

SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2024

7:00PM

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- ⌘ Call the meeting to order Bob Zundel, Kenneth Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe
Atty. Falatovich and Secy. Otto(absent) Assistant Secy.
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 - ⊙ 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

Guest Speaker: Welcome Senator Kim Ward.

It's budget time in Harrisburg. June 30th is the deadline. She asked for a budget ask. She has \$1mill for our sewage project and she can get more. She can't let that money sit there indefinitely. She needs direction so she knows what to do. She took questions from the public.

Resident Tom Ridella asked what needs to be done to get funding for Small Stream Discharge systems for the major problem areas. He would like the control to stay in Salem Township rather than the Municipal Authority. Senator Ward stated that the Supervisors would have to have a plan for that and apply for funding.

Kerry Jobe stated that today, the UTMA voted to accept the proposal to do a feasibility study on a project utilizing their pump station going up 14 mile run to the treatment facility that is underutilized. This project would be more cost-effective. The feasibility study should be back within a month or two. We will know if this will be a less expensive option.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- 1A. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Ken Trumbetta to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2024 public Supervisor meeting.

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

- 1B. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe to approve the Minutes of the June 7, 2024 special meeting (Bid opening for the delivery and installation of paving materials).

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

- 1C. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Ken Trumbetta to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2024 special meeting (bid opening for "Maintenance Materials" and "Used Equipment"

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

- 1D. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe 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	\$43,560.38
Payroll Fund	\$55,884.68
Sewage	\$4,873.00
Liquid Fuels	\$5,872.85
Machinery	\$1,222.36
Park Initiative	\$13,446.38
Street Lights	\$407.26
TOTAL	\$125,266.91

Resident Eric Hageder questioned costs associated with SALDO revisions on Solicitor Falatovich's invoice. Solicitor Falatovich explained that the final revision will be sent to the PC and supervisors for review tomorrow morning. He then explained the SALDO revision approval process.

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

- 1E. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Ken Trumbetta to **reject** the following bids (**and to re-advertise for bids with revised specifications**) for the pre-installation milling, pick-up, transportation, and installation in place of a combination of Superpave 19.00 mm Wearing SRL-G PG 64-22 0.3 - 3 million ESALs (ID-3 Wearing) and Superpave 19.0 mm Binder SRL -G PG 64-22 0.3 - 3 million ESALs (ID-2 Binder fine grade), for a combined total of approximately 3772 tons of asphalt, compacted to a 3" depth on various roadways within the Township. The roadways to be milled, and the precise types and amounts of materials to be picked up, transported and installed in place at the work sites, are set forth in the bid documents. Most of the worksites are located in the Forbes Road portion of the Township. Bids were received and held on May 30, 2024 and opened and recorded at a special advertised meeting on June 7, 2024

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Bids Received as follows:

Bidder: Tresco Paving Corporation

I. Rosewood Drive BID AMOUNT \$103,056
II. Hugus Street BID AMOUNT \$15,664
III. Kunkle Street BID AMOUNT \$56,056
IV. Keaggy Ave BID AMOUNT \$48,224
V. General Street BID AMOUNT \$30,800
VI. Lomison Street BID AMOUNT \$22,176

GROSS AMOUNT BID \$275,976

**LESS VOLUME/STAGING DISCOUNT (IF ANY) FOR
THE AWARD OF ALL ROADS LISTED ABOVE (\$0.00)**

TOTAL AMOUNT BID..... \$275,976

Bob Zundel stated that the material is bid through the COG. This motion is for the approval of labor only for the installation. Tresco was the only bidder. Derry and Daniels did not bid because they have to buy the material from Tresco who won the bid for materials and they would have to pay sales tax on it.

Resident Connie Mattei questioned what Township Doug Regola's role is during the bidding process. Bob Zundel said that Doug looked over the bids and material that would be used. She questioned why the specs. for material is different this year than in years past. Solicitor Falatovich verified that Doug said that the materials being used would be more durable. The roads it will be used on is local traffic with no big trucks.

Resident Tom Ridella questioned the quality of material being used. He asked if the materials used is the same that was used on Fire Station Road two or three years ago. Bob said it is a heavier material. Tom is not impressed with the quality of material used on that road. There are cracks down the center of the road and berms. Tom stated that he talked to someone who works in a asphalt factory and they said Tresco uses an excessive amount of used millings with dirt and dust. They are known for that. Tom asked for a core sample to make sure we are getting what we are paying for. You don't want the cheapest, you want the best quality.

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Kerry is not ready to make a motion. Ken made the motion and Bob seconded. After discussions, Ken withdrew his motion.

Kerry doesn't think it is good practice only to get one bid. Ken said the problem is that asphalt companies don't want to install other companies' material, so they don't bid. Kerry didn't catch when the ad went out that the material bid was different than what we used in the past. He stated that Doug wasn't before or against the 19MM. He wasn't included in the bidding from the very beginning. He came in last Friday to give his input on the materials on the bid. Kerry wants the opportunity to reopen the bids for materials and take a shot at doing installation and material combined.

Tom Ridella suggested analyzing specs before awarding bids, so we know what we are getting. He doesn't understand why Tresco is getting all the paving in the Township.

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 1F. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Ken Trumbetta to approve and award the following bids received for approximately 6100 linear ft. (various sizes) of double wall plastic pipe. (all quantities are more or less). Bids were received and held on May 23, 2024 and opened and Recorded at a special advertised meeting on June 12, 2024: (Independent Bids)

Bids Received as follows:

Bidder: Pleasant Unity Supply

12" Plastic Pipe	1000	lf.	del	\$7.64/lf
15" Plastic Pipe	1000	lf.	Del	\$10.04/lf
18" Plastic Pipe	500	lf.	del	\$15.08/lf
24" Plastic Pipe	200	lf.	Del	\$24.99/lf
36" Plastic Pipe	200	lf.	del	\$51.50/lf
48" Plastic Pipe	200	lf.	Del	\$85.00/lf
4 " Rolled Plastic Pipe	2000	lf.	del	\$.67/lf
6" Rolled Plastic Pipe	1000	lf.	Del	\$1.66/lf

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

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- 1G. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe to approve and award the following bid received for approximately 12,000 gal. diesel fuel and approximately 5,000 Gal. regular gasoline(all quantities are more or less). Bids were received and held on May 23, 2024 and opened and Recorded at a special advertised meeting on June 12, 2024: (Independent Bids)

Bids Received as follows:

Bidder: Export Fuel.

Fuel	*12,0000-gal Diesel \$2.6613/gal Delivered .1489 margin + base price OPIS
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*Winter additive \$.03/gal

Gasoline	*5,000 gal 87 octane \$2.6383 /gal Delivered .1489 margin + base price OPIS
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Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

- 1H. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe to approve bids received for the purchase of certain used vehicles and equipment. Bids were received and held on May 23, 2024 and opened and recorded at a special advertised meeting on June 12, 2024.

Bids Received as follows:

- 2000 Ford F550 Dump Truck VIN# 1FDAF57F6YED30424
- 2002 GMC Sierra 3500 Dump Truck VIN# 1GDJK34172E227948
- 2003 Ford F550 Dump Truck VIN# 1FDAF57P33ED59011

1. Bidder C&C Lawn Service	Truck 2000 Ford	Bid \$2,800
Bidder C&C Lawn Service	Truck 2003 Ford	Bid \$3,500
2. Bidder Thatcher Auto Sales	Truck 2000 Ford	Bid \$5,059**
3. Bidder Andy Salo	Truck 2002 GMC	Bid \$3,000**
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4. Bidder Russell Salandro	Truck 2000 Ford	Bid \$3,350
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Bidder Russell Salandro

Truck 2003 Ford

Bid \$6,001**

**High bids

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

1I. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Ken Trumbetta to award the bids for the purchase of certain used vehicles and equipment as follows:

1. 2000 Ford F550 Dump Truck VIN# 1FDAF57F6YED30424
2. 2002 GMC Sierra 3500 Dump Truck VIN# 1GDJK34172E227948
3. 2003 Ford F550 Dump Truck VIN# 1FDAF57P33ED59011

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| 1. Bidder: Thatcher Auto Sales | Truck: 2000 Ford-0424 | Bid: \$5,059 |
| 2. Bidder: Andy Salo | Truck: 2002 GMC-7948 | Bid: \$3,000 |
| 3. Bidder: Russell Salandro | Truck: 2003 Ford-9011 | Bid: \$6,001 |

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

1J. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe to appoint Fred Cecchini as **Code Enforcement Officer** for the Township of Salem at a rate of \$25.00/hr.

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

1K. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Ken Trumbetta to approve resolution 17-2024 entitled;

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SALEM, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
APPROVING A SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE FOR THE MUSGROVE
PLAN**

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

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- 1L. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe to approve resolution 18-2024 entitled;

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALEM, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE FILING OF A MEMORANDUM OF RECORDING TO INCLUDE A PORTION OF PROPERTY BEARING WESTMORELAND COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 57-15-00-0-022 INTO THE AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA

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

- 1M. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Ken Trumbetta to approve the request from Sarah Starrett dated June 14, 2024, to reinstate the Artman-Starrett subdivision application. The application was denied at the May 15, 2024, public meeting since a waiver of time was not received by the Township.

Resident and PC chair, Connie Mattei hopes that because there was confusion on when the time waiver needed to be completed, that this is a one-time scenario, and the Township won't make a habit of bailing out surveyors who don't follow procedure.

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

- 1N. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe to approve signing paperwork with First Commonwealth Bank authorizing the transfer of \$ 1 Million from the General Fund to a Money Market account.

The interest rate for a savings account is 1% and the current Money Market rates are approximately 2.85%.

After moving the \$673,785.96 and \$1 million we will be left with approximately \$500K in general. We will still have access to the funds and be able to write checks.

Resident Ed Rebitch suggested looking into PLIGIT as an investment vehicle. Their current rates are 5.4%. You tie a designated account to PLIGIT. It is only available to municipalities.

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

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- 1O. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and seconded by Ken Trumbetta to approve signing paperwork with First Commonwealth Bank authorizing the transfer of \$750,000 from the Sewage Revenue Fund to a Certificate of Deposit.

Kerry Jobe stated that the latest rate was 4.9% for 3M and 4.8% for 6M.

After talking to Bill Utzman, he advised keeping \$200K in the Sewage account.

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 1P. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe to approve the transfer of \$673,785.96 from the General Fund to a Special Projects Account.

This was money that was in the ARPA account. To comply with the use of those funds, it had to be obligated by the end of 2024. We complied with the items that had to be spent on and the majority was used on road materials. We said that we would reimburse back into another project account as we go out for grant projects. If we didn't spend it, we had to give it back.

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 1Q. Motion made by Kerry Jobe and did not receive a second to approve quote number 2406 dated March 19, 2024 for \$43,619 for the purchase and installation of a Kohler 60RCLA automatic generator to be used at Slickville Volunteer Fire Department. In 2023, an LSA grant was received by Slickville Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000 to be used towards the funding of the generator.

Ken Trumbetta would like to see a couple more bids. The requirement is to advertise and receive 3 sealed bids for anything over \$23,200

Motion dies from lack of a second.

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. SEWAGE

Kerry Jobe explained and reiterated what was discussed concerning the UTMA project. Solicitor Falatovich said the benefit would be that you would avoid the costs associated with constructing a new treatment plant. It will service the entire original Crabtree Sewage area. Sewage would be pumped to the UTMA facility at 14 mile run plant. The capacity would be the same as the Crabtree

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sewage project and the costs would be less. You would also be able to pick up additional customers going along the extended line. It will substantially reduce the entire cost of the project.

Resident Ed Rebitch asked if Totteridge would be tied into the serviceable area since they have their own private system. Solicitor Falatovich explained that tying into a system with an existing system would cause problems obtaining RUS funding. Totteridge is not tied into the original 537 Plan.

Resident Connie Mattei expressed concerns with residents, that are on the outskirts of the service area that have perfectly functioning septic units, being forced to tie into the line.

Resident Eric Hageder informed the board of an article that was recently published in the Tribune Review concerning Totteridge and a housing and sewage expansion project.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT

4A. Solicitor's Report

4B. Treasurer's Report - submitted for the month ending May 31, 2024.

4C. Park Initiative Report

5. OLD BUSINESS – update on the light at Forbes Rd Fire department. Ken Trumbetta said it was submitted to West Penn and it is in their hands.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

7A. Motion made by Ken Trumbetta and seconded by Kerry Jobe to adjourn the meeting with the next meeting being a regular meeting to be held on July 17, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Salem Township Municipal Building.

Vote: Bob Zundel, Ken Trumbetta and Kerry Jobe voted for the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Time of adjournment: 8:50

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Otto (minutes taken from audio recording)