

SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2024
7:00pm

- ⌘ Call the meeting to order Bob Zundel, Kenneth Trumbetta(absent) and Kerry Jobe
Atty. Falatovich and Secy. Otto
- ⦿ Pledge of Allegiance
- ⦿ Prayer
- ⦿ Introduction
- ⦿ Public discussion from residents and taxpayers taken during the course of the meeting, as each item is brought up for motion
- ⦿ Announcements: No smoking during the meeting.
 - : Residents, please give your name when addressing Supervisors
 - : Please turn off all cell phones

1. ADMINISTRATION

- 1A. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Bob Zundel to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Vote: Bob Zundel, and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion. Ken Trumbetta was absent. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1B. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Bob Zundel to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2024 special meeting to readvertise the bid project.

Resident Lisa Sagina asked for a recap of the meeting since she couldn't attend. Kerry stated that the vote was to advertise to rebid using the original material specs that we have historically used.

Vote: Bob Zundel, and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion. Ken Trumbetta was absent. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1C. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Bob Zundel to approve expenditures for the month as follows, noting those disclosures filed of record with the Township Secretary, by Supervisors of their routine business dealings with certain of those vendors whose invoices may be paid pursuant to this Motion:

General Fund	\$39,868.06
Payroll Fund	\$48,031.04
Sewage	\$4,727.00
Liquid Fuels	\$4,710.77
Streetlights	\$395.06

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Machinery	\$1,829.95
Fire	\$3,039.75
Park Initiative	\$1,028.00
Act 13	\$613.50
TOTAL	\$104,243.13

Resident Tom Ridella questioned why there were two bills for fuel from Export Fuel and another bill for fuel from Five Points. There were two bills from Export Fuel because there were two invoices. They weren't combined into one line item on the bill sheet. The bill from Five Points is for an accumulation of bills from last year.

Vote: Bob Zundel, and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion. Ken Trumbetta was absent. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1D. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Bob Zundel to approve a Fireworks Display Permit for the Slickville VFD and waive any permit fees, subject to the following conditions: **(Must list whatever conditions apply)**

Vote: Bob Zundel, and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion. Ken Trumbetta was absent. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1E. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Bob Zundel to accept and approve Arlene Rosatti's letter of interest dated July 10, 2024, to hire her as a consultant at a rate of \$25.00/hr.

Vote: Bob Zundel, and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion. Ken Trumbetta was absent. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1F. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Bob Zundel to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an Ordinance adding Helen Drive(T741), Stony Springs Road(T794), Hillview Drive(T619), Long Plan Road(T674), Lake Drive(T676), and Walters Road(T933) to the Township's official list of weight restricted roads.

Vote: Bob Zundel, and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion. Ken Trumbetta was absent. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1G. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Bob Zundel to approve Resolution 19-2024 entitled;

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALEM, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL**

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**SANITARY AUTHORITY FOR THE CORRECTION OF GRADE 4 AND 5 DEFECTS IN THE
TOWNSHIP'S PUBLIC SEWER LINES AS REQUIRED BY A CONSENT ORDER AND
AGREEMENT ENTERED WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING
THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Kerry Jobe explained that this is regarding the Cloverleaf area sewage system by Delmont. We have done extensive work to comply with the Consent Order and Agreement to stop stormwater coming in and to follow through with the repair work. The last phase was to do the cameraing that was paid for through the grant. The rest of the grant will be applied to the 26 repairs that need to be done. FTMSA will be able to do the repairs in house for a total estimated cost of \$109K.

Vote: Bob Zundel, and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion. Ken Trumbetta was absent. Motion passed unanimously.

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. SEWAGE

4. COMMITTEE REPORT

4A. Solicitor's Report

4B. Treasurer's Report - submitted for the month ending June 30, 2024

4C. Park Initiative Report

Kerry Jobe – The Pavilion has been rented out almost every weekend through the summer. We are already receiving bookings for next year. We have been talking with the Rec Board to finish the Comprehensive Plan. There is a new Master Plan of the park being developed.

Resident Lisa Sagina asked if there are opportunities for an amphitheater. Kerry said not within the next couple of years. Thoughts of an amphitheater are several phases away.

Resident Debbie Perino asked about a Rec Board appointment. Kerry Jobe explained that we have a letter of interest from Tim Kozinko but he hasn't been officially appointed to the board due to the by-laws that govern the rec board which allows two appointments from Greensburg Salem to the board. There are discussions to change our internal ordinance to eliminate the Greensburg Salem School District from making those appointments since they aren't happening in a timely fashion.

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5. OLD BUSINESS

Resident Lisa Sagina addressed her concerns with Daniel's Excavating Land Development on Rt 819. This land development started in 2020 without submitting a land development application or obtaining required permits. Ignorance of the law or bad advice is no excuse.

Lisa questioned Solicitor Falatovich and the Board individually if they are personal friends with Jim Daniel's. Solicitor Falatovich and Kerry are not personal friends. Bob said he has been friends with the Jim Daniels family for 35-40 years.

Lisa questioned the same group if they saw development occurring in 2020-present. They all admitted to seeing development.

Lisa asked if there were any meetings or discussions concerning Daniels Land Development on Rt 819 and Boggs Hollow Rd. Solicitor Falatovich and Bob Zundel admitted to not having any meetings or discussions in public meetings. Kerry stated that it has been discussed at staff meetings in the past but no public meetings. Within the past year and a half, it has been questioned more than once at the staff meetings about the need for something to come to the township.

Lisa asked the same group if Daniel's approached any of them asking if he needed to submit anything to the Township. They all responded no. Bob said it's his business. He handled it not me.

Lisa and other abutting properties received notice 3-4 years after the land was developed. She doesn't know if the board or the solicitor can be trusted.

Solicitor Falatovich explained that it is an enforcement issue. We are working to get him to comply. Jim Daniels has been cooperative.

Lisa wants to know why a stop work order was not issued since he doesn't have a Highway Occupancy permit.

Lisa thinks it is a clean up and cover up. Solicitor Falatovich said it is not a cover up if we are bringing the issue to a public meeting.

Lisa stated if this had been brought to planning before the development, there would be input from the residents.

Lisa expressed concerns with the danger of pulling out of Boggs Hollow onto Rt 819.

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Solicitor Falatovich explained that if you don't have a Highway Occupancy permit, you can still start to build as far as our ordinances are concerned.

Resident Matt Humes expressed concerns about the location of where the driveway will be. He heard it may be located across from Kennan Rd. He owns property on the corner of Kennan and 819. He questioned site distances. It is already dangerous pulling out onto 819 from Kennan.

Lisa stated that Daniel's is paying taxes on the property only. He will have to pay a ton in back taxes. Resident Debbie Perino also expressed concerns with some residents not getting building permits and therefore not being taxed appropriately.

Lisa wants something in the SALDO to enforce this and have penalties involved to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Resident Ron Muir abuts Daniels property. He realizes that the Township doesn't have a noise ordinance, but he informed the Board that Pennsylvania does have a nuisance law. Nobody has been affected by the noise more than him. He provided a copy of the Pennsylvania nuisance law for the Board to review.

Lisa stated that there are State laws for noise control and its supposed to be enforced by the Township. Solicitor Falatovich said that is news to him.

Lisa shared a voice mail message dated July 1 from PennDOT that states that it is the Township's responsibility to trim the brush and maintain site distances coming out of Boggs Hollow and any other Township Rd onto Rt 819.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Rick and Phyllis Eichner residents on Carasea Dr. moved here within 1 year. Praised the Township for not needing a permit to build a garage because it was under 1000 sq ft.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Bob Zundel to adjourn the meeting with the next meeting being a regular meeting to be held on August 21, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Salem Township Municipal Building.

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Time of adjournment: 8:11pm

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Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Otto