

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 7, 2015

The Swatara Township Board of Commissioners held the Regular Meeting I on Wednesday October 7, 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. Pastor Benjamin Vrbicek, Associate Pastor, Community Evangelical Free Church, led the Invocation.

Roll Call:

Members of the Board present were: Commissioners Moyer, Murphy, Boudier, Troxell, Connolly, Milakovic, Chiavetta and Spandler. Commissioner Varner was absent. Also present: Administrator Cornell, Solicitor Wion, Police Chief Umberger, Fire Marshal Ibberson, and Secretary Echterling.

Motion to Approve Agenda:

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

Presentation of Proclamations - Wilhelm Paxtang Pony 10 U Baseball Team:

Commissioner Chiavetta called Coach Bobby Beaver up front. He read the Proclamation for the team who won the Harrisburg Suburban Championship. Each player was called up front and congratulated by the Board.

Consideration of Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting II: September 9, 2015:

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

Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Visitors Requests and Comments:

Pastor Leech, pastor of Life Center Church, spoke to the Board about his concerns with parking along 40th Street. He spoke about the changes to the area recently where trucks are parking in the shoulder and how he counted 22 of them one day. He spoke about his church and how they have activities nearly every day and the difficulty with pulling out of their driveway. He believes it is a safety issue and would like to see no parking on 40th street.

Resolution R-2015-28 Amending Civil Service Rules and Regulations:

Solicitor Wion discussed how the Civil Service Commission reviews their rules and regulations and suggest changes. He stated they have suggested changes to the rules and regulations. Chief Umberger stated the changes involved the weight of the written test and oral testing, which currently is 50% for each. The proposed amendment would change the weight of the written to 10% and the oral test to 90%.

Commissioner Spandler made a motion to approve Resolution R-2015-28 adopting an amendment to the rules and regulations for Civil Service Commission (Police) of Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of the 40th Street Traffic Study:

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Chief Umberger discussed the complaints from Belco and the Life Center Church with car and truck parking on 40th Street. Lieutenant Stauffer did a traffic study for each of the intersection in question. He stated their recommendation is to make part of 40th Street a no parking towing zone and some of the street would be legal parking. He stated Belco's concerns are customers having to pull out and would prefer no parking at all but they understand some may need to park there. He stated the Township's recommendation for the street needs to go to PennDOT since it is a state road. Sometimes they will do their own study. If they concur with the Township, it will be up to the Township to post the signs. He spoke about the state laws with dropping trailers over the weekend and the ticketing, certified mail, and responses necessary before action can be taken. Administrator Cornell has spoken with PennDOT on this issue and hopes to have an answer within 30 days of submitting the plan.

Commissioner Boudier agrees it is a safety issue and thinks it needs to be posted. Commissioner Moyer is concerned with making the street no parking at all may move the trucks to residential areas. President Troxell asked if the Highway Committee could look at this issue with the increased truck traffic in the future to find a way to manage the truck parking. Pastor Leech stated they discourage their church members from parking on 40th Street and they use the Blue Cross parking area. Commissioner Connolly stated he uses this street and has noticed a lot of truck parking since the summer. He recommends no parking at all go to PennDOT. President Troxell stated planning for the increased truck traffic needs to be done and they should tap into the traffic planning. Discussion ensued.

Payment Request 1 -Cadden Parkway:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve payment one to Construction Master Services for work on the Francis Cadden Parkway Guiderail Replacement and Stream Bank Stabilization Project in the amount of \$79,217.24. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment Request 2 -Cadden Parkway:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve payment two to Construction Master Services for work on the Francis Cadden Parkway Guiderail Replacement and Stream Bank Stabilization Project in the amount of \$39,167.68. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Bid - Demolition of Mitigated Properties:

Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion authorizing, subsequent to the closings of 3740 and 3742 Derry Street, to go out to bid for demolition of these properties so they may complete the mitigation and close out the grant. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Memo of Understanding with Dauphin County for Street Sweeping:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to enter into a Memo of Understanding (MOU) with Dauphin County for street cleaning for Dauphin County Judicial Center, Dauphin County Prison, Dauphin County Adult Probation and Work Release Center, and Schaffner Juvenile Center. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dauphin County Request to Improve Gibson Boulevard:

Commissioner Milakovic discussed a request from Dauphin County to be permitted to expand the existing cul-de-sac at the end of Gibson Boulevard next to the Work Release Center. He spoke about the difficulty busses have making the turn. He stated the Highway Committee is in favor of granting this request. Solicitor Wion stated a MOU would need to be created with provisions and parameters for this request including terms of Dauphin County paying for the work.

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve the request from Dauphin County to improve Gibson Boulevard with the creation of a MOU outlining responsibilities and provisions for the proposed work to the street that will need approval once created. Commissioner Spandler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request to Use Township Building - AARP:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve the request from AARP to use the Township Building, for the purpose of providing quality free income tax assistance, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM from February 1st through April 15, 2016. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request to Use Township Building - Sheetz:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve the request from Sheetz to use the Township Building, for the purpose of Sheetz for the Kids Christmas Program, on December 11, 2015 from 9am to 1pm and December 12, 2015 from 8am to 12:30pm. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request to Use Township Building - Tri-Community Basketball Association:

Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve the request from Tri-Community Basketball Association to use the Township Building, for their registration, on October 17, 2015 from 11am to 2:00pm. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Paxtang Lions Club Halloween Parade Request:

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the request from Paxtang Lions Club to host their Halloween Parade on October 27, 2015 from 1900 to 2100 hours with the assistance of Fire Police. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Resignation and Retirement of Patrolman:

Commissioner Spandler made a motion to approve the letter of retirement from Patrolman Alan Reinhart effective July 5, 2016. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Boards and Commissions:

There were no appointments made.

West Nile Update:

President Troxell stated nothing official has been received. Administrator Cornell stated nothing new has been collected and the last ones collected tested negative for the virus. He spoke

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about gearing up through newsletter and social media in the spring reminding residents about standing waters.

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.

Visitor Requests and Comments:

Mark Beatty, Rutherford Fire Company, spoke about their open house this Saturday from 12-3. He thanked everyone for their support. He stated he used to work in the trucking business and spoke about the staging areas that big cities have for truck parking. President Troxell thanked the fire company for their support of the community.

Commissioners Requests and Comments, Additional Business and Correspondence:

Commissioner Moyer - Spoke about the 40th Street parking issue and expressed concern that the truck parking will spill into the residential area.

Commissioner Murphy - Spoke about a request to replace the dead tree with a new tree behind the 7-11 store. Mr. Brendan Orth, Township employee, stated they could remove the tree and plant the new one purchased by a resident.

Commissioner Boudier - Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Spangler - Thanked the Fire Marshal and Chiefs for their service. He spoke about a man being rescued on an island 80 feet in a tree. He spoke about a fireman who climbed the tree to help the resident.

Commissioner Chiavetta - Echoed Spangler's comments about the fireman.

Commissioner Milakovic - Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Connolly - Spoke about the back to school clean-up that took place on September 19th. He thanked the Highway Department for the supplies for the clean-up. He asked about the public notices about the upcoming budget meetings. Administrator Cornell confirmed the legal notices have been completed. He spoke about the 40th Street parking issue and agrees with no parking along the street. He doesn't believe the trailers would be left in residential areas.

President Troxell - Spoke about the 40th Street parking and agrees with no parking on the street. He spoke about the expansion in the Township and the increased truck traffic and feels this is mission critical to address. He stated the budget meetings would be held on October 13th, 20th, 21st, 28th, and November 4th at 6pm. He spoke about Act 32 and discussed bringing in additional revenue in for the Township.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Spangler seconded the motion and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting I adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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Correspondence:

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| A. | Capital Region Water: Notification of Intent to Apply for Water Quality Management Permit | 09-11-15 |
| B. | AARP: Request to use Building for 2015 Tax Season | 09-15-15 |
| C. | Sheetz: Request to use Building for Kidz Christmas Program | 09-18-15 |
| D. | PA Department of Transportation: 61 st Street and Huntingdon Circle | 09-23-15 |
| E. | PA Department of Transportation: Estimated Liquid Fuels Allowance | 09-23-15 |
| F. | Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau: Notice of Repository Property Sold - Bonnymead Avenue | 09-28-15 |
| G. | Borough of Paxtang: Request for Fire Police for Halloween Parade | 09-28-15 |
| H. | Stop the Violence Help Center: Request to use Building for Children's Christmas Party | 09-30-15 |
| I. | Conrad Siegel Actuaries: Required Disclosure Under Chapter 7-A of Act 44 of 2009 | 09-30-15 |
| J. | Dauphin County Commissioners: Police Regionalization Meeting | 10-01-15 |

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