

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

MINUTES

November 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 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.

An Executive Session was held on November 25, 2025, to discuss pending litigation.

Public Comment on Agenda Items from Residents and Taxpayers of Salem Township

Richard Talanca announced that the December 9, 2025, meeting will be postponed to December 15, 2025.

Malcolm Plevyak stated that he believes that the retainer and hourly rate should apply with Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) negotiations or it should be put out to bid. The Solicitor informed him that professional services do not fall under the bidding rules. John Fogg added that Malcolm, in a letter to the Township, stated that he collaborated with the previous Solicitor, Tony McDonald, to negotiate \$20 million in CBAs which was not put out to bid and that there is not \$20 million in CBAs.

Richard Talanca stated that he would like to see the Township offer assistance to people to hook up to the public water in the budget. With \$3 million going into the Money Market Account, it was determined that once there is a cost estimate, we can use the investment for that purpose through a vote at a public meeting.

2026 Budget

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved advertising the Budget for a vote at the December meeting.

2026 Commercial Spraying Agreement

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved a three-year agreement for roadside spraying with DCS for \$6,250 per year.

Little Free Pantry

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board voted against the installation of a Little Free Pantry. A donation to a local food pantry was suggested instead such as the Berwick Area YMCA.

CBA Negotiations Solicitor Agreement

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved an agreement with the Solicitor to negotiate a Community Benefit Agreement on behalf of the Township with Dorothy Dee Partners, LLC, for 7.5% for the first 5 years and 5% for the remaining years of the agreement.

Transfer \$500,000 from the Money Market Account to the General Fund

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved the transfer of \$500,000 from the Money Market Account to the General Fund to cover the cashier's check for the purchase of 74 Walnut Drive.

Carnival Grounds Survey

The Board reviewed the survey with the engineer. The manager will send the property descriptions to the Solicitor for preparation of the new deed.

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board agreed to gather proposals to survey 74 Walnut Drive.

Petition to Vacate Public Streets

The Board discussed the petition with Brian Rhone. 120 lots will be consolidated into 1-2 lots, about 1,800 acres. The petition includes portions of Cemetery and Market and all of Kiliti Road. Concerns included emergency vehicles and the loss of road frontage for one resident. It was discussed making changes so that no one loses road frontage and creating a road through the center of the properties to keep access for emergency vehicles. The petition will be submitted at the beginning of December, and the hearing is expected to take place at the end of January.

For the Good of the Township

Roger Hill said that he was waiting to see the new truck. He stated that the Township should have purchased the truck in Ohio. The Solicitor explained that unless they are a Costars dealer, we would have had to put it out to bid. They were not a Costars dealer.

Malcolm Plevyak stated that Bob Wilkins, President of the NRC, told him that he had no idea what was going on with the sirens in Salem Township.

John Fogg, responding to Roger Hill's questions about changing to a 5-person board, stated that he has inquired with Luzerne County but has not gotten a response yet.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager