

1. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting I of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Troxell at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 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: President Troxell gave the invocation.
4. Roll Call: Commissioners Bouder, Chiavetta, Connolly, Milakovic, Moyer, Troxell and Varner were present. Also present: Township Manager LeBlanc, Assistant Manager Kaufman, Solicitor Wyland, Secretary Rubinic, Fire Marshal Ibberson, Tax Collector Donato, and Sgt.-at-Arms and Acting Chief Reider.
5. Motion to Approve Agenda: Commissioner Chiavetta moved to approve tonight's agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Connolly and carried unanimously. An item regarding OLDS Extension Request was removed from the Consent Agenda.
6. Motion to Approve Items on Consent Agenda:
Commissioner Bouder moved to approve the following Consent Agenda item.
Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
 - A. Road Closure Request for Block Party--Dennis Circle
7. Consideration of Minutes -
 - A. Regular Meeting II - June 14, 2017:
Commissioner Moyer moved to approve these minutes as presented. Commissioner Milakovic seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
 - B. Public Hearings:
 - a. Public Hearing: Text Amendment to C-G Zone - June 14, 2017:
 - b. Public Hearing: Rezoning of 599 Eisenhower Boulevard - June 14, 2017:
 - c. Public Hearing: Rezoning of 4075 Swatara Drive - June 14, 2017:
Commissioner Chiavetta moved to approve the minutes of the three Public Hearings as presented. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
8. Visitors' Requests & Comments: There were no comments from those present.
9. Appointment of New Engineering Firm: President Troxell said interviews were held with three firms from those who submitted proposals.
President Troxell moved to appoint Dawood Engineering as the Township Engineer. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion. Commissioner Moyer

asked what criteria were used in the selection. Manager LeBlanc replied they looked at a strong background in municipal work, the rapport with the Board, and the cost. Commissioner Moyer said he is leery to approve a new engineering firm, mainly because he doesn't see the cost savings. The dollars thought to be saved will be taken up doing the historical work and coming up to speed over the next several years. Also HRG was a Township-based company, where this firm is in Enola. President Troxell called for a roll call vote and the motion carried 4-3 with Commissioners Milakovic, Moyer, and Varner voting no.

10. Offer of Employment - Director of Planning & Zoning: Commissioner Bouder reported two qualified candidates were interviewed and a unanimous recommendation was made. Commissioner Bouder moved to hire Robert E. Ihlein as Planning and Zoning Director at a salary of \$66,869.00. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ihlein was present at the meeting and introduced himself to the Commissioners and thanked them for considering him. Commissioner Moyer asked if he was certified in Codes inspections. Mr. Ihlein said he is working on certifications.
11. Authorization to Bid Street Paving: Commissioner Milakovic reported on the paving being done on 4 streets after repairs by Suez Water Company. The water company work is being done by E.K. Services, but their paving proposal exceeds the bid threshold. Commissioner Milakovic moved to go to bid on the 4 streets-- Short Street Monroe Street, Cedar Street, and Pieffers Lane. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
12. Visitors' Requests & Comments: There were no comments from those present.
13. Investigation of Any Possible Stormwater Violations: Manager LeBlanc gave a brief report of the progress of the stormwater pipe from Grayson Road to Derry Street. There is an area of the pipe blocked by a sinkhole on the Norfolk-Southern property. Enough work has been done to alleviate the flooding, but these other issues will have to be addressed through meeting with Norfolk-Southern. The time authorized by the Board for Mr. Rehab has not been used up yet and work will continue after the meeting with Norfolk-Southern.
14. Commissioners Requests & Comments:
Commissioner Moyer – spoke to the Chief about speeding at West and Spruce Streets.
As he stated before--with the hiring of a new engineering firm he thinks we are going to see increased costs. Manager LeBlanc said the paving projects do not need any engineering; they are standard milling and overlay.

Commissioner Bouder – thanked Commissioner Connolly for the patriotic look of the municipal building due to the flags he put out.

Commissioner Connolly –said he couldn't take all the credit; the new pool president, John Hurst, suggested extending the flags to the Township after looking at their flag inventory and doing some strategic spacing. While placing the flags, they were greeted with many car beeps and thumbs up.

Commissioner Connolly thanked the Police and Fire Departments for dealing with many fireworks incidents in the Township, along with some large, noisy gatherings. Commissioner Connolly said that 3 firms were interviewed, but other firms had given proposals that were reviewed, including HRG. Also, the Commissioners who voted no did not attend the meeting to discuss the choices, and he is assuming everyone was invited to attend.

Commissioner Milakovic – had no comments this evening.

Commissioner Chiavetta – had no comments tonight.

Commissioner Varner – said he was out of town when the engineering meetings were held, but wondered if HRG was even given the opportunity to interview. Manager LeBlanc said they have been the Township engineer for 21 years, so we know pretty much everything about them and had the current fee schedule that was approved in January. He felt HRG should still have been given the opportunity.

President Troxell – had no further comments and thanked everyone for coming out for the meeting tonight.

15. Adjournment: Commissioner Connolly moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bouder and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting I adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Dolores M. Rubinic, Township Secretary