

# SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## *Work Session Meeting*

October 1, 2014

Chairman Jim Styer called the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:35 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance. Present were:

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Jim Styer briefly explained the ordinances considered for adoption:

**ORDINANCE #163 – SPECIAL EVENTS** – Solicitor opened the public hearing; explained the intent of proposed ordinance which seeks to regulate special events; reported on advertising requirements and appropriate exhibits. There being no questions from the Board of Supervisors – the following comments/questions were received from the public:

Jim Ford questioned existing organizations (Gun Club, Winery, Playhouse, etc.) activities considered as “special events”.

Wayne Mensinger commented Fire House events would not be included in this Ordinance.

Barb Lynch questioned the permit process and costs. Zoning Officer suggested fee should be billed to cover costs of time incurred.

Marshall Blum commented on the number of cars at certain events.

Jim Styer commented the fee should be reasonable and aligned with other townships. The process of setting the fee was discussed among the BOS.

No further questions/comments, the hearing was closed - **Motion 14-082** by Styer, second by Neff approved enactment of Ordinance #163 as stated. Motion carried 3 – 0.

**ORDINANCE #164 – ARTICLE 4 (ZONING HEARING BOARD)** – Solicitor opened the public hearing; explained the intent of proposed ordinance replacing Article 4 relative to Zoning Hearing Board; reported on advertising requirements and appropriate exhibits. Barb Lynch questioned the change in radius notification. There being no further questions from the BOS – the following comments/questions were received from the public:

Barb McMonagle commented on the notification radius requirements.

No further questions/comments, the hearing was closed - **Motion 14-083** by Styer, second by Neff approved enactment of Ordinance #164 as stated. Motion carried 3 – 0.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Jim Styer reviewed items 3a through 3b. **Motion 14-084** by Styer, second by Neff approved Consent Agenda. Motion carried 3 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #165 – BURNING REGULATIONS** – Jim Styer briefly explained history of complaints and issues raised regarding inappropriate burning. Because the current burning ordinances are outdated, contradictory and not within state regulations, the BOS authorized the Solicitor to draft a proposed revised ordinance presented for discussion.

Barb Lynch advised input was received from resident experts (Planning Commission, Fire Company, Fire Marshall) who unanimously suggested to follow PA state regulations. Board discussion and numerous public comments were received on state regulations, enforcement abilities, Fire Marshall credentials, rural nature, etc. Solicitor advised the following questions be considered and recommended BOS consider local ordinance to include state guidelines.

1. Default to state regulation or local ordinance which provides greater to residents?
2. Define and determine enforcement regulations by zoning officer or fire marshall?
3. Time, place, manner restrictions are not contained in state regulations.

Marv McKown also requested clarification on the controversy of whether the Fire Company has authority to put the fire out when called to a scene.

Following lengthy comments/discussion the proposal for consideration would be to repeal Ordinances 9 and 29, adopt PA State burning regulations, add enforcement mechanism, and consider reasonable time, place, manner restrictions.

Action Item – Jim Styer to coordinate a joint meeting with key players (Fire Company Chief, Fire Marshall and Solicitor) for additional input into revised proposed ordinance for further discussion at October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #166 – TREE SAFETY** – Township arborist advised of Emerald Ash Borer devastating the ash tree population as well as a bacterial infection affecting white, red and pin oak trees. In order to protect public safety and public roads recommended process of identifying hazardous trees and notifying residents. In the event disease does affect the township tree population the proposed ordinance is for consideration.

Marshall Blum questioned liability of unidentified trees.

Tony Mielich commented on certification of township public works employees.

Solicitor Bob Iannozzi reported reference to this requirement in Section 2907 of Second Class Township Code.

Discussion was held on how past practices were handled.

**Motion 14-085** by Styer, second by Neff authorizing Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 166 as presented. Motion carried 2 – 1. Lynch opposed.

**NEXT MEETING (OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>) AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. 1<sup>ST</sup> DRAFT 2015 BUDGET
- b. FURTHER DISCUSSION/STATUS OF ORDINANCE #165 (BURNING REGULATIONS)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barb Lynch raised question on the request for exception to use Whites Mill for a memorial service while park is closed for construction. Discussion was held on whether the entire park was officially closed by the BOS or the dam construction area.

Fred Moyer commented on his familiarity of American Indian Society of PA (AISP) services.

Insurance carrier was contacted with regard to liability issues – option was to change the date to a weekend and/or across the street from the construction area. Solicitor advised the construction area has been noted as closed – the remainder of passive open space is still open to the public.

Jim Styer to ask if changing date and/or parking area would be a considerable option. Solicitor suggested BOS determine if property is closed in entirety – if not, no need for insurance carrier involvement. If not closed – signs needs be reflected accordingly.

Solicitor to contact the insurance carrier to clarify situation – if no liability issues, Jim Styer to advise requestor provided they stay away from construction site. Signs need to be adjusted to reflect the construction site is closed.

Barb Lynch expressed sympathy on the passing of Ladies Auxillary member Carol Leister and service arrangements.

Barb Lynch reported on Fire House Open House to be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Barb Lynch also announced Laura's II is officially open for business – welcome to Salford Township.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, **Motion 14-086** by Styer, second by Neff adjourned the meeting at 10:10 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

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**APPROVED:    OCTOBER 15, 2014**

**MOTION:    14-087            BY:    STYER            SECOND BY: LYNCH            VOTE: 3 - 0**

**(TOWNSHIP SEAL)**

