

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 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 – EXCUSED
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
Jack Gross, Esquire, representative of Gross McGinley, LLP, Township Solicitor
Stan Wojciechowski, representative of Barry Isett & Associates, Township Engineer
Genny Baillie, Recreation Director
Rob Moyer, IT Specialist

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.

Chief Sabo presented Life Saving Awards to Officer Bryan Losagio and Mr. Richard Spangler for their assistance at a house fire on April 8, 2023.

Chief Sabo also presented a Life Saving Award to Mr. Andy Carr for his assistance with a house fire on September 18, 2023.

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Commissioner Patnaik, seconded by Commissioner Conn, to approve the List of Bills Payable for the period 10/21/23-11/3/23, broken down as follows:

\$213,765.31 = GENERAL
\$2,715.53 = FIRE
\$0 = LIBRARY
\$158,677.73 = WATER
\$5,356.14 = SEWER
\$148,267.82 = REFUSE & RECYCLING
\$217.54 = HIGHWAY AID
\$1,000.00 = SUBDIVISION & ESCROW
\$530,000.07 = GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

The Board voted: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays.

MINUTES

October 26, 2023

Commissioner Brinton declared the Minutes from October 26, 2023 accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

MOTIONS

None.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Bonaskiewich stated that there is a request from Western Salisbury Volunteer Fire Company for the Township reimburse them for the closing costs associated with their loan for the new fire station. Ms. Bonaskiewich explained that the closing costs were not rolled into the loan and instead had to be paid outright. She noted that there are some monies budgeted because Mr. Ziegenfus anticipated having to pay on the loan by this time, so those monies can be used to cover this cost. Ms. Bonaskiewich commented that the total is \$29,922.

Ms. Bonaskiewich brought forth a request from Lehigh Christian Academy to hold a 50th Anniversary celebration at Lindberg Park in May of 2024. She noted that the celebration would include a Color Run event and they expect less than 1,000 people. Ms. Bonaskiewich expressed concerns with the number of people in the park at one time and, therefore, having to close the park to residents. A discussion ensued about offering the use of Franko Park as an alternative location. It was the consensus of the Board to deny the request at this time.

Commissioner Brinton thanked the Community Development Department for their help with replacing a street tree for a resident.

Commissioner Patnaik noted that Trick-or-Treat Night was a success and thanked the various departments for their efforts.

Commissioner Patnaik thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts with leaf collection.

Mr. Rick Zongora of 1625 Maple Avenue stated that he was victim of wire fraud for \$115,000 and thanked Detective Reavis for his help with the investigation and recovering the funds.

Mr. Jerry Royer of Western Salisbury Volunteer Fire Company provided an update regarding the construction of the new fire station.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Patnaik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Karol seconded the motion. The time was 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bonaskiewich
Township Secretary

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

Approved and certified on this date:

Cathy Bonaskiewich

Date: _____

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