

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 9, 2016  
Lower Saucon Township

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**A. Call to Order** – Tom Rieger – 7:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call** – Tom Rieger, John Bate, Ed Inghrim, Pricilla deLeon, Donna Louder, Mark Hartney, Leslie Huhn.  
Absent: Mark Sivak, Mayor Fluck, Cathy Hartranft

**C. Council of Governments**

1. Minutes – Upon motion by Ed, second by Pricilla, the Partnership approved the January 13, 2016 minutes as written.
2. Treasurer's Report – Leslie presented the 2/29/16 Treasurer's Report for the checking account. Leslie reported the grants account was closed out and the funds were transferred into the checking account.
3. Approval to Pay Bills – None.

**D. Business Items**

1. Park & Rec Survey – The Partnership agreed this was a Township project. This will be removed from the agenda.
2. LVIP VII – Phase 3 and Phase 5A – Leslie provided an update. The City of Bethlehem will review the submission at their Planning Commission meeting to be held on Thursday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m. The Partnership expressed concern regarding more traffic on Easton Road. Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township have sent letters to the City of Bethlehem outlining concerns with the proposed development and the traffic associated with it.
3. Northampton County – Bridge Conveyance & Rehabilitation Program – Mark Hartney, Northampton County Administrator of Comm. & Economic Dev. stated the County has endorsed the concept of the bridge conveyance and rehabilitation program. They have identified 33 bridges that will be included in an RFP for a design/build firm that will be responsible for engineering, construction management and financing. Priscilla asked that when reviewing the repairs to Bridge #15 (Meadows Road Bridge) to please keep in mind that the specifications should include the use of a lime mortar and not Portland cement. Mark stated he will pass that information along because details such as that should be included in the RFP.
4. Round 9 Grant Applications – Tom stated Hellertown will be submitting grants for their Main Street project. Priscilla said she has asked staff to see if there is anything we can submit. She felt a joint project would be a good idea. Tom commented that submitting too many applications would narrow the ability to receive grant money.

**F. Brief Reports and Discussion Items**

1. County Gaming Authority – Both Hellertown and Lower Saucon have submitted their annual grant requests.
2. Joint COG Projects – Ed Inghrim said that the fundraiser at Taps was successful and raised \$300 for the environmental center.
3. Roads & Traffic – Construction of the Rt. 412 project is substantially complete in Hellertown. It is getting better but Donna Louder said there needed to be better signage in the Schimersville Road area. The Borough will be conducting a \$250,000 bridge rehabilitation project.

4. Saucon Valley Compost Center – The Compost Center opening date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Extended evening hours will be on 6/8, 7/13, 8/10 and 9/14.
5. Water Street Bridge Replacement – No update
6. Northampton County Report – CDBG applications are due and Gaming grants are being reviewed.
7. Community Day – Priscilla said our Jr. Council members have reached out to the National Honor Society to seek volunteers for Community. Kim Medei will talk to the students.

- G. Citizens/Members Commenting on Non-Agenda Items** – Ed Inghrim mentioned that yesterday he drove past the IESI Bethlehem Landfill and for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 15 years smelled methane on Applebutter Road. Donna said that BRE has been down since 9/13/15.
- H. Events** – Priscilla said the DEO Public Hearing for the IESI Southeastern Expansion will be held April 13<sup>th</sup> in the SVSD auditorium
- I. Adjournment** – Upon motion by Ed, second by Priscilla, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the SVSD.**