

# SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## *Regular Business Meeting*

October 21, 2015

Chairman Styer called the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance. Present were:

**Jim Styer**, Chairman  
**Tom Neff**, Vice Chairman  
**Barb Lynch**, Supervisor  
Robert Iannozzi, Solicitor

Karen Landis, Secretary  
Doug Hedrick, Road Superintendent  
Wayne Mensinger, Zoning Officer

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Jim Styer reviewed items 2a through 2e; there being no questions **Motion 15-076** by Styer, second by Neff approved the following. Motion carried 3 – 0.

- a. Approval of A/P invoices
- b. Approval of October 7<sup>th</sup> minutes
- c. Approval of September Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Committee and Staff Reports
- e. Authorize Advertisement – Public Hearing updating IV Regional Comp Plan

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **REVISED 2015 FEE SCHEDULE** – as follow up from October 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Session regarding zoning permit fees, **Motion 15-077** by Styer, second by Neff approved **Resolution 15-1742** revising the 2015 Fee Schedule to flat rate fee (\$100) for Accessory Use and Additions zoning permits. Motion carried 3 – 0.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE #165 (BURNING REGULATIONS)** – objective of proposed ordinance was to repeal current non-compliant burning ordinances and provide a reference for Fire Company when called upon to extinguish a burning fire. Fire Company officials have reviewed and additional requests were included. Marshall Blum pointed out a typographical error. **Motion 15-077** by Styer, authorizing Solicitor to advertise proposed ordinance with changes. No second – Motion fell. Nate Yothers (Fire Marshall) reported Fire Company supports Ordinance for regulation of fire calls. Marshall Blum commented current ordinance is in violation of EPA guidelines and Philadelphia Air Basin. Discussion held on restrictions of ordinance or PA state law. Solicitor advised the questions before the BOS is 1) must repeal the two (2) current ordinances which are against state law, and 2) does the township want to enforce or defer to state for enforcement. Barb Lynch commented on a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> option of authorizing Fire Marshall to impose state code – Solicitor clarified. Marshall Blum recommended adopting the standard EPA template. Tom Neff commented on effectiveness of Fire Marshall enforcement. Following comments and discussion, Jim Styer reported proposed ordinance was reviewed in detail with Fire Company and supported; however, there being no sense of agreement among the BOS – authorization fails. Solicitor will amend proposed Ordinance

#165 repealing Ordinances 9 and 29 and recommended BOS review state law regarding burning regulations. Marshall Blum commented state statute is misleading and confusing and suggested adopting the model ordinance.

- B. 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET(S)** - Jim Styer reported on preliminary budget assumptions, handling reserve funds and five (5) year projections. Jim commented on an opportunity to set aside reserve funds for capital improvement projects, open space, and parks. In order to balance the Sewer Budget discussion was held on whether or not sewer operating expenses should be absorbed by the General Fund and whether FSA rate increases should be passed along to sewer users. Preliminary approval for advertisement is expected at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NEXT MEETING (NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>) AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Review/Authorize advertisement of revised Ordinance #165
- b. Preliminary Budget approval
- c. Review revised Ordinance 149 (Parks)
- d. Building renovations
- e. King Road bridge

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, **Motion 15-079** by Styer, second by Lynch and Neff adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

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**APPROVED: NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

**MOTION: 15-080 BY: STYER SECOND BY: NEFF VOTE: 3 - 0**

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