

1. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting II of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Troxell at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at the Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Swatara, PA 17111.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: President Troxell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Invocation: Pastor Scott Kelly of Community Alliance Church gave the invocation.
4. Roll Call: Commissioners Connolly, Varner, Spandler, Chiavetta, Troxell, Milakovic, Murphy, Moyer, and Boudier were present. Also present: Administrator Cornell, Assistant Administrator Zimmerman, Fire Marshal Ibberson, Codes Director Everett, Solicitor Wion, Secretary Rubinic, and Police Chief and Sgt.-at-Arms Umberger.
5. Motion to Approve Agenda: Commissioner Spandler moved to approve tonight's agenda, seconded by Commissioner Murphy.
6. Presentation of Awards:
 - A. Distinguished Service Medal: Fire Marshal Ibberson presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Bressler Firefighter Nate Radic for performing a highly unusual act of distinction under adverse conditions in the performance of duty during a tactical rescue on Hoak Island in October. Using his tree trimming skills, he rescued a man who was trapped 80 feet up in a tree on the island.
 - B. Silver Lifesaving Medal: In September a Township woman suffered cardiac arrest and rapid administration of CPR resulted in her surviving and being discharged from the hospital days later. That woman was present to hand out the awards to the following individuals:

Fire Service -

Craig Shultz
 John Tinari
 Michael Hays
 Tyler Chapman
 Craig Moyer

Also honored, but absent were Bob Radosevic and Pat Kennedy

EMT/Paramedics -

Sean O'Haren
 Joshua Nelson
 Neil Freireich

It was a very emotional presentation with much hugging, picture-taking, and applause from the large audience present.

7. Consideration of Minutes:
- A. Regular Meeting II - October 14, 2015
 - B. Budget Meeting - October 28, 2015: Commissioner Moyer corrected Item 5, second paragraph to change the name from Brenden Orth to "Assistant Administrator Zimmerman reviewed..."
 - C. Bid Opening-Demolition of Properties - November 3, 2015 :
Commissioner Chiavetta corrected the date to read "Tuesday, November 3..."
Commissioner Boudier moved to approve all of these minutes as amended.
Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
8. Fire Services Report: Fire Services Director Ibberson reported 80 total calls for service during the month of October (with average personnel turnout per incident):
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| Bressler | 28 | (4) |
| Lawnton | 40 | (6) |
| Rutherford | 20 | (6) |
| Swatara | 46 | (6) |
| Chambers Hill | 36 | (4) |
- Dispatches included 6 residential structure fires, 4 multi-family structure fires, and 4 commercial structure fires. A copy of the detailed report will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.
9. Visitors' Requests & Comments: There were no comments from those visitors present.
10. Consideration of Bid Award-Demolition of Properties:
Commissioner Chiavetta moved to approve the low bid of A.T.O. Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$18,750.00 for demolition of the properties at 3740 & 3742 Derry Street. Commissioner Milakovic seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
11. Consideration of Request - Humane Society: Commissioner Milakovic moved to approve the request for use of the Township Public Safety Building by the Humane Society for their winter schedule vaccination clinics as discussed and contingent on approval of insurance and liability waivers. Commissioner Spandler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
12. Consideration of Police Intern-Farah Hamouda: Commissioner Spandler moved to approve the request of Farah Hamouda for a 200 hour internship with the Police Department subject to completion of the necessary waivers and paperwork. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
13. Appointments to Boards and Commissions: No appointments were made.

14. Investigation of Any Possible Stormwater Violations: No comments from those present.
15. Visitors Requests & Comments Regarding General Matters: No comments at this time from those present.
16. Commissioners Requests & Comments:
Commissioner Moyer - thanked the fire department volunteers who still answer the calls from a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise. The life-saving awards given tonight are a huge honor and shows how far CPR and rescue has come. On the Budget, he urged starting to think long-term planning--when things are cut in the current budget, we're back-siding our 5- and 10-year plans and putting us farther behind. We are many years behind in paving and having the right infrastructure repairs. We can't keep pushing things off to let a future Board deal with it--we need to deal with it.

Commissioner Varner - agreed that cutting items like the police vehicles will come back on us in the long term. We need to be responsible and plan for it.

Commissioner Spandler - echoed the comments on firefighters. We couldn't do without them; we hope volunteers do not go away and that fully funded fire departments are a long ways off.

Commissioner Murphy - reiterated the comments on the fine emergency people. He gave some details about the rescue on the island. He is so proud of these people who give so unselfishly. He feels we have the finest fire department, police department, and ambulance service in the whole area.

Commissioner Boudier - had no comments at this time

Commissioner Connolly - asked the Chief about temporary yard signs for the area of Manor Court, Manor Drive and Dewey Street to deter speeding. Commissioner Connolly said that Nate Radic has been a hero for a long time and cited several instances where he came to the rescue. He is very happy that he and the others were recognized tonight.

Commissioner Milakovic - had no comments at this time.

President Troxell- asked Chief Umberger about the status of speed limit signs on (inaudible) Street. He asked to check if a traffic study was done.

Commissioner Chiavetta - provided the Board with copies of R-2007-19 and R-2007-20. President Troxell would like the Board to look at the validity of these Resolutions.

He also provided copies of Ordinance 1992-2; and President Troxell gave the direction to look at changing the title of "Administrator" to "Manager" and to change the termination vote from a 2/3 vote to a simple majority. Commissioner Moyer asked why not maintain the 2/3 vote even with 7 members; just change the parenthetical numbers.

President Troxell said a simple majority is the same language used to hire a Township Manager. Commissioner Moyer said it sounds like a witch hunt.

17. Announce Meeting: The next Budget Session will be next Wednesday, November 11, at 6 PM followed by the Regular Meeting II at 7 PM.
18. Adjournment: Commissioner Moyer moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Spandler and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting I adjourned at 7:32 PM.



Dolores M. Rubinic, Township Secretary