

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

MINUTES

January 6, 2025, 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 Ernest Ashbridge III, Vice-Chairman Richard Talanca, and Supervisor John Fogg Jr. Also present were Solicitor Anthony McDonald, DPW Foreman Ed Fenton, Police Chief Mike McNeal, 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 Richard Talanca, the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024, have been approved.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

- PSATS Notice of Restatement Requirements for Pension Plans at a cost of \$600 each

Amy Evans presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2024.

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Police Chief Mike McNeal provided his report for December 2024 and informed the Board that all crimes have dropped except for theft due to recent vehicle thefts. He also informed the Board that cadets will be doing ride-alongs with the Department.

DPW Foreman Ed Fenton provided his report for December 2024. Ed informed the Board there were five winter events so far, the trees have been planted in the park, and they will begin picking up Christmas trees every Friday. He added that Robert Bogart, DPW's newest employee is doing well.

Codes Officer Brian Rhone provided his report for December 2024. He issued 2 zoning permits, and 2 building permits for the month. He also informed the Board that John Ross, the new part-time zoning officer, is doing well.

BAJSA Representative Steve Fraind presented the BAJSA report for December and provided the January meeting Agenda.

Fire Department Fire Chief Lee Smith submitted a report for December 2024 to the Board.

EMA Director Tim Belles had nothing to report for December.

Shade Tree Commission member Brian Wieners informed the Board that he assisted DPW with planting the two trees in the park.

Parks and Recreation

The Board will not meet again until spring.

Old Business

Standard Fine Ordinance

The Solicitor and Zoning Officer will have a Standard Fine Ordinance ready for review at the Work Session.

New Business

Pioneer Construction – Requested to Store Pipe in ROW on Dell with Cert. of Insurance/Add Dell to Road Bond (Paved in 2022).

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board did not allow Pioneer Construction to store materials in the right of way on Dell Drive as it will cause damage to the road that paved in 2022.

DPW Comcast Contract – \$114.94 Per Month (Currently \$122.73)

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a contract with Comcast for service at the DPW garage for \$114.94 per month.

Motorola Solutions Equipment – \$8,803.99 to Resolve Communications with Columbia County

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the purchase of the Motorola Solutions equipment for \$8,803.99 that will allow the Police Department to communicate with departments in Columbia County.

Run for the Cookies

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved the 2025 Run for the Cookies Race on February 22, 2025.

The Manager provided everyone with Statements of Financial Interest to complete for 2024 and announced that the forms are due by May 1, 2025.

For the Good of the Township

Randy Panetta discussed Berwick Borough's Crossing Guards making less money than the Salem Township Crossing Guards. It was explained that each municipality determines the rate of pay for those working within their municipality.

Ernest Ashbridge discussed ambulance service issues in the Township with the average wait time being 40 minutes. With the AWS construction, he suggested that they have an ambulance on site. It was brought up that if they have ambulance on site, that ambulance will be required to respond to all emergencies with a certain mile radius.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager