

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 2, 2016

The Swatara Township Board of Commissioners held the Regular Meeting I on Wednesday March 2, 2016, 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. There was a moment of silence after the Pledge.

Roll Call:

Members of the Board present were: Commissioners Moyer, Bouder, Connolly, Troxell, Milakovic, Chiavetta and Varner. Also present: Township Manager LeBlanc, Assistant Manager Zimmerman, Solicitor Wyland, Police Chief and Sgt.-at-Arms Umberger, Fire Marshal Ibberson, and Assistant Secretary Echterling.

Motion to Approve Agenda:

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

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Meeting II: February 10, 2016:

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

Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Visitors Requests and Comments:

There were no comments or requests from the visitors.

Consideration of Mutual Release: Capital Region Water:

Solicitor Wyland discussed the background between the City of Harrisburg, Capital Region Water, and the Township with sewer rates. He discussed the issues with overcharging customers in the past. He discussed how the release would clean up the past issues so all can move forward. He stated Capital Region Water has approved it. Commissioner Moyer asked about the amount of monies involved. Solicitor Wyland discussed how the residents were charged higher prices and spoke about the adjustment to the rates the resident paid after it was discovered. He stated there were no monies involved or left on the table with this release. He stated this is a vindication of the paid rates. Commissioner Moyer made a motion to accept the Mutual Release with Capital Region Water. Commissioner Milakovic seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agreement-Police Internship Program:

Chief Umberger discussed the proposal from ResCare Workforce for hiring interns in the Police Department. He stated the interns would enter data into the web portal for the Department. He stated the Police Department provides a place to work for the interns along with bi-weekly evaluations of their work. ResCare pays the interns and takes care of the insurance for them. He stated background checks would be done on the interns. Commissioner Connolly made a motion to approve the signing of the agreement with ResCare to provide interns. Commissioner Milakovic seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring: Codes Clerical Position:

Commissioner Bouder discussed the interview process for the replacement of the Codes Clerical Position. He stated, after the interview process, they are recommending Mary Jane

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Snyder for the position. Commissioner Bouder made a motion to approve Mary Jane Snyder for the permit technician position in the Codes Department. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Approval to Sell Surplus Property - Station 49 Fire Truck:

Commissioner Connolly made a motion to approve the selling of the surplus Station 49 Fire Truck. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Request to Use Vanatta Park:

Commissioner Connolly made a motion to approve the request for use of Vanatta Park on Saturday March 26th from 11am to 1pm by the Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council #0869 and a waiver of any associated park fees. Commissioner Bouder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request to Use McNaughton Family Park - Manada Conservancy:

Commissioner Connolly made a motion to approve the request for use of the McNaughton Family Park multi-purpose field on Wednesday June 22, 2016 beginning at 6:30pm by the Manada Conservancy for outdoor yoga sessions and a waiver of any associated park fees. Commissioner Bouder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Boards and Commissions:

There were no appointments made. Commissioner Connolly stated some of the Boards have had vacancies for a while. He is going to contact a few people this week about the possibility of serving and asked the other Commissioners for any names for the Boards.

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 stated there are printouts of examples of stormwater issues in the back of the room and encouraged residents to take a copy.

Visitor Requests and Comments:

There were no visitor requests or comments.

Commissioners Requests and Comments, Additional Business and Correspondence:

Commissioner Moyer - asked to discuss the vacancies on the Board and Commissions with Commissioner Connolly. He asked if he could receive a finalized agenda before the meetings.

Commissioner Bouder - spoke about the opening of Chick-fil-a tomorrow and best wishes for those camping out in tents tonight for the grand opening.

Commissioner Connelly - spoke about a trash complaint he received today because of the wind and blowing trash. He stated he was glad to hear of the great response the resident received as she had spoken to three other people in the Township by the time she spoke to him. He stated he was out observing a resident's concern he received about Rainbow Hills Swim Club and a Swatara Police Officer introduced himself to him as he sat in his car. The officer was already checking out the concern at the pool.

Commissioner Chiavetta - Nothing at this time.

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Commissioner Milakovic - Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Varner - asked about recycling options with the wind issues with recycling blowing around the Township. Mrs. LeBlanc stated she spoke with Penn Waste and their contract is up in a year and couldn't offer a solution to them at this time. However, when the contract goes out to bid, there are recycling bins with lids that are an option. He asked if a reminder could be put on the website about trash and windy days.

He asked about the Bressler School situation and why we are requesting tax forms. Mrs. LeBlanc stated she feels it is a fiduciary responsibility, since the Township underwrites the fire companies to know how they are spending their monies. She stated that all fire companies are required to fill 9-90's with the IRS and they should be on display. She asked for them for the fire companies and has received four of the five. She is concerned about residents who think they have the money to pay for the property. She stated the land is zoned residential and could be developed into townhomes or homes. She spoke about potential blowback to the Board by the development community if the land is donated to someone who could have bought the land and the developers weren't given a chance to bid on the land. Commissioner Moyer asked when the meeting with Reverend Mim Harvey was going to take place as all she wanted to do was present her ideas. President Troxell is planning on having the meeting and let her present her ideas. Commissioner Connolly agrees with Commissioner Moyer with allowing her to present her ideas. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Varner doesn't understand why the Township is looking into the finances of those interested in the land if it is going to be donated and it doesn't sound right. He doesn't think it's right to discuss donating the land and then find out they have the money to buy it and change your mind about it. Mrs. LeBlanc stated that the land has value and there is an obligation to the taxpayers to receive the best return on their money. She stated she has done all the background so the Board can make an informed decision. President Troxell stated the 9-90s are public information. Commissioner Chiavetta asked if the all the background information has been collected. Mrs. LeBlanc stated she has the information except for the 9-90s. Commissioner Connolly believes the meeting should be done before anything else is done.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Bouder moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting I adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Correspondence:

A. Jatin Patel: Request to Close Roadway

2-14-16

Julie A. Echterling

Julie Echterling, Recording Secretary