

6. Review of Paxtang Police Agreement: Solicitor Wion reviewed the agreement which will be before the Board for adoption by Ordinance next week. The Public Safety Committee and Chief Umberger have been working on this for some time and want to present it to the entire Board and answer any questions. The Township will provide law enforcement services to the Borough of Paxtang through an Intergovernmental Agreement. This Agreement covers police protection including patrol service, investigative service, and administrative service. It outlines a five-year payment schedule from the Borough to the Township. It provides for liability insurance, vehicle purchase, and hiring of Paxtang's two current full-time officers. Chief Umberger and Solicitor Wion answered questions about distribution of fines collected, seniority issues, and a few other concerns.

7. Discussion of Reapportionment: Commissioner Chiavetta reported on his meeting with the Dauphin County Election Bureau. The concern is whatever the Board decides--can it be implemented before the primary. The cut-off date would be by February 17.

Commissioner Chiavetta cited several sections of the Pennsylvania Statute regulating Municipal Reapportionment:

Section 903--Within the year following that in which the Federal census, decennial or special, is officially and finally reported and at such other times as the governing body deems necessary, each entity having a governing body not entirely elected at large shall be reapportioned into districts by its governing body.

Section 904--If there has not been a reapportionment by the governing body within the year following that in which the Federal census is officially and finally reported, a petition signed by one or more electors who are residents of the entity may be submitted to the court of common pleas which may then reapportion in accordance with this chapter.

Upon receiving the petition to reapportion, the court may appoint three impartial persons as commissioners.

Section 906--In order to contest a reapportionment, a petition signed by ten electors who are residents' of the entity shall be submitted to the court of common pleas.

Commissioner Chiavetta thanked Mary Klaus for the letter from the Swatara Township Volunteer Firefighter's Association and asked that the Board consider the firemen's position on this matter. He stressed that the Board must let the public know what is going on, and there should be a series of public meetings on this.

There were questions about who was on the Reapportionment Committee and how and when they were appointed. There was also discussion on the proposals submitted by the committee including:

- 1) 9 Wards realigned to present a more even population among each Ward.
- 2) 7 Wards realigned.
- 3) 9 Wards without any boundary changes; as is.

4) Remove all Ward boundaries and elect 5 Commissioners at-large.

Commissioner Troxell had a problem with at-large which he feels puts the power for 23,000 people into three commissioners (who would be a majority of the five). He totally supports the ward system.

Commissioner Weikle said there is a need to get out of the "mayor of each town" mentality and get into making Township-wide decisions and policy.

Commissioner Boudier said, from his studies, that government that is closest to the people is most effective. He thinks the ward system is the most effective and efficient system and would be for retaining the ward system.

Commissioner Connolly had questions about going back to the study and working to reduce the deviation to below 10%.

8. Investigation of Any Possible Stormwater Violations: There were no comments on any violations at this time.9. Visitors Requests & Comments Regarding General Matters:

Chris Fries, 3800 Brisban Street - said he feels as a voter he has a greater voice with an at-large board than with one-ninth of a vote under the current system. And as for the public knowing what is happening, he knows about the reapportionment study just from coming to the meetings.

He also had a question for Administrator Cornell about the fencing remaining on the mitigated properties. Administrator Cornell will check with the contractor on this.

Bob Radosevic, 44 N. 46th Street - said everyone tonight is arguing whether the Board should be 7, 9, or 5 commissioners; but no one has a problem with Dauphin County having 3 Commissioners who represent over 200,000 people. It only takes 2 votes to pass a County budget for a lot more money than the Township budget is. Mr. Radosevic also feels it is time for the Board to take action with Swatara's Fire Chief. Bob feels he just does what he wants to do, despite what he is told by Chief Ibberson or the Fire Committee. He feels something needs to be done and the other fire chiefs feel this way too; things cannot continue this way. Commissioner Weikle outlined some of the Board options and what the Fire Committee has been discussing. This would have to be further discussed in Executive Session and Fire Director Ibberson should be included.

Tony Spagnolo, 291 N. 50th Street - was on the Reapportionment Committee and noted a few things on the reapportionment discussion. The Susquehanna Township reapportionment that was mentioned earlier was done by court order. Another option is to take the work done by the committee and give it to the Township Engineer to refine. There would be costs involved, but they have the programming to do this. Mr. Spagnolo is hopeful that something would be done before the February deadline.

Mr. Spagnolo thanked the Board for their hard work on the balanced budget. He feels using the money from the Capital Reserve is right because it is the taxpayers' money.

10. Commissioners Requests & Comments:

Commissioner Chiavetta – requests what will the next step in reapportionment be-- can we get an answer by next week and how can we inform the public.

Commissioner Milakovic – had no comments at this time.

Commissioner Troxell - asked about the political signs along Derry Street. Solicitor Wion noted his prior memo on this matter--after 10 days the Highway crews can pick up the signs, they're brought to the Township Building, and candidates are notified they can pick them up or they will be destroyed. Administrator Cornell will have Highways act on this.

Commissioner Troxell reported on a seminar regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. Dauphin County is putting together a model program and has offered to come into the Township and do an assessment. They will be sending letters to the municipalities asking if they would like to participate.

He would love to see the Township stay with the ward system; he would like to see something done with dividing the numbers as soon as possible, and having the public involved.

Commissioner Boudier - asked about appointments to Board's that expire at the end of the year. Solicitor Wion confirmed that appointments must wait until January, because of legal issues--no appointment can be made until there is a vacancy.

Commissioner Weikle - updated the Board on the search for a missing 17-year-old boater. Several of our companies and the boats are assisting in the search; and that is why Fire Director Ibberson is not at the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Varner - had nothing at this time.

Commissioner Connolly – said the Thanksgiving Clean-up was cancelled due to the wet snow and will not be rescheduled. The next event will be in January for the Martin Luther King Day of Service; thinking of alternatives to a clean-up such as providing a meal.

He thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. He especially appreciated the public meetings he attended as a citizen before being elected, and he is glad this Board decided to continue this. Including these meetings, there were a total of 9 meetings where the budget was discussed, and next week will make 10 public meetings where the budget is discussed.

Along those lines, he feels the public is owed some type of notification about reapportionment. He said there are a lot of reasons to get it right and all of them

should have to do with serving the people we represent over holding onto neighborhoods.

Vice President Spandler- asked Chief Umberger for updates on recent incidents at Wal-Mart and along Derry Street.

11. Correspondence:
 - A. Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection letter received 11/14/14 regarding Recycling Grant Approval.
 - B. Dauphin County Office of Tax Assessment letter received 11/14/14 regarding Certification of 2015 Real Property Assessment.
 - C. James Stough, AARP Driver Instructor letter received 11/17/14 regarding Thank You.
 - D. Joseph Donato, Tax Collector letter received 11/17/14 regarding Pa. Mental Health Consumers Association.
 - E. Swatara Township Volunteer Firefighters Association letter received 11/20/14 regarding Ward System.
 - F. Government Finance Officers Association letter received 11/24/14 regarding Certificate of Achievement.
12. Action Items: The following Action Items were noted:
 - Find information/minutes on how and when Reapportionment Committee was appointed
 - Administrator Cornell - check on fencing at mitigated properties
 - Fire Committee & Director Ibberson - action on Swatara Fire Chief
 - Highways - Clean-up of political signs
13. Adjournment: Commissioner Weikle moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Troxell and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting I adjourned at 8:30 PM.



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