

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 13, 2013  
Saucon Valley School District

- A. Call to Order – Ed Inghrim – 7:00 p.m.
- B. Those Present – Mayor Fluck, Joseph Pampanin, Sandra Miller, Ed Inghrim, Priscilla deLeon, Leslie Huhn, Cathy Hartranft. Guests: Mike Eshleman and Ty Johnson. Rick Delmore entered the meeting at 7:30 pm.
- C. Council of Governments
1. Adoption of Council of Governments Minutes – Mrs. deLeon suggested the location of meeting be added to the May minutes. Motion made by Priscilla deLeon, seconded by Sandra Miller, to approve the May 8, 2013 minutes with the addition of the meeting location at Hellertown Borough. Motion unanimously carried.
  2. Treasurer’s Report – Mrs. Huhn presented the report for October 2013. Motion made by Priscilla deLeon, seconded by Sandra Miller to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion unanimously carried.
  3. Approval to Pay Bills – there were no bills to be paid.
- D. New Business – Presentation of Fire Company Training Center
1. Mike Eshleman and Ty Johnson were present to review with the Partnership a proposal to build a fire training center near the Saucon Valley Compost Center. The property is owned by Hellertown Borough and located in Lower Saucon Township. The property consists of a total of 36 acres. The fire companies propose using 2 acres. Lower Saucon Township zoning allows for emergency uses.
- Mr. Eshleman reviewed the required training necessary for volunteer firefighters, showed the locations of other training facilities in relation to the Saucon Valley and displayed photos of a multi-use training facility.
- Further discussion proposed the training center would consist of a burn room, classroom space, maze, shooting range and vehicle rescue pad. Site concerns deliberated were water and sewer access, smoke, water run-off, future maintenance, liability and funding. The cost of the proposed training facility is expected to reach \$1,000,000.
- Mayor Fluck questioned whether alternative sites were reviewed. Mr. Pampanin indicated Hellertown Borough may look at this site to relocate the public works department. The plan

as proposed tonight has been expanded from a trailer to a training facility since Borough Council last saw it. Mr. Inghrim liked the proposal and indicated if approvals are given by Hellertown and Lower Saucon, the Partnership may endorse the project. Mrs. Miller suggested the plan be phased in the event 100% funding is not available. Mr. Pampanin suggested the fire companies expand the partnership with other departments.

E. Brief Reports and Discussion Items

1. Casino Impact Funding/County Gaming Authority – It was reported Lower Saucon received 50% of the funding requested for the e-citation and plate reader. Hellertown did not apply this round.
2. Joint COG Projects – nothing to report
3. Roads & Traffic – the Partnership commended the Lower Saucon Public Works Department for the wonderful job it did at the Meadows Road stream bank improvements.
4. Saucon Valley Compost Center – Compost Center is doing well. An agreement with Williams Township has been adopted that permits the drop off of leaves and brush by their public works department. This is a test project through December 2014, at which time it will be re-evaluated.
5. Emergency Management - Lower Saucon has been using the Nixle system.

F. County Report – nothing to report

G. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items –

H. Calendar of Events – Priscilla reviewed the upcoming events including the Saucon Valley Community Center annual fundraiser honoring Robert Freeman, Light Up Night, Small Business Saturday, Heller Homestead Open House and the Chamber mixer at Braveheart.

I. 2014 Meeting Schedule – The group confirmed the SVP will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month a rotating basis. 2014 dates are January 8<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>.

J. Adjournment – Upon motion by Priscilla deLeon, second by Sandra Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.