

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 9, 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 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, Asst. Twp Manager/Code Enforcement Director/MS4 Coordinator – EXCUSED
Paul Ziegenfus, Finance Director
James Levernier, Director of Public Works
Donald Sabo, Chief of Police
Jack Gross, Esquire, representative of Gross McGinley, LLP, Township Solicitor
Stan Wojciechowski, representative of Barry Isett & Associates, Township Engineer
Genny Baillie, Recreation Director

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 to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE

Commissioner Patnaik inquired about invoices from the previous Township Solicitor. Ms. Bonaskiewich stated that Attorney Ashley is finishing projects for the Townships, and the invoices from him should be winding down.

Motion by Commissioner Patnaik, seconded by Commissioner Conn, to approve the list of Bills Payable for the period 1/21/23–2/3/23, broken down as follows:

\$80,929.88 = GENERAL
\$4,832.09 = FIRE
\$0 = LIBRARY
\$14,232.83 = WATER
\$26,312.77 = SEWER
\$148,577.01 = REFUSE & RECYCLING
\$11,863.79 = HIGHWAY AID
\$36,043.54 = CAPITAL GENERAL
\$322,791.91 = GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

The Board voted: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays.

MINUTES

January 26, 2023

Commissioner Patnaik noted a typographical error on page 3. Commissioner Brinton declared the Minutes from January 26, 2023 accepted with the correction.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

MOTIONS

Motion Accepting Time Extension to June 11, 2023 for the Preliminary/Final Land Development at 2844 South Pike Avenue.

Mr. Wojciechowski stated that the developer needs more time to look at the Township’s review of their plan so they have requested a time extension.

Motion by Commissioner Lipkin, seconded by Commissioner Karol, to accept the time extension to June 11, 2023 for the Preliminary/Final Land Development at 2844 South Pike Avenue.

The Board voted: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays

Motion Accepting Time Extension to May 29, 2023 for the Preliminary/Final Land Development at 206 East Lynnwood Street.

Mr. Wojciechowski stated that this is the same situation where the developer needs time to address the Township's comments on their plan.

Motion by Commissioner Conn, seconded by Commissioner Patnaik, to accept the time extension to May 29, 2023 for the Preliminary/Final Land Development at 206 East Lynnwood Street.

The Board voted: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Baillie stated that the hiring process for the Township's Playground Program will begin soon. She also noted that the Recreation Advisory Committee will be holding an Egg Hunt at Lindberg Park on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

Mr. Wojciechowski commented that he has been working with Mr. Levernier on getting Public Works projects out to bid for the year.

Chief Sabo noted the Police Department recently took possession of two dirt bikes that will aid them in patrolling the wooded area of Walking Purchase Park in order to hopefully curb the dumping and other illegal happenings in the area.

Mr. Levernier noted that new playground equipment has arrived for River Road and installation will begin shortly. He commented that they recently installed new pickleball and tennis court nets at Green Acres and Devonshire Parks.

Ms. Bonaskiewich announced that the Township Municipal Building will be closed to the public as well as to the staff on February 28, 2023 and March 1, 2023 in order to facilitate the installation of a new HVAC system. She noted that someone will be available to answer calls but no other business will be conducted.

Mr. Ed Sokalski of 1217 Maryland Avenue expressed concerns regarding the permitting process for new hot water heaters, a chronic icy spot on Maryland Avenue and mandating trash cans with lids. Mr. Levernier stated that he will follow-up with the condition on the road and Commissioner Brinton noted the Township cannot mandate the use of trash cans.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Patnaik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lipkin seconded the motion. The time was 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bonaskiewich
Township Secretary

These constitute the official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on February 9, 2023.

Approved and certified on this date:

Cathy Bonaskiewich

Date: _____

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