

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 23, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM**

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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Brown asked everyone to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a short period of silence and reflection.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brown turned the proceedings over to Ms. Cathy Bonaskiewich, Acting Township Manager.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

James Brown, President  
Debra Brinton, Vice-President  
Robert Martucci, Jr. – EXCUSED  
James Seagreaves, President Pro-Tempore  
Joanne Ackerman

**Staff Present:**

Randy Soriano, Township Manager – EXCUSED  
Cathy Bonaskiewich, Acting 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 Keystone Consulting Engineers, Township Engineer

**NOTIFICATION**

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

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

Ms. Bonaskiewich reminded everyone of the three minute rule and asked that anyone who wishes to speak come to the podium, sign in, announce oneself, and speak clearly into the microphone. Ms. Bonaskiewich added that the speaker can choose not to list his/her address; however, it is preferred that the speaker announce if he or she is a Township resident. She noted that if a resident does not divulge his or her address, it will impair the Township administrative follow-ups on a particular issue.

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Ms. Bonaskiewich presented the unaudited Financial Report and the list of Bills Payable.

Commissioner Ackerman inquired about an invoice from Keystone Consulting Engineers regarding the June MS4 Plan. Mr. Tettmer explained that the invoice is part of the \$25,000 total fee for the MS4 Project and is a reflection of plans and surveying.

**Motion by Commissioner Ackerman, seconded by Commissioner Brinton, to approve the unaudited Financial Report for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the list of Bills Payable for the period 7/4/15-7/17/2015, broken down as follows:**

\$239,955.19 = GENERAL  
\$7,827.33 = FIRE  
\$9.41 = LIBRARY  
\$12,963.46 = WATER  
\$10,207.25 = SEWER  
\$2,097.84 = REFUSE & RECYCLING  
\$12,934.75 = HIGHWAY AID  
**\$287,985.82** = GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

**Roll Call:**

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN – YES  
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES – YES  
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI – EXCUSED  
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES  
COMMISSIONER BROWN – YES

**The Motion passed by 4-0.**

**MINUTES**

**July 9, 2015**

Commissioner Brown declared the Minutes of July 9, 2015 accepted as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**MOTIONS**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Brown stated that the Board will hold an Executive Session after the conclusion of the Regular Meeting to discuss a legal matter and personnel issues.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Edward Tremba of 1076 Newgate Drive was present to express his concerns about the interior fence along the perimeter trail at Lindberg Park. He commented that he would prefer to see a fence around the perimeter of the trail, not along the inside of the trail. Ms. Bonaskiewich stated that the concept is to have a fence around the inside of the trail because it will act as a fence around the park and will allow the trail to be a “perimeter” trail to permit bikes and pedestrians with dogs to use the trail.

Mr. Ray Souliere of 2707 Lindberg Avenue expressed concerns about the perimeter trail being close to the ball field due to a foul ball potentially hitting a passing walker on the trail.

Mr. Souliere questioned the route of the planned bike path from Lindberg Park to Green Acres Park. Ms. Bonaskiewich replied that the planned route is Lindberg Avenue and Flexer Avenue; however, a meeting was recently held with the consultant, Traffic Planning & Design, and they are revisiting how to lay out the path without installing dedicated bike lanes that would be more restrictive to the parking area.

Mr. Greg Paplinkski of 1452 E. Emmaus Avenue was present to address the Board in regards to residents on Sterner Lane who allegedly do not keep their garbage contained and it ends up on his property. He also expressed concerns about the condition of Sterner Lane. Mr. Andreas stated that the Township is not responsible for the condition of the road because it is a private road. Ms. Bonaskiewich stated that she will follow up with Republic Services about a way to contain the trash at the end of Sterner Lane.

Mr. Tremba brought forth a letter from the Township's Code Enforcement Officer sent to residents in the Buckingham development in regards to the removal Street/Shade Trees. He noted that there are 59 missing trees in the development and expressed concerns about the enforcement of the Street/Shade Tree Ordinance. The Board encouraged Mr. Tremba to follow up with Sandy Nicolo, the Township's Code Enforcement Officer, about his concerns.

Commissioner Brown read a letter he received from the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley thanking the Township for its monetary contribution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Ackerman made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Seagreaves. The time was 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bonaskiewich  
Assistant Township Secretary

These constitute the official minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on July 23, 2015.

Approved and certified on this date:

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Cathy Bonaskiewich

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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