

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 27, 2023
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 be held after the Regular Meeting regarding a personnel matter.

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
Donald Sabo, Chief of Police
Jason Ulrich, Esquire, representative of Gross McGinley, LLP, Township Solicitor
Stan Wojciechowski, representative of Barry Isett & Associates, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE

Commissioner Patnaik inquired about the deficit that Mr. Ziegenfus highlighted in his report. Mr. Ziegenfus stated that a deficit typically happens during the first three months of the year because the Township has not received any tax revenue yet.

Motion by Commissioner Patnaik, seconded by Commissioner Conn, to approve the unaudited Financial Reports for February and March 2023 and the list of Bills Payable for the period 4/8/23–4/21/23, broken down as follows:

\$188,713.00 = GENERAL
\$4,403.61 = FIRE
\$.91 = LIBRARY
\$63,770.30 = WATER
\$37,543.37 = SEWER
\$149,011.66 = REFUSE & RECYCLING
\$19,768.09 = HIGHWAY AID
\$215,070.83 = CAPITAL GENERAL
\$678,281.77 = GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

The Board voted: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays.

MINUTES

April 13, 2023

Commissioner Brinton declared the Minutes from April 13, 2023 accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

MOTIONS

Motion to Authorize Renewal of Franko Lease Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Lipkin, seconded by Commissioner Patnaik, to authorize the renewal of the Franko Lease Agreement.

The Board voted: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Commissioner Patnaik thanked the participants of the cleanup event at Walking Purchase Park.

Commissioner Brinton also thanked everyone for their cleanup efforts and inquired about installing cameras at the park to help curb the illegal dumping. Mr. Levernier stated that cameras have been installed at the pump station on Cardinal Drive in order to get license plates and vehicle descriptions for those entering or exiting the park in the Township. Chief Sabo noted that the problem is the vehicles do not always enter/exit that way as motorists can also access the park on Allentown's side.

Commissioner Brinton thanked the Police Department and the Department of Public Works for their assistance with removing a tree for a resident during the storm on April 22.

Commissioner Conn commended the Department of Public Works for their work at the Devonshire Drop-off Center.

Commissioner Lipkin thanked the Department of Public Works for their assistance at the cleanup event.

Chief Sabo stated that he and Ms. Bonaskiewich met with Senator Miller regarding illegal ATV's and noted that Senator Miller is working on legislation to try and combat that problem, along with other politicians across the state. He commented that they also discussed the Radar Bill that would allow local municipalities to enforce speed with hand-held radar devices. Chief Sabo noted that the ENRADD speed timing technology is not manufactured anymore, nor can it be serviced, because Pennsylvania is the only state that uses the technology as every other state is able to use radar.

Commissioner Conn inquired if the Board should send a letter to Harrisburg in favor of the Radar Bill. Ms. Bonaskiewich stated that she will follow-up with a letter on behalf of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Patnaik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lipkin seconded the motion. The time was 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bonaskiewich
Township Secretary

These constitute the official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on April 27, 2023.

Approved and certified on this date:

Cathy Bonaskiewich

Date: _____

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