

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018  
Hellertown Borough

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**A. Call to Order** – Linda Leewright – 7:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call** – Tom Rieger, Phil Weber, Pricilla deLeon, Linda Leewright, Lori Vargo Heffner, and Leslie Huhn. Absent: Mark Hartney, James Hill, Mark Sivak and Cathy Hartranft.

**C. Council of Governments**

1. **Minutes** – Upon motion of Mr. Rieger, seconded by Mrs. deLeon, the members approved the minutes of February 14, 2018.
2. **Treasurer’s Report** – Upon motion of Mrs. deLeon, seconded by Mr. Weber, the treasurer’s report was approved.
3. **Approval to pay bills** – Mrs. Huhn indicated there were no bills to be paid.

**D. Business Items**

1. **Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan** – A conference call was held with Carolyn Yagle from EDP to discuss the scale of approach for the ADA component and the Stormwater Management. There was discussion on policies and project focus. We are utilizing the compliance to MS4 plans. We expect a response in July to our grant application. We also discussed utilizing the LVPC data, which Mr. Rieger had concerns with because the data they developed is focused on the warehouses which creates traffic concerns for the municipalities. As for the ADA component discussion ensued regarding principals and priorities, not viewing facility by facility. Mr. Rieger said we need community accessibility, public walkability and there are grants for that. Spoke about accessibility to historic sites, not necessarily historical buildings. It was mentioned that this is an unbudgeted expense and the question came up if the SVSD would be contributing.

With the LVPC survey, the question came up of they are doing updates in 2018 that would be significant. We could ask for a list after they complete.

2. **Pipeline Updates** –Mrs. deLeon said FERC gave conditional approval to PennEast.

The Adelphia Pipeline, which is already in place is converting from oil to natural gas. Mrs. deLeon said Attorney Elliott is drafting an EIA to submit. There are no pipelines in Hellertown. Mrs. deLeon asked that this information be added to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She spoke about the interactive map that Chester County provided regarding pipelines.

**E. Brief Reports & Discussion Items**

1. **County Gaming Grants** – Mr. Rieger was disappointed with Northampton County’s communication on the introduction of the ordinance to disband the Gaming Authority and how the money was distributed. Ms. Heffner said the money would have gone to the State had County Exec. McClure not made a deal to keep it and distribute it as he did.
2. **Joint COG Projects** – Multi-municipal plan previously discussed.
3. **Roads & Traffic** – High Street Bridge is open.
4. **Saucon Valley Compost Center – Pole Barn** – The Borough and Township are continuing to work on the bid specs for the project. Need to review zoning regs.

5. **Water Street Bridge/Meadows Road Bridge** – Water Street construction scheduled for spring/summer 2019. A site meeting was held at the Meadows Road Bridge. Indications were made that it may not be repairable. The Township will continue to communicate to the County the desire to rehab.
6. **Northampton County Report** – Lori Vargo Heffner spoke briefly about filling positions within the County. She reminded everyone that the County meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month.

Mr. Rieger stated that they will be bidding for garbage collection this summer. He asked about looking into recycling/hazardous waste collections and to talk with our EAC about it.

**F. Citizens Comments on Non Agenda Items** – None

**G. Events Calendar**

1. **Trick or Treat** – Mrs. deLeon requested that next year Trick or Treat is discussed at the SVP level before we take it back to our respective Councils for approval.
2. **Saucon Valley Spirit Parade** – October 21, 2018

**I. Adjournment** – Upon motion by Mr. Rieger, second by Mr. Weber, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at SVSD.**