

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

MINUTES

February 24, 2026, Work Session 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, in attendance were Zoning Officer Brian Rhone, and Manager Amy Evans.

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

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

There was no comment on Agenda items.

Ed Harris Part-Time

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board hired Ed Harris part time at \$24.11 per hour as per the Union Contract, retroactively to February 1, 2026.

Luzerne County Boroughs and Townships Association Dinner Meeting

The Board will inform the Manager to RSVP should they choose to attend.

PA American Water Hydrant Agreement

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board tabled a decision on the PA American Water Hydrant Agreement until the Solicitor has reviewed it.

Cameras 74 Walnut – Rental \$149.99/month; Purchase \$1,254.95

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the purchase of cameras to be installed at 74 Walnut for \$1,254.95 from NEPA Technologies.

Resolution 5 of 2026 – Safe Digging Month

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board adopted Resolution 5 of 2026 declaring April “Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month” in the Township.

Approvals for Fire Company:

- Airpak flow testing will need to be done soon. FRP did them last year on April 9th. Need approval **\$1,335.00**
- Rescue tool service will need to be done soon. Need approval **\$2,665.30**
- Are we going to get the hose and ladders tested this year? Need approval. Engine hose has not been tested yet. **(Need Quote)**

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the Fire Company to complete the Airpack flow testing for \$1,335 and complete the service of rescue tools at a cost of \$2,665.30 and to table the hose and ladder testing until they receive a quote for the cost.

- Hydrant adapters for the Front Street Hydrants **\$801.00**

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the purchase of three hydrant adaptors by the Township for the Fire Company for \$801.

Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Vendors

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the advertisement of an Ordinance regulating mobile food vendors upon satisfactory review of the Solicitor.

Ordinance Regulating Chickens

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the advertisement of an Ordinance regulating chickens in the Township upon satisfactory review of the Solicitor.

Permit Manager Web Based Services

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the purchase of web-based Permit Manager for the tracking of Codes and Zoning and for the tracking of paving, road cuts, and storm water infrastructure for \$1,850 and \$2,400, respectively.

Advertise Central Road Improvement Project

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the advertisement of an improvement project to Central Road which includes paving, sidewalks and ADA ramps funded by an LSA Grant.

For the Good of the Township

Richard Talanca announced that some Salem Township residents were sent tax bills that included Street Light Tax which are incorrect. New bills will be sent to those property owners removing the Street Light Tax.

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board added a resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board to the Agenda.

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board accepted the resignation of Brian Yohe from the Zoning Hearing Board due to his relocation outside of the Township.

The Manger will advertise for letters of interest from folks interested in filling the vacancy.

Roger Hill expressed concern over the location of some of the new fire hydrants. He feels that they are too close to the pavement and will likely get ruined during plowing.

Randy Panetta addressed the Board concerning his property being inundated with deer. Richard Talanca and Brian Rhone have spoken to Amazon, and they will monitor their entrances. However, there is no way for the Township to regulate where wild animals exist or wander. Brian directed Mr. Panetta to the Township website that contains a link to make complaints directly to the construction company that is working on the Amazon site, and he asked for contacts at the Game Commission that Mr. Panetta has spoken with so that Brian can contact them for advice on the issue.

Shawn Young informed the Board that there has been a lot of traffic speeding on Stone Church coming from Confers Lane. Sergeant Thomas Hegland stated that he can set up some speed lines in the area.

Leanne Shultz asked about the limits on the number of chickens in the Ordinance that was on the Agenda. Brian Rhone reiterated that the limit is six chickens if you are under 2 acres and if you have 2 acres or more you can have 6 chickens. Brian added that this Ordinance only applies to Residential zoned areas and does not apply to Agriculture zoned areas.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager