

April 8, 2025
Upper Salford, Pennsylvania

The April 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**:

- Chairman O'Donnell shared why and how Upper Salford Township declares and rescinds a burn ban. A burn ban is implemented based on various factors, such as ground and surface moisture levels and weather conditions, to ensure the safety of residents and property owners.
- The Board of Supervisors has been in constant communication with representatives from the EPA on the continuing work on the Baghurst remediation efforts.
- The Summer Concerts in the Park Series schedule is as follows: June 5th features The Mighty Manatees, July 3rd features The Dirk Quinn Band, and August 7th features Mike Greer & Co. These concerts start at 7pm at Upper Salford Park and are free for the public. Two of the concerts have been sponsored by Hoover Steel.
- There is a Zoning Hearing for a Variance to allow an increase in impervious surface, on April 10th at 6:30pm at the Municipal Building.

The following reports were presented for the month of March 2025: 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, and Residential Pumping Receipt Update.

- ***After the Road Superintendent Report***, Phoebe Coombs, Salford Station Road, has expressed her concerns regarding the increase in litter, specifically broken glass bottles, along the Connector Trail. She also noted her disgust with the rising number of dog waste bags being left on the trail.
- ***During the Historical Society Report***, Pat Hughes shared that Howard and Martha Kriebel donated a Franklin desk chair made by G.A. Baghurst to the Historical Society. She shared that Perkiomen Railroad will present on April 28th at 7pm at Tabor United Methodist Church, the Memorial Day Remembrance will be held on May 26th at 7pm at the Upper Salford Park, and a presentation by the Kriebel's will be held on July 23rd at Tabor United Methodist Church.

Aileen Johnson, Branch Manager, and Don Barrick, Representative, of the **Perkiomen Valley Library**, gave a presentation and discussed different events that the library is holding for their members this year, as well as some incentives that the library offers. There are currently 811 cards issued for Upper Salford Township residents. The Board of Supervisors presented their annual donation check to Ms. Johnson.

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 **Towamencin Day** on May 10th, **Harleysville Country Fair Days** on May 23rd and 24th, and the **Lower Frederick Easter Egg Hunt** on April 19th, if they so choose and have the volunteers available.

Chairman O'Donnell announced that **Sheldon Smith** has issued his letter of **resignation** from the **Road Crew** to pursue career advancement. The Board acknowledged and publicly thanked Sheldon for his 14 years of dedicated service to the Township. **On a motion** made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors accepted Sheldon's resignation and approved of the search for a replacement to the Road Crew.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills for the month of April in the amount of \$143,745.85 for payment.

The receipts for the month of April totaled \$294,270.06.

The Treasurer's report as of March 11th, noted the following amounts: total assets, \$11,380,713.39; total liabilities, \$388,596.59; total equity, \$10,992,116.80. Total liabilities and equity equal \$11,380,713.39.

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the March 11, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting as submitted.

Public Comment:

- *Chairman O'Donnell shared that the Souderton-Telford Women's Group will be holding their annual Locally Grown Showcase at Upper Salford Park on May 3rd.*
- *Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2025.*

On a motion made by Mr. Poatsy and seconded by Mr. Sacks, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy B. Shafer
Secretary