

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 12, 2014
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 Brown asked everyone to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a short period of silence and reflection.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Commissioner Brown turned the proceedings over to Randy Soriano, Township Manager.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

James Brown, President
Debra Brinton, Vice-President
Robert Martucci, Jr.
James Seagreaves, President Pro-Tempore
Joanne Ackerman

Staff Present:

Randy Soriano, Township Manager
Cathy Bonaskiewich, Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director
John Andreas, Director of Public Works
Allen Stiles, Chief of Police
Cynthia Sopka, Director of Planning & Zoning
John Ashley, Esquire, Township Solicitor
David Tettermer, representative of Township Engineer, Keystone Consulting Engineers

NOTIFICATION

Mr. Soriano 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 comments related to non-agenda items will be taken after the agenda has been satisfied.

Mr. Soriano announced that the Township records the meetings and archives its tapes and records are available pursuant to the Right-to-Know Law, if requested.

Mr. Soriano reminded everyone of the three minute rule and asked that anyone who wishes to speak come to the podium, sign in, announce oneself, and speak clearly into the microphone. Mr. Soriano added that the speaker can choose not to list his/her address; however, it is preferred that the speaker announce if he or she is a Township resident. He noted that if a resident does not divulge his or her address, it will impair the Township administrative follow-ups on a particular issue.

LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Soriano presented the list of Bills Payables.

Motion by Commissioner Ackerman, seconded by Commissioner Martucci, to approve the List of Bills Payable for the periods 5/17/2014-6/6/2014, broken down as follows:

\$76,742.20 = GENERAL
\$2,399.46 = FIRE
\$0 = LIBRARY
\$45,337.45 = WATER
\$84,183.38 = SEWER
\$130,079.86 = REFUSE & RECYCLING
\$143.98 = HIGHWAY AID
\$338,886.33 = GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN – YES
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES – YES
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES
COMMISSIONER BROWN – YES

The Motion passed by 5-0.

MINUTES

May 22, 2014

Commissioner Brown declared the May 22, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution in support of Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 – Enabling local police forces to use radar.

Mr. Soriano reminded the Board that presently, the only organization permitted to use radar in Pennsylvania is the State Police. He commented that Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 would permit anyone in law enforcement to use radar.

Mr. Soriano read the Resolution into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Martucci, seconded Commissioner Ackerman, to adopt the Resolution as read.

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN – YES
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES – YES
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES
COMMISSIONER BROWN – YES

The Motion passed by 5-0.

MOTIONS

Boy Scouts – Minsi Trails – Trexler District Request to utilize Franko Park for Klondike Event.

Mr. Soriano stated that similar to last year, the Minsi Trails District of the Boy Scouts is requesting the use of Frank Park for their Klondike Event scheduled for Saturday, January 24th, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He explained that it is a winter skills event where the Scouts pull their patrol sleds to seven or eight different skill stations set up throughout the park. Mr. Soriano noted that the event will be organized similar to last year and attendance is expected at approximately 175 people. He commented that the Scouts will provide proof of insurance and a waiver of liability, as well as two or three port-o-lets for the event.

Motion by Commissioner Brinton, seconded by Commissioner Martucci, to approve the request from the Boy Scouts Minsi Trails District to utilize Franko Park for their Klondike Event on January 24th, 2015.

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN – YES
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES – YES
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES
COMMISSIONER BROWN – YES

The Motion passed by 5-0.

Motion to accept the Financial Audit Statement for the period ending December 31, 2013 prepared by Todd Bushta, CPA.

Mr. Soriano explained that this Motion will be the formal approval of the acceptance of the audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Ackerman, seconded by Commissioner Seagreaves, to accept the Financial Audit Statement for the period ending December 31, 2013.

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN – YES
COMMISSIONER SEAGREAVES – YES
COMMISSIONER MARTUCCI – YES
COMMISSIONER BRINTON – YES
COMMISSIONER BROWN – YES

The Motion passed by 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Soriano announced that the Township has received the check from the City of Allentown in the amount of approximately \$188,000, which represents the settlement of the dispute between the City and the signatories of the 1981 Sewer Agreement over some billing charges that were changed from 2008 to the present. Ms. Bonaskiewich noted that the check will be classified as a refund of a prior year expense; therefore, it is not truly a revenue.

Mr. Soriano stated that the Township has hired a new part-time employee for the drop-off centers and noted that for extra help, employees of the Public Works Department have been working at the centers on the weekends.

Mr. Soriano commented that the Fire Inspection Program is now fully staffed and the inspectors are working together to get the program operational.

Mr. Soriano stated that Waste Management has accepted the request from the Township to lengthen the contract by three months. He noted that he will continue working on the Ordinance

and specifications with Attorney Ashley in order for the contract to go out for bid. Mr. Soriano commented that the Board should expect about three or four bids.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Commissioner Seagreaves expressed concerns about cars failing to stop at the crosswalk on South Ellsworth Street for school children. Chief Stiles stated that the Police Department could possibly get signs with help from the School District and also do some crosswalk education at the beginning of the school year.

Commissioner Brown expressed concerns about the condition of 33rd Street SW, specifically the portion under the railroad tracks. Mr. Andreas stated that a contractor has provided an estimate for the milling work and the road should be repaired in the near future.

Chief Stiles stated that the Police Department was recognized by PennDOT's Pennsylvania Aggressive Enforcement Education Program for valuable contributions to the enforcement of aggressive drivers.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Martucci made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brinton. The time was 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Soriano
Secretary

These constitute the official minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on June 12, 2014.

Approved and certified on this date:

Randy Soriano

Date

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