

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

AGENDA REVIEW

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 8, 2014

The Swatara Township Board of Commissioners opened the Regular Meeting II with an Agenda Review at 7 PM on Wednesday October 8, 2014 at the Swatara Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Swatara, PA 17111.

Members of the Board present were: Commissioner Varner, Connolly, Spandler, Troxell, Milakovic, Weikle, Chiavetta, Boudier, and President Moyer. Also present: Administrator Cornell, Assistant Administrator Zimmerman, Solicitor Wion, Police Chief Umberger, Fire Marshall Ibberson, Treasurer Fosselman, and Secretary Echterling.

1. Agenda Review: President Moyer briefly reviewed the agenda items.
2. Presentation: Mary Catherine Schatt discussed a September 2014 court ruling involving Lower Merion and taxes which is under appeal. They ruled that municipalities may not impose business privilege taxes on real estate rentals. She suggested the following, no changes should be made, follow the appeal of this case, and if there are refund requests received ask taxpayers, in writing, to wait until the ruling of the appeal. She stated that taxpayers can go back three years and ask for a refund. President Moyer asked her to continue what she has been doing for this matter. She stated in May 2014, the Local Tax Enabling Act required workers who work in a Municipality for more than 15 days they will have to pay taxes there and the burden of proof is on the taxpayer. President Moyer thanked her for her report.
3. Announce Executive Session: At 7:10 PM President Moyer announced a recess to Executive Session to discuss:
 - A. Personnel Issues
4. Recess: The Agenda Review was recessed at 7:32 PM to conduct the Regular Meeting II.

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1. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting II of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Moyer at 7:35pm on Wednesday October 8, 2014, at the Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Swatara, PA 17111.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: President Moyer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Commissioners Varner, Connolly, Spandler, Chiavetta, Milakovic, Weikle, Troxell and Boudier were present. Also present: Administrator Cornell, Assistant Administrator Zimmerman, Solicitor Wion, Treasurer Fosselman, Police Chief and Sgt.-at-Arms Umberger, Zoning Officer Hardman, Fire Marshall Ibberson, and Secretary Echterling.
4. Motion to Approve Agenda:
President Moyer added item 10A Fire Marshal Job and Title Change to the agenda. Commissioner Spandler moved to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troxell. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Wall of Honor Dedication:
 - A. Howard "Hap" Beistline: Commissioner Connelly spoke about his service as a fireman to the Township. He served 51 years from 1956-2007. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to honor this man and his family for his service.
 - B. William Goodyear Sr.: Commissioner Connelly spoke about his service as a fireman to the Township. He served 63 years as a fireman from 1951-2014. He knew both of these firemen and knows how much they loved their family.
6. Police Awards:
 - A. Shelby A. Bradley - Award of Merit
 - B. Richard T. LeCadre - Award of Merit

Police Chief Umberger outlined the background for the Award of Merit. On the night of March 6, 2014, they were on foot patrol at a local hotel, when they smelled marijuana coming from a room. They made contact with the hotel guest and through a search warrant, they were able to recover heroin, marijuana, and a gun from a recently released felon. This felon is back in jail and drugs and a gun are off the street because of their work. The officers received a pin and a framed citation for their work.
7. Consideration of the Minutes:

President Moyer stated that an executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss one personnel issue.

 - A. Regular Meeting I - October 1, 2014. Commissioner Boudier made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 1, 2014. Commissioner Weikle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Reports:
 - A. Monthly Departmental Reports: The monthly Departmental Reports are posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Township Building. Copies can also be obtained from the receptionist during working hours.

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- B. Committee Reports: There were no reports for the month of October 2014.
- C. Treasurer Report: Treasurer Fosselman read the Treasurer's Report for the month of September. Commissioner Troxell made a motion to approve the attached Treasurer's Report for September 2014 as presented. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Fire Services Report: Fire Marshall Ibberson reported the calls for service during the month of September totaled calls (with the average turnout per incident).
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| Bressler | 17 | (4) |
| Lawnton | 47 | (6) |
| Rutherford | 29 | (8) |
| Swatara | 58 | (7) |
| Chambers Hill | 26 | (5) |

A copy of the detailed report is posted in the in the lobby. He stated that this week is Fire Prevention week and in addition to fire calls they are going around to the schools and daycares to educate children on Fire Safety.

- E. Administrator's Report: Administrator Cornell stated that in addition to the reports that were received early this month, he would like to add two items. One is for Ivy Ridge Ball Field and the work that is being done to rehabilitate the field. Two is they are working with Solomon Group, owners of the apartment complex, to obtain permission to put up a temporary gate to restrict access to the field until it can be fenced off next spring.
- F. Codes Report: Codes Director Everett reported the Codes Department activity for September:
- 12 Residential permits
 - 2 Commercial permits
 - 12 Zoning Permits
 - 2 Zoning Verification letters
 - 99 Inspections completed
 - 1 Land Development plan received for review
 - 43 Complaints received and addressed

OLDS Report:

District 1 (June 2014-June 2015) There were 228 properties, 146 paid registration fees, 70 passed inspection, and 4 failed inspections.

District 2 (June 2012-June 2013) There were 500 properties, 499 paid registration fees, 499 passed inspection, 0 failed inspections.

District 3 (June 2013-June 2014) There were 329 properties, 319 paid registration fees, 309 passed inspection, 5 failed inspections, 15 are still required to pump.

Director Everett informed the Board about the closing of the McDonalds on Eisenhower that will be demolished and be rebuilt. A more detailed report is posted in the lobby.

- G. Chief of Police Report: Police Chief Umberger reported on the police activities for the month of October. Officers handled 1,625 calls for service. A breakdown of calls is shown on the monthly report posted in the lobby. He discussed a survey of residents measuring fear and as of today, 567 have been returned. He discussed the September 12th homicide

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that the District Attorney ruled a justifiable homicide. Officers were able to clear 200 vehicle break-ins working with other municipalities and reminded everyone that they should lock their car doors and keep their valuables out of site. He discussed teaching and mentoring opportunities in the schools that are taking place. He spoke about the Citizen Police Academy with the emphasis of reaching 17-18 year olds for a career in law enforcement. He discussed the upcoming 5K that has 280 registered runners which is up from last year. Commissioner Connelly asked Chief Umberger if he could include last year's statistics when discussing the total calls per month as a reference point for the Board. He discussed how the officers use crime mapping and work together to focus their enforcement on areas that have been hit with crime.

9. Visitors Requests and Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

There were no comments from any of the visitors in attendance.

10. Consideration of Resolution: Authorizing a Certain Plan of Financing and the Appointment of Professionals to Effectuate the Same:

Commissioner Chiavetta stated that the budget meetings will be held October 13th, 15th, 20th at 6pm.

Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to approve Resolution R-2014-53 to authorize McNees, Wallace & Nurick, and bond counsel, Susquehanna Group Advisors Inc., Financial Advisor to the Township and PNC Capital Markets, as underwriter to proceed with the refunding of the Township's outstanding series of 2010 bonds ("the 2010 Bonds") and to terminate the fixed payer swap with PNC. Commissioner Troxell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to authorize McNees, Wallace & Nurick, bond counsel, Susquehanna Group Advisors Inc., Financial Advisor to the Township and PNC Banks, as swap counter-party to terminate the Township's existing basis swap (the "Basis Swap"). Commissioner Troxell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Fire Marshal Job and Title Change

Commissioner Boudier discussed the change of title from Fire Marshal to Director of Fire and Emergency Services and a few other changes were made to the job description. Commissioner Boudier made a motion to approve the Director of Fire and Emergency Services job description. Commissioner Weikle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Subdivision/Land Development Plan:

A. Reduction of Improvement Guarantee: The Woodlands, Phase 2 Ward 6.

Zoning Officer Hardman stated that inspections had been conducted to verify the completion of items included in the improvement guarantee. The decrease would be \$118,180.

Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the reduction in security for the Woodlands, Phase 2 in the amount of \$118,180. Commissioner Milakovic seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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12. Any Possible Stormwater Violations We Need to Investigate:

There were no violations reported during the meeting.

13. Visitors Requests and Comments Regarding General Matters:

There were no comments from the visitors in attendance.

14. Commissioner's Requests & Comments, Additional Business:

Commissioner Troxell discussed the motions about the bond swaps which allowed the Township to create revenue stream that can't be accessed. He thanked the Board for their vote in this matter to get the Township out of these swaps.

Commissioner Spandler discussed the two job shadow requests. The first is for Samuel Murray who is asking for job shadowing with Dave Horner for no longer than six hours as part of a school project. Commissioner Spandler made a motion to grant the job shadowing request for Samuel Murray with the stipulation that he passes the background check and signs all the required forms. Commissioner Weikle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The second request is for Justin Edwards who would like to become a police officer and is asking to shadow for 1-3 days. Commissioner Spandler made a motion to grant the job shadowing request for Justin Edwards with the stipulation passed the background check and signs the required forms. Commissioner Weikle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Connelly stated he was happy to be part of the wall of honor tonight. He discussed Representative John Payne's transportation summit and the HATS meeting he attended. He stated he would like to see the Township have safer streets and sidewalks for pedestrians and bikers. He discussed being part of the Harrisburg Mall's 45th birthday party. He spoke about the 5% hotel tax collected with Derry Township and the City of Harrisburg receiving the largest part of the tax. He spoke about the 22 hotels in Swatara and how the Township gets the traffic, crime but not the funds. He would like to see that change. He would like to see a larger portion come to the Swatara Police Department whose budget makes up 65% of the total Township's budget.

President Moyer thanked the fire companies for their work during fire prevention week. He agrees with Commissioner Connelly about wanting to receive more monies, but reminded the Board that Dauphin County has given the Township \$1 million for a bridge project over the past two years.

15. Adjournment:

Commissioner Troxell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Spandler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting II adjourned at 8:20 PM.

16. Correspondence:

- A. HRG letter recommending reduction of the Woodlands, Phase 2 security reduction - 12/11/2013.

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