

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 10, 2022
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 turned the proceedings over to Ms. Cathy Bonaskiewich, Township Manager.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Debra Brinton, President
Rodney Conn, Vice-President
Heather Lipkin, President Pro-Tempore
Alok Patnaik
Alex Karol

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 comment 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.

Commissioner Brinton announced that an Executive Session will be held after the Workshop regarding legal matters.

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE

Commissioner Patnaik inquired about two invoices from the City of Bethlehem. Mr. Ziegenfus noted that the invoice for \$10,000 is for using their sewer treatment plant. Ms. Bonaskiewich noted that the other charge is for water used at the fountain in Laubach Park.

Motion by Commissioner Patnaik, seconded by Commissioner Conn, to approve the list of Bills Payable for the period 2/19/22 – 3/4/22, broken down as follows:

\$68,058.17 = GENERAL
\$61,189.29 = FIRE
\$0 = LIBRARY
\$201,198.88 = WATER
\$15,254.01 = SEWER
\$144,039.59 = REFUSE & RECYCLING
\$140.26 = HIGHWAY AID
\$6,094.46 = CAPITAL GENERAL
\$495,974.66 = GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER KAROL – YES
COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES
COMMISSIONER LIPKIN – YES
COMMISSIONER CONN – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES

The motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES

February 24, 2022.

Ms. Bonaskiewich noted a correction on page 3. Commissioner Brinton declared the Minutes from February 24, 2022 accepted as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution to Designate Township Officials Authorized to Execute all LSA-Statewide Gaming Grant Documents.

Motion by Commissioner Lipkin, seconded by Commissioner Karol, to adopt Resolution No. 03-2022-1741, designating Township Officials to execute all LSA-Statewide Gaming Grant documents.

Roll call:

COMMISSIONER KAROL – YES
COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES
COMMISSIONER LIPKIN – YES
COMMISSIONER CONN – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES

The motion passed by 5-0.

MOTIONS

Motion to Award the Bid for Lehigh Avenue Stormwater Improvements Project to Columbia Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$217,229.01.

Commissioner Brinton noted that this is part of the work needed in order to make future improvements to Laubach Park.

Motion by Commissioner Karol, seconded by Commissioner Conn, to award the bid for Lehigh Avenue Stormwater Improvements Project to Columbia Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$217,229.01.

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER KAROL – YES
COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES
COMMISSIONER LIPKIN – YES
COMMISSIONER CONN – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES

The motion passed by 5-0.

Motion to Authorize Contract Settlement with Stratix/Lynx in the amount of \$35,000, Contingent on Execution of Release Documents.

Commissioner Brinton commented that this item was previously discussed in an Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Conn, seconded by Commissioner Patnaik, to authorize the contract settlement with Stratix/Lynx in the amount of \$35,000, contingent on the execution of release documents.

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER KAROL – YES
COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES

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

The motion passed by 5-0.

Motion to Accept the Resignation of Ms. Tricia Dickert from the Township’s Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC).

Motion by Commissioner Conn, seconded by Commissioner Karol, to accept the resignation of Ms. Tricia Dickert from the Township’s Recreation Advisory Committee.

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER KAROL – YES
COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES
COMMISSIONER LIPKIN – YES
COMMISSIONER CONN – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES

The motion passed by 5-0.

Motion to Appoint 2nd Ward Representative to Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Karol, seconded by Commissioner, to appoint Ms. Tammy Campbell to the Recreation Advisory Committee as the 2nd Ward Representative.

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER KAROL – YES
COMMISSIONER PATNAIK – YES
COMMISSIONER LIPKIN – YES
COMMISSIONER CONN – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES

The motion passed by 5-0.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Rachel Legath of 1420 Gail Avenue expressed concerns regarding the group home facility located at 1415 Gail Avenue. She stated that there is a person residing at the facility who has become increasingly destructive and she is concerned for the safety of the children in the neighborhood.

Ms. Krista Makhoul of 1425 Gail Avenue detailed the property damage done by the resident of the group home and requested the Township adopt the Disruptive Conduct Ordinance as quickly as possible.

Chief Soberick stated that he has tried to contact the owner of the home but has been unsuccessful thus far. He noted that the group home has to screen candidates for placement and they should be held accountable for the damage.

Commissioner Brinton inquired if the Township could possibly get rid of the group home. Mr. Nicolo stated that the issue has worked its way through the courts with zoning and it is permitted in that area. He noted that Disruptive Conduct Ordinance will help and suggested including group homes in with language in the ordinance.

Ms. Bonaskiewich commented that she has been in discussions with Chief Soberick regarding the issue and noted that they will bring the Disruptive Conduct Ordinance back to the Board for discussion, but there has to be language that includes facilities such as group homes.

A discussion ensued regarding who governs group homes.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Patnaik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lipkin. The time was 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bonaskiewich
Township Secretary

These constitute the official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on March 10, 2022.

Approved and certified on this date:

Cathy Bonaskiewich

Date: _____

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