

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 28, 2021
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 Brinton asked everyone to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Commissioner Brinton announced that an Executive Session will take place after the Workshop to discuss legal matters.

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

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Debra Brinton, President
Rodney Conn, Vice-President
James Seagreaves, President Pro-Tempore
Heather Lipkin
Alok Patnaik

Staff Present:

Cathy Bonaskiewich, Township Manager
Sandy Nicolo, Assistant Township Manager/Code Enforcement Director/MS4 Coordinator
Paul Ziegenfus, Finance Director
James Levernier, Director of Public Works
Kevin Soberick, Chief of Police
John Ashley, Esquire, representative of Davison & McCarthy, 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 commented related to non-agenda items will be taken after the agenda has been satisfied. Ms. Bonaskiewich reminded everyone of the three-minute rule and asked that anyone who wishes to speak, come to the podium, announce oneself, and sign-in with name and address so as to assist Township administration with follow-ups.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Commissioner Seagreaves, seconded by Commissioner Conn, to approve the unaudited Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2021 and the list of Bills Payable for the period 10/9/21 – 10/22/21, broken down as follows:

\$132,838.29 = GENERAL
\$991.67 = FIRE
\$0 = LIBRARY
\$6,064.94 = WATER
\$5,434.35 = SEWER
\$139,561.83 = REFUSE & RECYCLING
\$11,181.55 = HIGHWAY AID
\$921.18 = CAPITAL GENERAL
\$101,310.21 = CAPITAL SEWER
\$50,879.76 = SUBDIVISION & ESCROW
\$54.50 = CASH ALLOCATIONS
\$449,238.28 = GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES
COMMISSIONER LIPKIN – YES
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES – YES
COMMISSIONER CONN – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES

The Motion passed by 5-0.

MINUTES

October 14, 2021

Commissioner Brinton declared the Minutes from October 14, 2021 accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance Chapter 6 (Conduct) – Part 3 (Dumping & Littering).

Commissioner Brinton commented that this amendment has been discussed at two different Workshops.

Motion by Commissioner Conn, seconded by Commissioner Patnaik, to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2021-642, amending Codified Ordinance Chapter 6 (Conduct) – Part 3 (Dumping & Littering)

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES

COMMISSIONER LIPKIN – YES
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES – YES
COMMISSIONER CONN – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES

The Motion passed by 5-0.

Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance Chapter 6 (Conduct) to add Part 7 (Noise Control).

Commissioner Brinton commented that the Ordinance was amended to establish more effective regulations regarding excessive sound and the sources of excessive sound.

Chief Stiles stated that he has been in discussion with Mr. Nicolo about the amendment and he is agreeable to it.

Motion by Commissioner Patnaik, seconded by Commissioner Lipkin, to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2021-643, amending Codified Ordinance Chapter 6 (Conduct) to add Part 7 (Noise Control).

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES
COMMISSIONER LIPKIN – YES
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES – YES
COMMISSIONER CONN – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES

The Motion passed by 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

MOTIONS

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Levenier noted that leaf collection began this week and reminded residents to place their leaves along the curb.

Chief Soberick stated that Trick-or-Treat Night is rescheduled to Sunday, October 31 due to weather concerns.

Mr. Jason Kichline of 1430 Seidersville Road expressed concerns about the condition of the property at 1436 Seidersville Road. He noted he has been in contact with Mr. Nicolo over the past several years and his primary concern at this point is the mental state of the homeowner. Mr. Nicolo provided pictures of the property to the Board and commented that the dwelling is beyond repair. He stated that he has arranged to demolish the home and has posted the house and sent notice to the owner.

Commissioner Brinton inquired about what happens to the property owner when the house gets demolished. Mr. Nicolo stated that he has been in contact with property owner's mother. Chief Soberick stated that he will reach out to the Police Department's Community Intervention Specialist.

Commissioner Patnaik asked when the homeowner was given notice. Mr. Nicolo stated that it was posted on October 8, 2021 and per the Ordinance, the Township gives a 30-day notice.

Mr. Nicolo stated that the plan is to demolish the house, clean up the property, have it re-graded and seeded. The Township will then place a lien on the house.

Mr. Charles Beck of 930 E. Lexington Street requested a monument be constructed at Laubach Park to honor his aunt and uncle who began a boys' club 70 years ago, which eventually turned into SYA. He noted that the hill behind home plate along Lehigh Avenue would be his desired location. Ms. Bonaskiewich noted that the monument was discussed in regards to the Master Plan at Laubach Park and the Township was willing to incorporate it during the Master Plan construction. She commented that a location was not determined yet and questioned whether or not something should be installed prior to the reconstruction of the park.

Mr. Beck noted that he and his cousin are paying for the monument and it would be installed by Wentz Memorial with a footer and pipes. He commented that the monument is four and half feet long and four feet high. Mr. Beck expressed concerns about losing money he has invested in the monument if it is not installed in a timely manner. Mr. Levernier stated that he will follow up with Mr. Beck on the location for the monument.

Mr. Brian Smith of 320 Chestnut Hill Road expressed concerns regarding recycling service, lines painted on the road and guardrails. He noted that when the lines were painted on the road, the contractor painted over leaves which means the white paint did not make it onto the road. Mr. Levernier stated that they blew the leaves the day before, and the contractor also has leaf blowers on their trucks and do the best they can. He said he will follow up on the guardrails and noted that if they are the Township's guardrails, the Department of Public Works will make the repairs.

Ms. Bonaskiewich apologized for the problems with the trash and recycling service. She commented that the issue is something the Township has to assess and put a dollar amount on in order to levy fines against Republic Services. She commented that she does not know if that will rectify the issues, but hopefully it will be impactful enough to improve service.

Mr. John Zovko of 1531 Spiegel Street also expressed concerns about the lack of trash service on his street.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Patnaik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lipkin. The time was 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bonaskiewich
Township Secretary

These constitute the official minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on October 28, 2021.

Approved and certified on this date:

Cathy Bonaskiewich

Date: _____

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