

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

MINUTES

January 28, 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

Paul Hess informed the Board of what other municipalities charge for games of skill and the Board informed Mr. Hess that there is not currently an ordinance that regulates games of skill in the Township and that they will be pursuing one.

Veterans Memorial Concept Plan

Bryan Smith, Barry Isett and Associates presented the concept plan to the Board for the Veterans Memorial and where the monument will be placed. The Board requested that Mr. Smith move forward with a cost estimate and specifications for the project.

Paving & Sealcoat Program

The Board reviewed a 5-year plan for Paving and Sealcoat projects. Rock from Barry Isett & Associates will put together costs estimates for the roads indicated for 2025 for consideration to bid for the next meeting.

General Penn DOT Permit Application – Stone Church Road Pipe Replacement

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board accepted a proposal from Barry Isett to prepare and apply for a DEP permit to replace a pipe on Stone Church Road to prepare for paving for \$44,250.

Moratorium – Games of Skill Permits

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a moratorium on Games of Skill permits to allow time for an Ordinance to be written and passed legislating Games of Skill in the Township.

Berwick Area Little League Field Request

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved for the Little League to use the baseball field for the 2025 season.

Confers Lane Crosswalk

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the installation of a crosswalk on Confers Lane at the AWS construction site to ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing in the area.

Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Contract

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a contract with Pitney Bowes for 60 months at \$900.36 per year for a postage meter.

Zoning Map Update Proposal

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., a proposal to update the zoning map to include two overlay districts for \$1,700 has been approved.

NDA – 4/3 Consulting, Ryan LLC

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a Non-Disclosure Agreement with 4/3 Consulting and denied a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Ryan, LLC due to no knowledge of company or whether the Township would be handling any proprietary information from the company.

Walnut Drive Lot 55P4NW2 00307A000

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved ordering an appraisal from Killian Appraisals for lot 55P4NW2 00307A000 in Beach Haven to determine the value for a purchase agreement.

Funds Transfer

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca., the Board approved the transfer of \$250,000 from the Money Market Account to the General Fund; funds that were permit fees placed in the Money Market Account temporarily for the higher interest rate.

For the Good of the Township

Brian Rhone informed the Board that PA American Water has applied for road cut permits along Bowers from Mill Road to 16th Street.

Brian Rhone informed the Board that he has not received any recent complaints of noise coming from the ribbon factory.

Ernest Ashbridge requested the Manger contact Rep. Walsh for assistance with Penn DOT maintenance to the stone wall on Seybert's Hill as requested by Brian Hill.

Malcolm Plevyak requested a status on the waterline and was informed that the Public Utility Commission approved the application with a 16" pipe, and the project will be going out to bid soon with construction starting in 2025.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager