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SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I AUGUST 3, 2016

.BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Swatara Township Board of Commissioners held the Regular Meeting I on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at the Swatara Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Swatara, PA 17111. President Troxell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Pastor Dan Puz, LCBC.

1. Roll Call: Members of the Board present were: Commissioners Troxell, Connolly, Boudier, Chiavetta, Milakovic, Moyer and Varner. Also present: Township Manager LeBlanc, Solicitor Wyland, Assistant Manager Kaufman, Treasurer Joe Donato III, Finance Director Fosselman, Fire Marshal Ibberson, Building Code Director Everett, Police Chief and Sergeant-at-Arms Umberger, and Acting Secretary Peck.
  
2. Motion to Approve Agenda: Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended, with the exception of Item No. 11. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
  
3. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Commissioner Connolly made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which consists of the following:
  - A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting II, of July 13, 2016.
  - B. Consideration of Job Shadow Request for Paris Williams.
  - C. Consideration of ITT Technical School Request.
  - D. Consideration of request to Use Enhaut Park - Beulah Baptist Church.
  - E. Consideration of Resolution R-2016-30 - Lindle Road Traffic Signal Modification.Commissioner Boudier seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  
4. Visitors' Requests and Comments:

Wallace Macon, 250 Carlisle Street stated that he had come before the Board on April 8, 2015, asking the Board to help him with a problem with the cemetery's back gate. He hasn't heard anything from anyone in a year and a half and wondered if anyone did anything on this. Commissioner Moyer stated that Township Administrator Cornell did meet with the cemetery to discuss this and they were unwilling to do anything. It is an approved gate, an approved exit route they can use, and it is up to them to decide whether they want to chain it or not. They were unwilling to do anything. Mr. Macon said they leave the gate open now 24 hours a day and wanted to know if there was anything he could do about getting the gate closed in the evening? Commissioner Moyer said it was his memory that they were requested to close the gate completely, or at least close it at dusk to prevent people from entering the cemetery when there is no reason to

be there. Mr. Macon asked what his recourse was? He is asking if the Board can come up with a solution. He has a solution of having some speed bumps put in there to slow these cars down. His concern is not that the gate is open all the time, he's talking about the traffic that's coming through. He feels the Board can help him to protect his grandchildren from the speeding cars that come through. He understands it's private property. Mr. Macon said he was willing to get some Jersey barriers, speed bumps, or a sign, anything to help. President Troxell said the Board should take a more active role and apologized for not having anything taken care of. What is the volume on this road? Does the Township own it? The condition of the road? If it is a low volume road there are ways that higher steps could be taken. Mr. Macon said this summer he has been retired and a few days ago he counted 35 cars and it was after six o'clock. Now, there's a problem on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, because they are doing reconstruction there, and people are using it as a shortcut. The cars not coming through at a decent pace. There is trash in the street and in his yard that is thrown out and he has to pick it up. The Township owns Carlisle Street and he and his neighbor would be willing to have barriers put up. Commissioner Connolly said the Board would probably agree to address the two issues, the speed and operation of motor vehicles on a Township street and the littering on the street. Commissioner Connolly asked if he was saying that would be solved if the gate was closed at a certain time, or permanently? Mr. Macon said he thinks it would help. He hasn't seen any of the police patrolling the area, so he doesn't know if they are coming, or not. Commissioner Moyer asked if he was also concerned with the Highway Department, too, has that improved with snow removal about that time? Mr. Macon said he has that taken care of and he knows who to call when he needs snow removal. Street sweepers he has trouble getting them to come there, so Steelton comes with the street sweepers up one block and does it. President Troxell said that's a lot to look at. Commissioner Moyer said there are two entrances to the cemetery onto Carlisle Street, one directly across from Mr. Macon's house, is that the one that's gated, or the lower one? Mr. Macon said it was the one that's in the back of the cemetery, coming off of Kelker Street. Commissioner Moyer said it's the one off Kelker Street that should be closed? Mr. Macon said, yes. Commissioner Moyer said the one off Kelker Street, if closed, would keep the people from driving through from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to get to Kelker Street? Mr. Macon agreed.

President Troxell said one of the things he wants to look into is, basically, what the regulatory hours are in the Township Code for that road, if it's a local road and the status of it. The Board will look into it.

Suzanne Salerno, 580 Gaynor Lane said she is sure the Board is aware of all the

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construction going on, excavation, demolition and putting the sewer in. Ms. Salerno asked what would be the cost of the permit be? President Troxell asked if it was with the Sewer Authority? Ms. Salerno said, yes. President Troxell said the tapping fee would be her responsibility as the homeowner, and that is all he is aware of. Solicitor Wyland said there may be an inspection fee to make sure that the connection is tight and that is supposed to be only the cost of the actual inspection.

Ms. Salerno said another issue is because of the excavation they are lowering the level of that lot and when you get out into Chambers Hill Road they used to mow. Because basically it's all dirt now, except for a little bit on the bank along Chambers Hill Road is not being attended to. They haven't leveled that out, but leveled everything else out, and when you try to go out on Gaynor now, because nobody is mowing, the grass and weeds are growing up high, it's really hard to see. You have to go out onto the street to really see. President Troxell said that is land development and what you're running into is most likely our cartway right-of-way and we have to be sure we cut the grass. Ms. Salerno asked why couldn't they excavate that lower? President Troxell said that they can regulate land development to a point. Commissioner Moyer said maybe Codes Director Everett could reach out to them and ask as a good neighbor to make them aware. Maybe they didn't realize that. President Troxell said they would have the Highway Department come out and look at that.

One of Ms. Salerno's other issues is when she goes to Wendy's by Wal-Mart that goes down Mushroom to Grayson, there used to be a stop sign there. It's been almost a year that stop sign has not been there. When she sat there it was 40-55 cars that goes right on through and she is surprised there hasn't been an accident there. Commissioner Connolly said those stop signs are private. Commissioner Moyer said the property owner has to put it back up. Solicitor Wyland said it might be required with the land development plan so maybe it could be looked into, by Codes, as whether that is a required element of the plan.

5. Consideration of Ordinance: Fees: Solicitor Wyland presented Ordinance No. 2016-8, an Ordinance, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 147 "Fees", Article VII §253-46, "Filing" and §253-48 "Engineering Fees," for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2016-8. Commissioner Milakovic seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
6. Consideration of Resolution: Fee Schedule: R-2016-31: Solicitor Wyland presented Resolution R-2016-31, a Resolution establishing fees for the filing of applications, permits, and licenses for the Township of Swatara, for the Board's

consideration. Commissioner Connolly made a motion to approve Resolution R-2016-31. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration of Hiring: Mark Bradnick, Truck Driver: Commissioner Milakovic presented the consideration of the hiring of Mark Bradnick to the Highway Division, with the recommendation from the Highway Committee, the Personnel Committee and the Staff. Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to approve the hiring of Mark Bradnick, to the Highway Division. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
8. Consideration of Request for Letter of Support for Gaming Grant: Rutherford Fire Company: Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the request of the Rutherford Fire Company for the Gaming Grant. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
9. Consideration of New Financial Institution: Centric: Financial Director Fosselman presented bank proposals to the Board regarding the consideration of a new financial institution for Swatara Township. Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to approve the Centric Bank for the new financial institution for the Township. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. President Troxell thanked Financial Director Fosselman for his diligence in working on this.
10. Appointments to Codes Appeal Committee: Commissioner Chiavetta made a motion to approve the appointment of Denny Beaver to the Codes Appeal Committee. Commissioner Moyer seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
11. Visitors' Requests and Comments: None at this time.
12. Any Possible Stormwater Violations We Need To Investigate:
  - A. Commissioner Moyer reported a request had been submitted to Township Manager LeBlanc and wondered if anyone followed up on this. He said there was grass in the storm sewer. Township Manager LeBlanc said she would follow up on that.
  - B. Mark Beatty, 661 Cambria Avenue reported that at 67<sup>th</sup> Street going down the hill, the storm sewer on the side of the hill gets clogged.

13. Commissioners Requests and Comments, Additional Business and Correspondence:

Commissioner Moyer thanked the police department, the highway department, fire committee for coming out and supporting everyone out there to make the National Night Out another great success.

Commissioner Boudier reiterated what Commissioner Moyer said as the National Night out was a great success.

Commissioner Boudier made a motion to advertise for a fire codes position ASAP. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Connolly everyone did a great job on National Night Out. He also stated there was a carnival on Steel High School District Property that sits on Swatara Township property. There was advanced planning that Chief Umberger was involved in, Fire Police services also added input. There were two nights that were rained out and there were no incidents. Within minutes of setting up the barriers to direct the traffic away from the pedestrians, someone drove through two barriers right next to a police car and a fire police vehicle. He also added that there was an incredible police presence with Swatara and Steelton. Maybe because Steel High is in Swatara Township and parts of Swatara Township extends toward 19<sup>th</sup> and Pine Street, the Township should look at this and coordinate with Steelton. The vehicles are either entering or existing when they go through there and heading into Steelton because there's no other way you can go.

Commissioner Connolly asked if this could be passed along to the Steelton Police and people so they could help us down there. The carnival is on the Steel High football field property, and all the Township is responsible for is parking. Everyone would be happy and well served.

Commissioner Connolly asked about the Consent Agenda. Something was raised from a citizen, that it would be a good idea if police chief and director of fire services do come up and least briefly give the report a number of times, like you do, a number of fires rather than put that into the Consent Agenda, that is good for the public to hear and doesn't know that it takes up a whole lot of time. Then the need could be addressed for the need of staff and personnel at both meetings. This can be looked at it. Commissioner Connolly said he thinks this is fair and something that it's the best way to do it.

Commissioner Milakovic congratulated Chief Umberger for another successful National Night Out and thinks everyone had a good time. Also, a thanks to Director of Finance Fosselman for his thoroughness in checking out the banks.

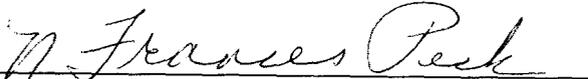
Commissioner Chiavetta said that he reiterates with the others on National Night Out. Also, the County has been in contact with Township Manager LeBlanc and himself the last couple months concerning the West Nile Virus and the mosquitoes and all tests have come back negative. They will do the testing and update the Township every Friday.

Commissioner Varner had no comments at this time

President Troxell stated in the Consent Agenda, Item 6-E, the Consideration of Resolution, Lindle Road Traffic Signal Modification, that will be made Resolution R-2016-30.

President Troxell said it was good to see everyone come out to National Night Out and thanked everyone.

14. Adjournment: Commissioner Milakovic made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Connolly seconded the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
N. Frances Peck, Acting Township Secretary