

SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mr. Ernest Ashbridge III, Mr. Richard Talanca, Mr. John Fogg Jr.
38 Bomboy Lane, Berwick, PA 18603

MINUTES

September 23, 2025, Work Session Meeting 5:00 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 Ernest Ashbridge III, Vice-Chairman Richard Talanca and Road Master John Fogg Jr. Also, in attendance were Zoning Officer Brian Rhone, and Manager Amy Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Veteran's Memorial Bids

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board rejected all bids for the Veteran's Memorial Project. The Manager will seek additional funding for the project.

Tree Trimming Bids

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., A Certified Arborist, the lowest responsible bidder, was awarded the tree trimming project for \$37,800.

New DPW Garage

The Board reviewed a couple quotes for steel garage buildings and a fit out estimate from the Engineer for a new DPW garage building.

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board instructed the Engineer to investigate the sewer on the DPW property.

August 2025 Codes/Zoning Financial Report

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved the transfer of \$7,492.63 from the Codes/Zoning Money Market to the General Fund for August.

Correct Minutes of July 22, 2025

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a correction to the July 22, 2025, Minutes to change all references of a “2017” Ford to “2018.”

Foreign Fire

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the distribution of the State Foreign Fire funds of \$35,957.30 to the Salem Township Volunteer Fire Relief Association.

Road Closures & Detours

The Manager informed the Board that Don E. Bower will be submitting a list of requested road closures for the waterline installation along with detours for the Boards approval.

2025 Paving Coordination, Postponements & Cost Sharing

The Engineer discussed the UGI Gas Line Project. The Board requested that the Engineer ask the contractor if we can remove 4th Street from the 2025 Paving Project and add the alley between 2nd and 3rd from Line Street to the County Line.

2026 Paving Project

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the Engineer to prepare a cost estimate for the 2026 roads to pave based on the Engineer’s recommendation for roads to pave in 2026. The Engineer will provide the estimate in time for it to be included in the 2026 Budget.

Leaf Pickup and Brush Pickup Dates

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved dates for fall leaf pick up and dates for brush chipping pick up.

Design Group 1-acre lot on 8th street

The Township was approached to see if there would be interest in the property. The Board would like more information on the property as it would make a good soccer field. The Manager will get more information for the Board to review.

For the Good of the Township

Roger Hill expressed that the Board should do a 1” overlay prior to any sealcoat project to make the road last longer. The Board will try it on one of the roads with the next sealcoat project.

Karen Earlandt questioned the age of Bomboy Lane due to it being on the paving list for 2026. The road is more than 10 years old.

Mr. Earlandt expressed concern over paving the road prior to the completion of the Commercial Solar project. He was informed that the road will be insured with a road bond in the event they follow through with the project.

The Earlandts discussed loose turkeys with the Board. They indicated that the neighbor had rounded them up the last time they were on their property.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager