

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

MINUTES

October 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 from Residents and Taxpayers of Salem Township

Nate Eachus from Drums raised his hand to speak. When asked if he was a resident or a taxpayer of Salem Township, he began to tell the Supervisors that he lives within a 10-mile radius of the nuclear plant and that there are things there that are poisoning the water. Chairman Ernest Ashbridge III made several attempts to speak to Mr. Eachus before slamming the gavel and making it clear that this will be his only warning that disruptions to the meeting will not be tolerated and he will be removed if he continues. With Mr. Eachus continuing to disrupt the meeting, Officer Ray Tonkinson, and Officer Aaron Lupacchini escorted Mr. Eachus out of the meeting.

Addendum to Carnival Grounds Agreement

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., an addendum to the Carnival Grounds Agreement to extend the closing date to January 31, 2025, to allow time for the survey to be completed. It was noted that information is needed from the National Railroad Archives which cannot be obtained while the government is shut down.

Change Order No. 1 2025 Pave Project

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved Change Order Number 1 for the 2025 Pave Project that removes a portion of 4th Street and adds the Alley between 2nd and 3rd Streets for an increase in price of \$6,751 due to a utility project planned for that portion of 4th Street.

Little Free Pantry

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., a decision on a Little Free Pantry is tabled and the Board requested that the representative from Dynamic Energy come to a meeting to discuss options for giving back to the community.

Barry Isett 2026 Paving Project Proposal

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved a proposal from Barry Isett for the 2026 Paving Project for \$30,850.

Market Analysis

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board shall request the Realtor complete a market analysis on a one-acre lot on 8th Street.

Resolution 24 of 2025 – State LSA Grant Application for Fire Station Design \$228,480 and a match of \$57,120

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board adopted Resolution 24 of 2025 to apply for a State LSA Grant for the design of a new Fire Station for \$228,480 with the Township providing a match of \$57,120.

Resolution 25 of 2025

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board adopted Resolution 25 of 2025 to apply for a State LSA Grant for the design of design of a Waterline Phase II Project to extend the public water down Route 11 to Mingle Inn Road for \$174,665 with the Township providing a match of \$43,666.

Change Order No. 2 2025 Pave Project

On motion of John Fogg Jr., seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved Change Order Number 2 for the 2025 Pave Project to add two new inlets at Line and 2nd Streets due to the poor condition of the existing inlets at a cost of \$3,330.30.

2026 Paving Estimate

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the 2026 Paving Estimate will be added to the 2026 Budget and considered after the Budget adoption.

Line Painting

The Manager informed the Board that H & K will be doing line painting on Bowers Road and on the streets in town that previously had lines. Ernest Ashbridge III stressed the importance of getting the line painting done before the temperatures get too cold.

Unifirst Settlement

On motion of Richard Talanca, seconded by John Fogg Jr., the Board accepted a contract settlement with Unifirst, DPWs uniform provider, for \$3,700.

Beach Haven Fire Station Plot Plan

Lee Smith and Rich Eyer developed a plot plan for the new fire station, and it was reviewed by the Board.

For the Good of the Township

On motion of Ernest Ashbridge III, seconded by Richard Talanca, the Board approved the addition of an Eagle Scout Project to the Agenda.

Brian Rhone discussed the project of the building of a shed kit at the school by an Eagle Scout. The Scout did not factor in the cost of permits for the project, which is \$65. The Board will consider donating to the project if the Scout comes up short on funds.

Roger Hill asked if seniors will be given a break when hooking up to the water line. Possible assistance from Amazon was mentioned.

The Board discussed the distance of the hydrants on the new waterline which is approximately 500' apart.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Evans, Manager