

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

**MINUTES**

**February 25, 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**

Roger Hill asked if the Township has looked into purchasing a street sweeper rather than contracting the work out. The cost to purchase one was discussed.

**Moratorium on Solar Farms**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved to add a Resolution to place a moratorium on solar farms in the Township on the Agenda.

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved Resolution 6 of 2025 imposing a Moratorium on the acceptance, review, and approval of applications for the establishment of expansion of solar farms in the Township for a period of six months.

**Veterans Memorial Concept Plan**

The Board reviewed a rendering of the Veterans Memorial project. Once the cost estimate is received the project can be advertised for bidding.

**Local 542 Ratification Agreement**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a Union Local 542 Ratification Agreement.

**Fire Company Tablets (5)**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the purchase of five tablets from Verizon for \$100 per month under the Township's account which will be

reimbursed by the Fire Company in order to use the government account discounts saving the Fire Company \$400 per month.

### **Carnivals and Road Closures**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved road closures for the East Berwick Carnival and the Beach Haven Carnival.

### **StopHopper Rabbit Transit Service**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board tabled discussion until the March meeting once the Manager gathers more information.

### **Planning Commission Solicitor Appointment**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board appointed the law firm of Donald G. Karpowich Attorney at Law PC at a rate of \$185 per hour as the Solicitor for the Planning Commission.

### **Rental of Hydroc Vac Trailer**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a contract to rent a Hydro Vac Trailer with Vermeer North Atlantic for \$3,660 for two weeks to be used by the DPW to clean inlet boxes.

### **Street Sweeping**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., a proposal to do street sweeping in the Township for \$188.50 per hour from Don E. Bower Inc. for the urban streets in the Township beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April and for the Township parking lot the day after Trunk or Treat and estimated total of \$9,048 has been accepted.

### **Zoning Truck**

**On motion of** John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved the purchase of a 2024 Ford F150 for the Zoning Office from Sunbury Motors for \$46,797 through the Costars contract.

### **Dodge Durango Sale**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the sale of the Dodge Durango Zoning Vehicle on Municibid to the highest bidder.

## **Dog Kennel**

**On motion of** Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the donation of the dog kennel to Haven to Home Canine Rescue due to the kennel not being a sufficient place for lost animals to be held in temperatures at or below 32 degrees and at or above 90 degrees in the summer.

## **Beach Grove Road Cemetery**

The Board discussed the cemetery needing a 250' section of fencing with 2 gates which will cost \$14,500. John Fogg Jr. explained that there were two organizations that can potentially donate but it might not be all the funds. Ernest Ashbridge III read from the Township code citing that a Township is not permitted to use coffers to donate to a cemetery unless the Township owns the cemetery.

## **For the Good of the Township**

Fire Chief Lee Smith was asked about a written statement concerning the Beach Haven Fair Grounds. Lee said that it was discussed at the last Fire Company meeting and that they are willing to sign a written agreement that states they can use the land for their fund raisers after the transfer and that if for any reason they do not sign over the property after the survey is completed then they will reimburse the Township for the cost of the survey. The Solicitor will be asked to draw up the agreement.

**With no further business**, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager

