

# SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 5, 2015

The Swatara Township Board of Commissioners held the Regular Meeting I on Wednesday August 5, 2015, at the Swatara Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Swatara, PA 17111. President Troxell called the Meeting to order at 7 PM. President Troxell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Lathrop led the Invocation.

## Introduction of Chaplain Lathrop:

President Troxell introduced Chaplain Lathrop to the Board. Chaplain Lathrop spoke about his background as a New York City police officer, lawyer, police psychologist and pastor. He started with Swatara four years ago. He spoke about establishing relationships with the police with ride alongs. He also supports crime and accident victims, families, officers and firemen. He spoke about working with Dauphin County and helping other municipalities in the same capacity and with human resource issues. The Board thanked him.

## Roll Call:

Members of the Board present were: Commissioners Moyer, Varner, Murphy, Boudier, Troxell, Connolly, Milakovic, Chiavetta and Spandler. Also present: Administrator Cornell, Assistant Administrator Zimmerman, Treasurer Fosselman, Solicitor Wion, Police Chief Umberger, Fire Marshal Ibberson, Tax Collector Donato, and Secretary Echterling.

## Motion to Approve Agenda:

Commissioner Spandler made a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Consideration of Minutes:

### A. Regular Meeting II: July 8, 2015:

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Spandler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### B. Zoning Public Hearing: July 8, 2015:

Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to approve the notes as presented.

Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Visitors Requests and Comments:

There were no visitor comments or requests.

## Approval of Access Control Project Change Orders #EC3 and SSE1:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve Change Order #EC-3 for the purchase of a manufacturer's enclosure for the rollup door in the amount of \$458.08. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Moyer asked where the funds would come and President Troxell stated it was coming from the bond.

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve Change Order #SSE-1 for additional electrical outlets on the back side of the wall for the Receptionist area to power the copier and postage machine in the amount of \$1,343.90. Commissioner Spandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## Authorization to use funds from Capital Reserve Fund for Francis Cadden Parkway:

# SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 5, 2015

Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to approve funding for the Francis Cadden Parkway Guiderail project from the Capital Reserve Fund as recommended by the Finance Committee. Commissioner Boudier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Moyer asked how much the funding would be and Solicitor Wion stated \$129,562.15 based on the notes from last meeting.

## **Authorization of 2015 Budget Revisions:**

Treasurer Fosselman discussed proposed changes for the 2015 budget, the budget variance policy, liquid fuels, general fund, fireman fund and monies for paving. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to approve the 2015 budget revisions. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Repository Bid: Bonnymead Avenue:**

Solicitor Wion discussed the request from Dauphin County Office of Tax Claim Bureau asking for the Township's acceptance or rejection for the Repository Bid for a Bonnymead Avenue property. Tax Collector Donato discussed the advantages of accepting this request and the issues with the parcel. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to approve the Repository Bid request from Dauphin County Office of Tax Claim Bureau for Bonnymead Avenue parcel (#63-003-109) from Terra Nova Development Corporation in the amount of \$1,000. Commissioner Milakovic seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Letter of support: Chambers Hill Fire Company for Gaming Grant:**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve a letter of support for \$93,800 from the Gaming Grant Funds requested from Chambers Hill Fire Company for the purpose of remodeling the first floor of the station. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Request to Waive Fees: Chambers Hill Fire Company:**

Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the request to waive the building and zoning permit fees for Chambers Hill Fire Company to replace their current sign. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Administrator Cornell stated the state fees need to be paid and can't be waived.

## **Request to Waive Fees: Rutherford Fire Company:**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the request to waive the building and zoning fees for Rutherford Fire Company for the building expansion project. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Request to Attend Schuylkill County Convention: Rutherford Fire Company:**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the request from Rutherford Fire Company to attend the Schuylkill County Convention on August 15th. Commissioner Spandler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 5, 2015

## Request for Handicap Parking: 7120 Clearfield Street:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-21 establishing a special purpose parking zone for 7120 Clearfield Street as a special purpose parking space. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Request to Use Building: AARP 55+ Safe/Smart Driver Course:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve the request to use the Township building for an AARP Safe/Smart Driver Course on October 12<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Request to Use Bumps Randolph Park: CD East Booster Club:

Commissioner Moyer made a motion to approve the request to use Bumps Randolph Park's basketball courts from Central Dauphin East High School on August 15-16<sup>th</sup> with the fees being waived. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Appointment to Boards and Commissions:

Commissioner Connolly made a motion to appoint Twila Mannix to the Swatara Township Recreation Advisory Board for a two year term. Commissioner Boudier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## West Nile Update:

President Troxell discussed the recent reports of mosquitoes with the West Nile Virus. He stated they are monitoring Spring Creek and testing placed in the Township in July. He stated they are waiting for the results of that testing.

## Any Possible Stormwater Violations We Need to Investigate?

President Troxell asked if there were any possible stormwater violations. There was no response from the public or Board. He spoke about how stormwater and the West Nile issues can tie in together.

## Visitor Requests and Comments:

Jim Spare, 741 Keckler Road, thanked Administrator Cornell for helping his grandson with completing an Eagle Scout project for the Township. He thanked the Police Department for an officer who stopped and helped him unload his car one day recently.

Brenden Orth, Chambers Hill Fire Company, thanked the Board for their support of the fire company and their request for funds. He spoke about the decreasing number of volunteer firemen across the country and how adding live-in programs can help with this issue.

Mary Klaus, Chambers Hill Fire Company, thanked the Board for their support. She spoke about the replacing of the sign for the Company. She thanked Chief Umberger for a great National Night Out this year.

## Commissioners Requests and Comments, Additional Business and Correspondence:

Commissioner Moyer - Discussed the other Eagle Scout projects that have been done and how these projects save money for the Township. He thanked Administrator Cornell for working with the scouts on these projects. He thanked Chief Umberger for a great National Night Out.

# SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 5, 2015

Commissioner Varner - Nothing at this time

Commissioner Murphy - Spoke about the Lancaster Street apartments cutting their grass in a manner that is a violation of Township Ordinances. Administrator Cornell stated how these issues are addressed and discussed the options. Commissioner Murphy discussed a request from Ice Cream Heaven to install a shield to reflect more light on their property. Administrator Cornell asked for the pole number to contact PP&L and discussed the process for the requests.

Commissioner Connolly - Praised everyone involved with the National Night Out last night. He spoke about the owner of the 7-11 who provided free ice, drinks, and snacks to the residents. He spoke about the Stop The Violence Ministries back packs being distributed this Saturday and asked Chief Umberger if an officer could stop by during the event.

Commissioner Milakovic - Thanked Chief Umberger for a successful National Night Out.

Commissioner Chiavetta - Thanked Chief Umberger for a nice job on National Night Out last night. He heard the Sheetz should be opening on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner Boudier - Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Spandler - spoke about the great job done on National Night Out. He spoke about Cleveland Brothers who brought equipment for the kids last night. He spoke about the difficulty the police department is having with hiring crossing guards for the upcoming school year. He stated they are looking into a management company who provides crossing guards. Commissioner Chiavetta suggested asking the local churches to put a notice in the bulletin asking for crossing guards. Commissioner Spandler discussed a call from a resident about installing a stop sign for slowing traffic at the intersection of Webb and Cumbler Streets.

President Troxell - Thanked everyone for a great National Night Out last night. He asked about the Board sending thank you notes to the businesses who participated last night. He asked that crossing guard issue be on the agenda for next meeting.

## Adjournment:

Commissioner Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting I adjourned at 8:07 PM.

## Correspondence:

- A. Chambers Hill Fire Company: Request to Waive Fees 7-08-15
- B. Elizabeth Seidel, 6441 Somerset Street: Penn Waste, Inc. 7-09-15
- C. Dauphin County Conservation District: Gypsy Moth Suppression Program 7-13-15
- D. Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau: Repository Bid for Bonnymead Avenue 7-27-15

*Julie A. Echterling*

---

Julie Echterling, Recording Secretary