

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

MINUTES

March 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

Roger Hill inquired about the park project. He was informed that it included replacing the main play structure and installing a trail around the ball field for parents to walk while their children are practicing.

BAJSA Representative Ernest Ashbridge III informed the Board that BAJSA is readvertising to fill four openings at the plant as they are hoping to get more applicants. He added that AWS is purchasing a new centrifuge for BAJSA. Ernest also requested that the Board add to the waterline ordinance that wells must be filled once a customer is hooked up to the public waterline.

Chairman Richard Talanca presented Ernest Ashbridge III with an engraved watch commemorating his 12 years of service as a Supervisor to Salem Township.

Berwick Area Transitional Services

Frank Spaide addressed the Board with a presentation of the project and the services that it will provide to the community to support individuals facing housing instability and related hardships.

Central Ave. Bids

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board awarded the Central Ave. Improvement Project to Big Rock Paving for \$526,526 as the lowest responsible bidder and subject to an extension of a grant for the project.

Route 11 Waterline Project Restoration

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board allowed for Don E. Bower to work on the project from 7:00PM to 7:00AM from Bomboy Lane moving North.

Hydrant Adapters for Mocanaqua Fire Company

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the purchase of two hydrants adaptors for the Mocanaqua Fire Company for \$534 for the new fire hydrants throughout Route 11 and Beach Haven.

DCNR C2P2 Grant Application

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved a grant application for the main park structure and trail project costing \$441,480 with a \$220,740 match that may be funded through a DCED GTRP grant and in-kind work provided by DPW.

Street Sweeping

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a proposal from Don E. Bower for \$195 per hour for street sweeping in town and after events at the Township with an estimated total of \$9,360.

Township Seal Embosser

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board approved the purchase of a desktop Township seal embosser and the addition of "Est. 1786" on the seal for \$312.56.

Municipal Building Site Survey

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a proposal from Barry Isett to complete a site survey for the building renovation project for \$2,800.

For the Good of the Township

Randy Panetta informed the Board that near the emergency road on Bell Bend water is coming out of the manhole. He was informed that the Codes Office and Engineer have been out to look at it and have contacted AWS to resolve the issue.

A resident inquired about a closure of North Market Street. She was informed that nothing has been presented to the Board and that the Planning Commission will be reviewing that request at their meeting on Thursday.

Bob Vajda complained of water run-off.

Robert Olack inquired about water hook up requirements and costs. He was informed that the ordinance states that everyone within 150' of the waterline must hook up and that the Supervisors do not know what the cost would be. John Fogg informed him that it would not be a cost that the homeowner will have to pay as per the Solicitor, but those details are still being worked out for the cost.

Mrs. Olack questioned why Beach Haven was getting a waterline to which she was informed that PA American Water needed to have a certain number of customers so that the water did not end up stagnant.

Mr. Olack mentioned the earlier request that residents who hook up be required to fill their wells as being in the ordinance. He was informed that such a requirement is not in the current ordinance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager