

**SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Mr. Richard Talanca, Mr. John Fogg Jr., Mr. Steven Fraind**  
**38 Bomboy Lane, Berwick, PA 18603**

**MINUTES**

**May 11, 2026, Regular Meeting 6:00 PM**

The Salem Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date and time in the Administration Building, 38 Bomboy Lane, Berwick, PA 18603. Present were Chairman Richard Talanca, Vice-Chairman Steven Fraind, and Road Master John Fogg Jr. Also present were, DPW Foreman Ed Fenton, Police Sergeant Thomas Hegland, Zoning Officer Brian Rhone, and Manager Amy Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

**Meeting Minutes**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026, and the Work Session Minutes of April 28, 2026, were approved.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Karla Pauterbuagh asked the Board who would be paying for the drone and was informed that it would come from the Zoning budget.

Malcolm Plevyak discussed the need for a single stream drop off recycling container that the DPW can haul.

**Correspondence**

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

- SPCA Q1 2026 Report showing 1 intake.

**Amy Evans presented the Treasurer's Report** for April 2026.

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Amy Evans presented the Manager's Report** for April 2026.

**Police Sergeant Thomas Hegland** provided the Chief's report for April 2026.

**DPW Foreman Ed Fenton** provided his report for April 2026. He informed the Board that the Street Sweeping Project was completed, the Park restrooms were opened, and the crew are

preparing streets for paving. He requested permission to close Varner's Hollow for six hours to complete repairs.

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the closing of Varner's Hollow Road for six hours for repair work.

**Zoning Officer Brian Rhone** provided his report for April 2026. He issued 10 road cut permits, 15 zoning permits, 2 dumpster permits, and 8 building permits. He informed the Board that Don E. Bower was unaware that they would have to pave Main Street from curb to curb for the waterline installation restoration. Brian further informed the Board that if crowd sizes continue to grow, he may have to move the location of the Planning Commission Meetings.

**Engineer Rock Stahovic** provided his report for April 2026. He informed the Board that the Central Road Grant was extended.

**BAJSA Representative Ernest Ashbridge III** informed the Board that BAJSA has hired two new employees. He added that there is a pinch point on the sewer line and that a pump station may be required. Peters Consultants Engineer is working on the plans.

**Fire Department Fire Chief Lee Smith** submitted a report for April 2026. The Chief requested several approvals from the board.

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the sale or trade of the 1998 Utility which is Relief owned.

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board tabled approval to purchase a 2019 F-350 Dually flatbed pickup truck either by a cash purchase or taking out a loan to spread out the cost to gather more information on newer vehicles.

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved purchase / bid on a skid unit from Municibid which ends in about 10 days with the current price being \$2,500 and similar units that are new selling between \$12,500 and \$20,000.

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the purchase of gear for \$19,950 from FRP which will be a firemen's Relief purchase.

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved Cassidy Remphrey as a Social Member of the Salem Township Fire Company.

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved Tyler Weaver to serve as Lieutenant due to John Baltzer resigning.

**EMA Director Tim Belles** was not present but reported that the EMA received a county grant for the purchase of new computer.

**Shade Tree Commission member Brian Wieners** was not present but reported that the memorial tree near the flag is dying from last year's storm damage and would not survive if moved.

**Community Events** dates were announced; May 13th Electronics Recycling, May 14, 2026, Paper Shredding, May 16, 2026, Dumpster Day and May 30<sup>th</sup> Community Yard Sale, June 6<sup>th</sup> Police Glow Golf Tournament.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **BMC Furniture Costars Quote**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a proposal for \$30,112.07 to move and store existing cubicles, purchase additional cubicles, officer chairs, power panels, and upper storage for cubicles from BMC Furniture, a Costars seller.

##### **Playground Toddler Structure**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the purchase of a toddler main structure for \$36,725 for the park improvements projects which includes the replacement of swings from Landscape Structures, a Costar dealer.

##### **53 Main Street**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the purchase of 53 Main Street, Berwick, for \$45,000 and accepted a sales agreement for the same.

##### **Trash/Recycling**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the advertisement for bids for municipal trash pickup with an added alternative for single stream recycling pick up and an add alternative for single stream recycling drop off.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Salem Twp. Fire Co. Parade Route**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the parade route with road closures for about 30-45 min. with Fire Police and the Police Department to assist with traffic.

##### **Salem Twp. Fire Co. Carnival**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the closure of E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and E. 5 ½ Street in the vicinity of the Fire Hall during the East Berwick Carnival and DPW to Place Road Closed Signs.

### **Purchase New Printers**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the purchase of printers for the Administration office and the Fire Department for \$16,408 from Topp Business Solutions, a Costars company, to replace existing printers that have reached the end of their useful life.

### **Printer Service Agreement**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board accepted a service agreement for the new printers for an estimated cost of \$1,150 each per year, \$160 less than the current service agreement expenses.

### **Drone Purchase for Zoning**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the purchase of a drone for the Codes/Zoning department for \$13,110.

### **Resolution 12 of 2026**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board adopted Resolution 12 of 2026 creating the position of Assistant Manager and approved that the position be advertised.

### **Riverfest Donation – \$500 in 2025**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the donation of \$2,000 to the Riverfest Event.

### **737 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Flooding**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved DPW to create a proper drainage area at 737 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to alleviate flooding/ponding coming from the road.

### **Donation of Office Furniture/Equipment to Municipalities**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the donation of Office Furniture/Equipment to other municipalities that were slated to be sold on Municibid.

### **Burn Ban Rescission**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board rescinded a burn ban in the Township due to excessive rainfall.

**Resolution 13 of 2026 – DCED GTRP Grant Application to support recent DCNR Grant Application (Main Structure)**

**On motion of** Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board adopted Resolution 13 of 2026, a Resolution to apply for a DCED GTRP Grant to support recent DCNR Grant Application for funds to replace the main playground structure in the park.

**For the Good of the Township**

Karla Pauterbaugh inquired about a Formal Use Policy for the drone and asked the Board about the no-fly zone in the area of the power plant. There is not a no-fly zone in the area. She was also informed that the Township would not be releasing videos of anyone's properties as it could pose a risk to a resident to do so and is therefore not public information.

A resident that lives on Route 11 discussed water that is ponding at the telephone pole along Route 11. Codes Officer Brian Rhone stated that the AWS water team will be contacting him this week concerning the water. The gentleman added that there is a lot of noise from the construction vehicles during all hours. Several attendees complained of the same.

Harry Belushki asked the Supervisors if they would like to purchase 88 Walnut Drive for \$100,000 since it is adjacent to the Carnival Grounds. The Board agreed to have the Manager request a market analysis to consider the offer.

Malcolm Plevyak discussed upgrading the sewer in Beach Haven, a manhole cover that is an issue and the QTS hookup to public sewer. Ernest Ashbridge informed him that Peters consulting is looking into any issues that will need to be resolved.

A gentleman asked CO Brian Rhone about the vacant properties. Brian explained that QTS will have a team that will come next week to serve as security guards and watch the homes and a second team will come in and board them up and apply for the demolition permits.

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board added Hometown Heroes flags to the Agenda.

The Manager will review the paperwork for the poles to ensure that there is nothing that needs to be renewed and then readvertise the program.

The Board discussed the Veteran's Memorial Monument with Ernest Ashbridge and the Engineer. Ernest will continue to work with the Engineer to downscale the project to lessen the cost. The Board also discussed moving the monument to the Township property which Brian Rhone is working on.

**With no further business,** the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager