

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM  
April 14, 2011**

The Public Meeting of the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

**Members attending:**

James Brown, President  
Robert Martucci, Jr., Vice President  
Norma Cusick, President Pro-Tempore  
James Seagreaves  
Joanne Ackerman

**Staff attending:**

Randy Soriano, Township Manager  
Cathy Bonaskiewich, Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director  
John Andreas, Director of Public Works  
Allen Stiles, Chief of Police  
Cynthia Sopka, Director of Planning & Zoning  
John Ashley, Esquire, Township Solicitor  
David Tettermer, representative of Township Engineer, Keystone Consulting Engineers

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.**

**NOTIFICATION**

Mr. Soriano informed the attendees that all sessions of the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners regular meetings are electronically recorded for the purpose of taking the Minutes. All public comments on agenda items would be taken prior to the vote. All public comments related to non-agenda items will be taken after the agenda has been satisfied.

Mr. Soriano announced that the Township records the meetings and archives its tapes and are available pursuant the Right-to-Know Law, if requested.

Mr. Soriano reminded everyone of the 3-minute rule and asked that everyone who wishes to speak to come to the podium, sign up, announce themselves and speak clearly in the microphone. Mr. Soriano added that the speaker has a choice not to list his/her address; however, it is preferred

that the speaker announce if he or she is a Township resident. He noted that if a resident does not divulge his or her address, it will impair the Township with administrative follow ups on a particular issue.

**PUBLIC INPUT**  
**PROPOSED WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Mr. Soriano noted that the Township sent notices to **all** affected property owners who will be impacted by the winter parking restrictions. Mr. Soriano reminded the Board of the streets affected. As follows:

- Maumee Avenue between Lehigh Avenue and Salisbury Road-Even Numbered Side
- Maumee Avenue between Salisbury Road and dead end-Even Numbered Side
- Uebberoth Avenue between Lehigh Avenue and Salisbury Road-Odd Numbered Side
- Fretz Avenue between East Susquehanna Street and Taft Avenue-Odd Numbered Side
- Van Vetchen Avenue from Salisbury Road to the dead end-Even Numbered Side
- Ash Street from Broadway to dead end-Odd Numbered Side
- Acker Street-Even Numbered Side
- Nicole Circle-Entire Cul-de-Sac
- Debbie Lane between Flexer Avenue and Jill Street-Even Numbered Side

Mr. Soriano noted that the purpose of the meeting was to solicit comments from the affected property owners. The floor was opened for public input.

Mr. Jerry Zarzecki of 1726 Maumee Avenue thanked the Commissioners for taking public input on this subject. Mr. Zarzecki also complimented the Public Works Department in their snow removal efforts this winter. He stated that he is opposed to the proposed restrictions because it is too large or a band, encompassing the months of December 1 through April 1. Mr. Zarzecki suggested making the restrictions effective only on inclement weather days (i.e. snow emergencies).

Mr. George Young of 1513 Maumee Avenue stated that the restrictions should only take place in the event of a snow emergency.

Mr. David Sterner of 1660 Broadway stated that he does not oppose restrictions in snow emergency situations, but he believes the other side of the road should be restricted.

Ms. Karen DePietro of 333 Nicole Circle inquired if the proposed restriction is only for snow emergencies. Mr. Soriano stated that it is a winter parking restriction to be in effect from December 1 thru April 1. Ms. DePietro expressed concerns about having no alternative parking areas available. She asked that the restriction on Nicole Circle be re-evaluated because there seems to be plenty of room for the plows to get through.

Ms. Carol Ressler of 1021 Debbie Lane stated that she is in favor of the proposed parking restrictions on Debbie Lane but expressed concerns about enforcing the rule.

Mr. Leonard Tomolouski of 1769 Acker Street stated that he is opposed to a blanket restriction from December through April, but would be in favor of snow emergency restrictions. He stated that if the proposed parking restrictions were to go into effect, he would no longer be able to park his cars in front of his home.

Commissioner Brown stated that this subject is not up for vote yet and the Board will take all comments under advisement.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

**Motion by Commissioner Cusick, seconded by Commissioner Ackerman, to approve the list of Bills Payable for the period 3/19/2011 through 4/8/2011, as revised by the Finance Office.  
Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN -YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES-YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI-YES  
COMMISSIONER CUSICK-YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN-YES

**The Motion passed by 5-0**

### **MINUTES**

**March 24, 2011**

Commissioner Brown declared the March 24, 2011 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes approved as presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCES**

**An Ordinance Amending Part 2, Chapter 201 of the Code of Ordinance establishing the Maximum Speed Limit of 25 mph on Fish Hatchery Road from the LVHN Driveway west to the Lower Macungie Township Line.**

Mr. Soriano stated that the Township received a letter on February 1, 2011 from the Pidcock Company, on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Health Network, requesting a change to the current speed limit on Fish Hatchery Road from the Hospital Driveway West to the Lower Macungie Township line. Mr. Soriano noted that Lower Macungie Township has already reduced the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Mr. Soriano stated that the Hospital is also requesting "Watch Children" signs. Mr. Soriano noted that this area is predominantly residential in nature and traffic studies were conducted to support the need for lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph. Mr. Soriano stated that the Township Engineer has reviewed the data and has no objections with the request. In addition, the

Chief of Police has no objections in lowering the speed limit. The Ordinance effectuates this intent.

***AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE SALISBURY TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, PART 2, §201.1 TO ESTABLISH A 25 MPH MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON FISH HATCHERY ROAD BETWEEN THE LVHN DRIVEWAY WEST TO THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP LINE.***

*WHEREAS, after careful review, investigation and traffic study, conducted pursuant to Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Title 75 (Vehicle Code), the Board of Commissioners deems it appropriate to reduce the maximum speed limit to 25 miles per hour along a 380 foot portion of Fish Hatchery Road from the Lehigh Valley Health Network Driveway west to the Lower Macungie Township Line.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Salisbury, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania as follows:*

*The Salisbury Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Part 2, entitled "Traffic Regulations," §201.1 shall be amended to include establishing a 25 miles per hour Maximum Speed Limit on Fish Hatchery Road between the Lehigh Valley Health Network Driveway west to the Lower Macungie Township Line.*

<b><i>Street</i></b>	<b><i>Between</i></b>	<b><i>Maximum Speed Limit</i></b>
<i>Fish Hatchery Road</i>	<i>Beginning at a point near LVHN Driveway and Fish Hatchery Road and extending approximately 380 foot west to Lower Macungie Township Line</i>	<i>25 mph</i>

***ORDAINED AND ENACTED*** into an Ordinance this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011 at a duly advertised, noticed, published and lawfully assembled regular public meeting and hearing.

***TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY***  
*(Lehigh County, Pennsylvania)*

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*James Brown*  
*President, Board of*

*Commissioners*  
***ATTESTED:***

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*Randy Soriano, Township Secretary*

**Motion by Commissioner Cusick, seconded by Commissioner Ackerman, to adopt Ordinance Amending Part 2, Chapter 201 of the Code of Ordinance establishing the Maximum Speed Limit of 25 mph on Fish Hatchery Road from the LVHN Driveway west to the Lower Macungie Township Line.**

**Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN -YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES-YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI-YES  
COMMISSIONER CUSICK-YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN-YES

**The Motion passed by 5-0**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Consideration of a Resolution to approve the submission of a Grant Application to DCNR for Lindberg Park Master Site Plan.**

Mr. Soriano stated that the idea to undertake this task was discussed last year during the Green Acres discussions on providing additional amenities at Lindberg Park. He commented that the concept of a Master Site Plan is also a recommendation of the Park Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROSP) adopted by the Board in 2005, which specifically called for a long term planning of the development of Lindberg Park. Mr. Soriano noted that the overall intent is to prepare a Master Site Plan for the existing 20.23 acres community park to use as a model for enhancing green initiatives, strengthening community connections, providing ADA access to all facilities, and investigating connections from park to park and to larger parks in neighboring communities.

Mr. Soriano stated that the green initiatives to be explored will include: treating storm water runoff within the park, refurbishing existing built structures using green roofs, water harvesting, solar power and sustainable materials. He noted that other initiatives that will be explored are native playgrounds with hills and rocks, and a low grow grass and spray park much like a sprinkler system, which will recycle water and provide summer heat relief, in lieu of building expensive swimming pools.

Mr. Soriano stated that the Master Site Plan will also explore new gateway signs to delineate a clear entrance way to the park with new crosswalks to connect the neighborhood and new fencing, keeping in the character of the neighborhood. He noted that the development of trails around the park for walking and biking, along with fitness stations, will be explored to enhance our mission to provide for a better and healthier community. He commented that he is also excited to explore the proposition of connecting the neighborhood surrounding Lindberg Park with the Lehigh Parkway Greenway via a safe accessible trail.

Mr. Soriano stated that the Township has secured many letters of support from potential partners, such as the City of Allentown, the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, the Salisbury Township Planning Commission, the Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council, various State

representatives, the Lehigh Valley Health Network and the Salisbury Township Recreation Advisory Committee, who at their March 21, 2011 meeting, discussed the Grant submission and wholeheartedly endorsed its submission.

**Motion by Commissioner Cusick, seconded by Commissioner Martucci, to approve the submission of a Grant Application to DCNR for Lindberg Park Master Site Plan.**

**Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN -YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES-YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI-YES  
COMMISSIONER CUSICK-YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN-YES

**The Motion passed by 5-0**

**Consideration of a Resolution to approve the submission of a Grant Application to DCNR for a Development Grant to install Signage and Gates at Walking Purchase Park.**

Mr. Soriano stated that this Grant application will also require a Resolution from each of the three municipalities (Allentown, County of Lehigh and Salisbury) in order to embark on this joint project to seek Grants for the development of the Walking Purchase Park. Mr. Soriano noted that this first Phase will submit an application to seek three security gates. The first two will be located on Constitution Drive, the other on Cardinal Drive. He noted that these gates will serve to minimize accessibility to the park to prevent illegal dumping. The Grant application will also request funding for signage at the designated entrances. Mr. Soriano noted that the City of Allentown is taking the lead in drafting the Grant Application which will be submitted by the County.

Mr. Soriano commented that he hopes to also submit a Grant for the installation of cameras in the future.

**Motion by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Seagreaves, to approve the submission of a Grant Application to DCNR for a Development Grant to install Signage and Gates at Walking Purchase Park.**

**Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN -YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES-YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI-YES  
COMMISSIONER CUSICK-YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN-YES

**The Motion passed by 5-0**

**Resolution to honor the volunteers as so designated by the Board of Commissioners.**

Mr. Soriano noted that the Board will hold a special Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 27<sup>th</sup> to honor the 2011 selected volunteers. Mr. Soriano noted that the following individuals will be recognized and Resolutions have been prepared for the Board's action. Mr. Soriano read the Resolutions and the nominees are as follows:

- Mr. Gerald Royer
- Mr. Charles Mann
- Mr. Richard Dillman
- Mrs. Patricia Dillman
- Mrs. Bridget Eripret
- Mr. Marc Eripret
- Mr. Dev Kannan

**Motion by Commissioner Cusick, seconded by Commissioner Ackerman, to approve the Resolutions as read.**

**Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN -YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES-YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI-YES  
COMMISSIONER CUSICK-YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN-YES

**The Motion passed by 5-0**

## **MOTIONS**

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the Change Order No. 3 for the Flexer Avenue Roadway Improvements project.**

Mr. Soriano noted that this would increase the existing contract with Recon Construction Services, Inc. of \$405,458.70 by \$7,806.20, and will include 13 additional manhole frames and covers. He stated that the new contract price will be \$413,265.20.

Mr. Soriano noted that this project will be funded through the Township's Liquid Fuels Fund; however, the cost of this change order will not be eligible through the Liquid Fuels Fund and will instead be paid from the Water and/or Sewer Fund, depending on what the covers are intended to serve (Water or Sewer manholes).

Mr. Andreas stated that this work was not allowed in the original bid in order for the project to be totally funded through the Liquid Fuels, hence the need for the change order.

**Motion by Commissioner Cusick, seconded by Commissioner Martucci, to approve the Change Order No. 3 for the Flexer Avenue Roadway Improvements project.**

**Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN -YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES-YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI-YES  
COMMISSIONER CUSICK-YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN-YES

**The Motion passed by 5-0**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Wendell Mukics of 706 Mortimer Street requested a “Watch Children” sign be placed on Hillcrest Avenue. Chief Stiles stated that he will follow up on that request.

Mr. Russell Lande of 2255 S. Ellsworth Street requested that Salisbury Township implement a Disorderly House Ordinance and/or a Sound Reproduction Device Ordinance in order to alleviate some of the problems he and other residents may be experiencing with neighbors playing loud music. Chief Stiles requested that Mr. Lande call the police if there is a problem because that will build information on issuing a citation. Chief Stiles commented that the Township’s current Noise Ordinance is hard to work with and would like to review the information Mr. Lande brought forth.

Commissioner Cusick stated that a resident from the Lehigh Parkway requested a traffic study be completed on the Township’s portion of South 24<sup>th</sup> Street due to the heavy volume of traffic as well as speed concerns.

Ms. Cynthia Sopka stated that on April 30<sup>th</sup>, another cleanup is scheduled for Walking Purchase Park. She noted that the County Park System will not be able to help and inquired if the Township can supply a piece of equipment to get some heavy pieces of debris. Mr. Andreas stated that in the past, the Board has approved the use of one piece of equipment as well as an operator for a four hour time frame.

**Motion by Commissioner Cusick, seconded by Commissioner Seagreaves, to authorize the Public Works Department to assist in the Walking Purchase Park cleanup event on April 30<sup>th</sup> with equipment and manpower, as needed.**

**Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN -YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES-YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI-YES  
COMMISSIONER CUSICK-YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN-YES



**The Motion passed by 5-0**

Chief Stiles stated that he and other officers from the Department took part in a large Active Shooter Drill and Anti-Terrorist Drill at Lehigh Valley International Airport, which involved planes, hangers and vehicles. He commented that it was very informative and he was pleased to be a part of it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTER - Motion by Commissioner Seagreaves, seconded by Commissioner Martucci to convene into an Executive Session. Time was 8:15 p.m.**

**RECONVENE**

**Motion by Commissioner Martucci, seconded by Commissioner Cusick, to suspend Officer Jason Laky without pay for a period of 2 days for violation of the CSC Rule 14.1(a)(2) Neglect or Violation of Official Duties and 14.1(a)(4) Conduct Unbecoming an Officer and authorize the President of the Board to send Officer Laky the Statement of Charges and file same with the Civil Service Commission.**

**Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN -YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES-YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI-YES  
COMMISSIONER CUSICK-YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN-YES

**The Motion passed by 5-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Martucci made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Cusick. The time was 9:08 p.m.