

December 10, 2024
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The December meeting of the Upper Salford Board of Supervisors 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.

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.
- Reminder that there is still a Burn Ban in effect. No open burning, including fire pits. Montgomery County enacted a 30-day burn ban.
- The 27th Annual Tree Lighting was held on Sunday, December 8th at 7:30pm at Upper Salford Park. The event was well attended. Unfortunately, sometime prior to the tree lighting, the wires were cut. The Road Crew was able to repair the wires.
- Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company will be holding their "Santa Run" on Saturday, December 14th throughout the Township. The schedule is on the fire company website.
- The January Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6th at 7:30pm (as required by State Law).
- The last Historical Society meeting was held at the end of November and featured a presentation on the Loss of Covered Bridges in Montgomery County.

The following reports were presented for the month of November 2024: State Police, Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company, Special Fire Police, Plymouth Community Ambulance Association, Freedom Valley Medical Rescue, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer/Building Inspector, Road Superintendent, Solicitor, Historical Society, Residential Pumping Receipt Update, and Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **Request for Waiver of Subdivision Approval for 279 Fallow Field Lane**, contingent upon the applicant providing a copy of the final subdivision plan, a deed description, and a recorded deed showing the property in Upper Salford Township. This property includes both Lower Salford Township and Upper Salford Township.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **Request for Waiver of Land Development Application** for the Ground Mount Solar Array located at **Spring Mountain Adventures**, contingent upon the recommendations and requirements from the Township Engineer.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **Request for Waiver of Land Development Approval** from the Michael Hart Zoning Hearing decision for the **Properties at 610 Salford Station Road and 1503 Schwenksville Road** based on the memorandum from the Solicitor dated November 15, 2024 and the letter from the Township Engineer and Zoning Officer dated October 22, 2024,

which includes two (2) specific conditions that must be satisfied in lieu of a formal land development application to the Township.

Bryan Hunsberger, representing Spring Hill Realty (also a Township resident), attended the meeting to discuss the **Traffic Light at Shelly Road and Route 63** by the Shelly Square Shopping Center. The traffic light is currently owned and maintained by Spring Hill Realty. Mr. Hunsberger inquired if the Township would take over this traffic light. A discussion was held. The Supervisors requested that Mr. Hunsberger research information on bringing the traffic light up to standard. It was decided to continue the discussion at the February 11th Board of Supervisors meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized the **2024 Per Capita Exonerations** for fourteen (14) Upper Salford residents.

On a motion made by Mr. Sacks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized, as amended, the advertisement of the **2025 Meeting Dates** for the Board of Supervisors, 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 Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.; the reorganization of the Board of Auditors will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 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., 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 February 25, March 25, May 27, July 22, September 23, and November 25 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. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved, the **Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company and Special Fire Police's participation in the following 2025 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 Show, 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, National Night Out (Marlborough), 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.

Technicon Enterprises Inc. II has provided their **2025 Fee Schedule for Engineering and Code Enforcement Services** with no fee increase, for budgetary purposes.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the **2025 Municipal Financial Budget**. No tax increase was proposed.

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 December in the amount of \$97,343.81 for payment.

The receipts for the month of December totaled \$117,941.95.

The Treasurer's report as of December 10, 2024, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$11,018,824.24; total liabilities, \$437,413.23, total equity, \$10,581,411.01. Total liabilities and equity equal \$11,018,824.24.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting, as submitted.

Public Comments:

- *Supervisor Poatsy shared that he attended a meeting about America250PA.*
- *The Supervisors wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays!*

On a motion made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer
Secretary