SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mr. Richard Talanca, Mr. Steven Fraind, Mr. John Fogg Jr.
1100 Fowler Ave, Berwick, PA

MINUTES

July 28, 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 Solicitor Anthony McDonald, Zoning Officer Brian Rhone, and Manager Amy Evans.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Gerry Olenick of Salem Township inquired about the Resolution and asked about Alicia looking into a moratorium on data centers. He expressed concerned over there not being enough space at a planning commission meeting.

Parks and Recreation Discussion

Jay Bogart presented the Board with a depiction of the carnival grounds made into a memorial park with pavilions, picnic tables, a walking path and space for the carnival and fireworks. The Board responded positively and explained that they started to renovate the carnival grounds and indicated that they plan on continuing to improve it. They are open to hearing ideas.

Resolution 19 of 2026

The Solicitor explained the curative amendment resolution in that although it cannot effect any applications that have already been submitted, it does affect any new application for data center usage and energy stations.

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., Resolution 19 of 2026, a resolution invoking the protection of municipal curative amendment for data center uses and energy generation stations, is adopted.

Garbage Pickup

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved the payment of residential garbage pick-up directly to the trash collection company of their choice up to $450 per year and beginning on January 1, 2026.

Manager Amy Evans informed the Board that Berwick Borough Manager, Damien Scoblink is working on an agreement for recycling at Test Track Park to include Salem Township residents.

Meeting Room Furniture

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind, the Board tabled a decision to purchase furniture for the meeting room until the August meeting to allow for additional quotes.

Handicap Parking Sign Request

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Steven Fraind the Board the Board tabled a decision until the next meeting.

Slow Down Blind Driveway Ahead Request

On motion of Steven Fraind seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board tabled approved the installation of "slow down, blind driveway" signs to be installed on Stone Church Road near Marantha Lane in the interest in public safety.

Building Renovation Change Orders

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., change order number 1 adding a sub-contractor for the HVAC and Plumbing work for $60,653.44 for the administration/police building renovations is approved.

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., change order number 2 adding the removal of asbestos for Phase I of the project for $35,959.51 for the administration/police building renovations is approved.

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., change order number 3 adding the removal of asbestos for Phases II and III of the project for $32,954.99 for the administration/police building renovations is approved.

QTS Stone Church Road Sewer

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., option one of the three options presented by the Berwick Area Sewer Authority, installing the sewer line up Stone Church Road with QTS funding all mandatory hookups, those within 150" of the line per Ordinance, is approved.

Comcast Internet Service and Free Cable

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved a contract with Comcast for internet service at the Administration Building, including the Police Station and at the DPW building with free cable included for $469.90 per month, an amount that will save the Township $222.37 per month over current service.

Donation to Berwick Assembly of God

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board agreed to make a donation to the Berwick Assembly of God church of $100 for each meeting held at the church's facility.

Advertise Clean Up of Properties in Violation

On motion of Steven Fraind, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board approved an advertisement for bids for the clean -up services for properties that are in violation and are unresponsive to citations for codes violations.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager