

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 9, 2017
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 announced that the Board will hold an Executive Session with Chief Stiles to discuss Police matters. A second Executive Session will take place after the Workshop to discuss personnel matters.

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

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

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
Sandy Nicolo, Code Enforcement Officer
John Ashley, Esquire, Township Solicitor
David Tettermer, rep 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. She added that the speaker can choose not to list his/her address; however, it is preferred that the speaker announces if he or she is a Township resident. Ms. Bonaskiewich noted that if a resident does not divulge his or her address, it may impair the Township in administrative follow-ups on a particular issue.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Commissioner Martucci, seconded by Commissioner Brinton, to approve the unaudited Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2016 and January 31, 2017, and the list of Bills Payable for the period 2/18/2017-3/3/2017, broken down as follows:

\$152,916.19 = GENERAL
\$12,274.62 = FIRE
\$0 = LIBRARY
\$176,864.24 = WATER
\$58,190.13 = SEWER
\$88,532.61 = REFUSE & RECYCLING
\$5,282.09 = HIGHWAY AID
\$494,059.88 = GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

Roll Call:

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

The Motion passed by 4-0.

MINUTES

February 23, 2017

Commissioner Brown declared the Minutes of February 23, 2017 accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

PRESENTATION

Honoring Detective Kevin Kress

Ms. Bonaskiewich turned the proceedings over to Chief Stiles.

Chief Stiles stated that he would like to formally recognize Detective Kevin Kress for receiving the FBI's Trilogy Award, which is the completion of three FBI/LEEDA leadership courses.

The Board thanked Detective Kress for his efforts.

MOTIONS

Motion to Hire Additional Police Officers.

Chief Stiles introduced Mr. Archie Hartzell, chairman of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Hartzell thanked the Police Department for developing the eligibility lists.

The Board convened into Executive Session.

The Board reconvened.

Motion by Commissioner Brinton, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Noah Lopresti and Mr. Curtis Ziegler.

Roll Call:

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

The Motion passed by 4-0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Benjamin Pascal was present to request support from the Board in regards to obtaining a dispensary license for medical marijuana through the State. Mr. Pascal stated that he owns Blue Stone Biomedical and has secured a lease at 1259 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard for the dispensary's location. He commented that Pennsylvania will not accept any license applications without an approval letter from the Township stating that the company has met the standard criteria set forth by the State. Ms. Sopka commented that the Ordinance is still in draft form and has not been placed in the Township's Zoning Ordinance yet, but she can issue a letter of support.

Commissioner Martucci requested that the Township rename the Community Garden at Franko Farm in honor of Mr. Charles J. Durner, Jr. Ms. Bonaskiewich commented that the matter can be added on an upcoming Agenda.

Commissioner Brinton recognized Mr. Sandy Nicolo for receiving 2016 Certified Citizen Planner Award from the Lehigh County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Brown brought forth a letter from the Emmaus Police Department thanking Sergeant Donald Sabo and Corporal Bryan Losagio for their assistance with an armed bank robbery on February 15, 2017.

Ms. Sopka announced that the EAC is planning another clean-up event at Walking Purchase Park on April 30, 2017.

Chief Stiles commented that he has been in contact with DeSales University to enlist the services of interns at the Police Department during the summer months.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Martucci made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Brinton. The time was 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bonaskiewich
Acting Township Secretary

These constitute the official minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on March 9, 2017.

Approved and certified on this date:

Cathy Bonaskiewich

Date: _____