their Facebook page.
- The Philadelphia Folksong Society announced the 2024 Folk Fest Executive Directors, Andy and Michael Braunfeld, and Artistic Director, Kimberly Sinclair.

The following reports were presented for the month of November 2023: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, 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:

- *After the Road Superintendent report, Chairman O'Donnell shared that the Roadmaster identified a deteriorated pipe on Clemmers Mill Road that is going to need to be replaced. Several permits are being worked on since it is in a wetlands area, to be able to replace the pipe.*
- *After the Historical Society report, Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired if all presentations from the Historical Society are online (YouTube).*
- *After the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission report, Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired about the total dollar amount in the defense fund.*

A discussion was held on the "Ordinance to Borrow". The Ordinance is in conjunction with the FEMSLP (a state loan to fund the acquisition of a used fire truck). A decision was made to **not consider the adoption** of Ordinance #2023-4 at this time. The loan application is being

worked on to be submitted; however, it is about a 30-page document and will take a little bit of time to pull together all documentation needed.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the **2023 Per Capita Exonerations** for fourteen (14) Upper Salford residents.

Public Comments:

- *Kurt Stein, Galen Lane, inquired what ages are included in the Per Capita exonerations.*

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the advertisement of the **2024 meeting dates** for the Board of Supervisors, as amended, which would be the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of the January Reorganization meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.; the reorganization of the Board of Auditors will be held on Wednesday, January 3rd at 9:30 a.m.; the Planning Commission, which would be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; the Joint Board, which would be held on the first Tuesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m. except there will be no meetings for January and November, the Park Board, which would be on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. is suspended until further notice; the Historical Society, which would be the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission, which would be held January 23, March 26, May 28, July 23, September 24, and November 26 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Township Office, except for the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission meetings, which will be held at the Franconia Township Municipal Building.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved, the **Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company and Special Fire Police's participation in the following 2024 non-emergency events and fundraisers:** Red, White and Blue 4th of July Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Penny Auctions, Chicken Barbeques, Pork Barbeque Drive-Throughs, Fire Prevention week, which includes an open house at the Fire Hall and numerous visits to local schools and day care facilities, Santa Claus Run, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Ladies Auxiliary banquets and picnics, Fire Company picnic, Fire Police Details, Food Truck Mayhem, French Fry Trailer, Philadelphia Folk Festival, Movie on the Mountain, Car Washes, Blood Drives, Trunk or Treat Event, Bake Sales (Election Day), Church of the Holy Spirit Community Day, Univest Family Fun Day, Old Goshenhoppen Oyster Picnic, WMGK Fundraiser, Pink Day and Veteran's Event at Daniel's Lawn and Garden Center, Christmas Event at Daniel's Lawn and Garden Center, Tabor Church Community Day, Schwenksville Halloween Parade, Upper Perkiomen Halloween Parade, all Harleysville Parades, Harleysville Country Fair Days, Tylersport Haunted Hayride, Tylersport 5K Race, Schwenksville Community Day, Schwenksville Santa on the Plaza, Trappe Memorial Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade-rotating schedule, Limerick Township Fireworks, and Schwenksville Food Pantry Fundraiser. These events are approved contingent upon no alcohol being served by the volunteers at the events.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the Board unanimously certified Messrs. O'Donnell and Sacks to attend the State Association's Annual Convention to be held April 14-17, 2024, with Mr. O'Donnell as the voting delegate.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to accept **Technicon Enterprises Inc. II 2024 Fee Schedule for Engineering and Code Enforcement Services** with no fee increase.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **2024 Municipal Financial Budget**. No tax increase was proposed.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of November in the amount of \$122,933.98 for payment.

The receipts for the month of November totaled \$119,160.32.

The Treasurer's report as of December 12, 2023, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$11,161,623.24; total liabilities, \$353,691.28, total equity, \$10,807,931.96. Total liabilities and equity equal \$11,161,623.24.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, as submitted.

Public Comments:

- *Mr. Poatsy shared the recognition the Township received from Montgomery County for the Park to Perkiomen Connector Trail.*
- *Greg Landis, a representative from Old Goshenhoppen Church, spoke about the pedestrian crossing in front of the church. Mr. Landis inquired about additional signage and road markings.*
- *Dan Leach, Mountain Laurel Lane, inquired about the lack of trash service in their neighborhood.*
- *Janet Metz, Cedar Hill Road, commented on the lack of trash service and problems with rodents and health concerns. Ms. Metz also inquired why Cedar Hill Road is considered a private road.*
- *Charlie Pugh, Cedar Hill Road, commented on the lack of trash service and inquired about putting a dumpster on private land. Mr. Pugh also commented on the 15' apron at the bottom of Cedar Hill Road that needs to be repaired by PennDOT.*
- *Jeff Gabrick, Cedar Hill Road, commented on the lack of trash service and health concerns.*

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. Poatsy, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer
Secretary