

1. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting II of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Troxell at 7 PM on Wednesday, July 12, 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 Boudier, Chiavetta, Connolly, Milakovic, Moyer, Troxell and Varner were present. Also present: Township Manager LeBlanc, Assistant Manager Kaufman, Solicitor Wyland, Secretary Rubinic, Finance Director Fosselman, Planning & Zoning Director Ihlein, Township Engineer Representative Dawood, Fire Marshal Ibberson, and Acting Chief and Sgt.-at-Arms Reider.
5. Executive Session: President Troxell announced an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss Legal Matters and Potential Litigation.
6. Motion to Approve Agenda: Commissioner Chiavetta moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
7. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:
 - A. Monthly Departmental Reports
 - B. Committee Reports
 - C. Manager's Report
 - D. Codes Report
 - E. Letter of Support for Churchville Cemetery Gaming Grant
 - F. Request for OLDS Time Extension - 6911 Chatham Drive
 - G. Police Ride-Along Authorization - William HighlandCommissioner Chiavetta moved to approve the above items on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
8. Consideration of Minutes - Regular Meeting I - July 5, 2017: Commissioner Milakovic moved to approve these minutes as presented. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
9. Fire Presentation by Jerry Ozog: Jerry Ozog is an education specialist at VFIS, a provider of insurance, education, and training to emergency service organizations; and Deputy Chief at Hampden Township Fire Department. He gave a presentation on the trends in volunteer firefighting service. Citizens expect to get help fast, to have the responders know what they are doing, and to make the problem go away.

This means having a response system in place, having trained firefighters, and having value system in place to ensure empathy from the responders. And all this should be done in a cost effective manner. Model volunteer fire companies are cost effective and operationally efficient. Negatives are--no guaranteed response, fragmented organizations, and duplication of equipment. Volunteer services must be properly led, trained, funded, and equipped. The organizations need to be built from the top with proper and perhaps paid leadership. Additional focus is on regional and multiple municipality approaches. As a Township, Swatara has a good organizational structure, a strong commitment to replacing equipment, support of the volunteer fire departments, and a mutual aid system. He stressed that volunteer recruitment must be constant; you must have an open and welcoming system; you must have high personnel standards (avoid "passing the trash"); you must have qualifications for leadership positions; and the value of the volunteer system must be communicated to the residents.

His recommendations include:

Developing a formal organizational structure

Building leadership for the future

Recruit new volunteers as people move up in the organization

Continually working on training and multi-company training

Out-of-the-box thinking, the traditional ways of doing it are not going to work

Commissioner Connolly commented that this presentation was tailored to our Township Board, but would like to see future presentations made for the firefighters and interested citizens.

Commissioner Moyer asked with recent news and litigations about application processes, have you developed some type of standards that can protect us. Mr. Ozog replied it is a process very similar to hiring a new employee with a personal interview, explanation of the training, filling an application, doing a background check, having a fair and equitable system to bring them in and have them mentored over a period of a year before being accepted as a full member.

President Troxell thanked Mr. Ozog and asked that this message be taken to the fire service personnel by Fire Marshal Ibberson and perhaps with Mr. Ozog.

10. Visitor Requests & Comments:

Dave Farney and Jen Roach, 4800 block of Franklin Street, talked to the Board last year about a stormwater problem with a drain that was silted up with runoff from Arney Brothers. The work crews were out for about a week cleaning out the drain and that did alleviate the flooding. However, again this summer the drain is getting silted up; it's not as bad as last year yet, but they do not want to see more taxpayers' dollars spent on what is a problem caused by a private company. Manager LeBlanc said she has been in contact with Mr. Arney, who has hired Rettew Associates to

develop a stormwater plan. He was requesting to have the fee waived and was told no. She will also contact Steve Fry of Dauphin County Conservation District to see what steps need to be taken next.

Ms. Roach added there is also an issue with the work that Suez Water is doing in the area. Manager LeBlanc said it is her understanding they are paving what they can right now, but the full project won't be done for 2 or 3 more weeks.

11. Reports:

A. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Wyland had no additional report; items were covered in Executive Session.

B. Fire Services Report: Fire Services Director Ibberson read the Fire Services report showing 87 total calls for service during the month of June (with average personnel turnout per incident):

Bressler	25	(5)
Lawnton	43	(4)
Rutherford	34	(7)
Swatara	56	(6)
Chambers Hill	23	(5)

A copy of the detailed report will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Fire Marshal Ibberson said the call system for water rescues was changed to dispatch every station in the Township. A recent call resulted in 35 rescue personnel coming out at midnight. This shows the new call system will work and the grant money spent on the water rescue equipment is well spent.

He also reported that work on the Rutherford engine is nearing completion and they have been able to get in some training time on the new equipment. The other two ladder trucks are moving along quickly and one should be here in August and the other in September.

C. Chief of Police Report: Acting Police Chief Reider reported on the police activities for the month of June. Officers handled a total of 1,590 calls for service. A new report on heroin detection details has been added to the report. A breakdown of calls is shown on the monthly report posted on the bulletin board.

Everyone is reminded National Night Out will be held August 1. The 5K Hero Run will be held November 5, 2017. As of right now there are 397 registered participants. Acting Police Chief Reider gave the Board a brief explanation of how fire investigations are handled in the Township with the arson expertise of Det. Tim Shatto and Fire Marshal Ibberson. They have investigated almost 50 fire incidents in the past three years, resulting in some notable arrests. We can also call on the State Police and Dauphin County CID if needed.

The full report of police activities in schools, with juvenile and adult probation checks, and other community events is also posted.

B. Final Subdivision Plan- Chambers Pointe, Phase 2: Zoning Director Ihlein presented this plan for the Board's consideration. The plan proposes the construction of 72 new dwelling units--36 single-family units and 36 townhomes.

The plan has been reviewed by the Dauphin County Planning Commission, the Swatara Township Planning Commission, the Township Engineer, and Township staff, and conditionally recommended for approval. Solicitor Wyland said there was a condition added for execution of a Developer's Agreement, Financial Security Agreement, Review of bond by Solicitor, and O&M Agreement, if applicable.

Commissioner Moyer asked if there is a copy of the plan available. He has concerns about the change from the original plan calling for single-family homes and now being changed to townhomes. There is also a change of the recreation in-lieu fee when these kinds of changes are made.

There was discussion about not overlooking anything during this transition period with new personnel and new engineering. The plan is on an extension right now and the developer would have to agree to further extend the approval time to the second meeting in August.

Solicitor Wyland suggested adding a condition number 5 to the plan--that the approval is conditioned upon satisfaction of the recreation requirement under our Ordinances.

A waiver is requested for Private Street--Gaynor Lane. This is basically asking for a section of Gaynor Lane to remain private.

1) Private Street--President Troxell moved to approve waiver of the private street requirement as requested. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion and the motion failed 3-4 with Commissioner Chiavetta, Milakovic, Moyer, and Varner voting no.

President Troxell moved to adopt Resolution R-2017-20 (full text available in Township Resolution Book) approving the subdivision plan with the waiver denied. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

[Commissioner Moyer had to leave the meeting at this point--8:30 PM]

Commissioner Connolly made a motion to accept an extension of time, if offered by the developer, to the second meeting in August, otherwise the plan is denied. Commissioner Boudier seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

18. Additional Public Comments:

Tony Spagnolo, 291 N. 50th Street--commented that the last time the Board looked at the BPT they raised the license fee and it's \$30-plus to send \$3.58.

He commented that the storm piping repairs functioned beautifully during the last heavy rains--Grayson Road was bare and Derry Street was under water. He is concerned about additional flooding in Lawnton.

Mr. Spagnolo also had a complaint about parking at the Lawnton Pavilion. He recently rented it for an event with elderly people who could not park adjacent to the pavilion. He asked for an exception, but was sadly denied.

He also was told the debris would be swept up, but it was not and he ended up cleaning up the pavilion and the webs in the bathrooms.

He added congratulations to the new Police Chief.

19. Investigation of Any Possible Stormwater Violations: President Troxell thanked Mr. Spagnolo for his comments on stormwater and also comments about piping from the Arney property.

20. Commissioners Requests & Comments:
Commissioner Moyer-- had to leave the meeting earlier.

Commissioner Boudier-- was happy to welcome Mr. Bony Dawood. Mr. Dawood said he is happy to serve Swatara Township and will be getting up to speed on a number of items.

Commissioner Boudier also congratulated Darrell Reider on his appointment as our new Police Chief.

Commissioner Connolly-- thanked Fire Marshal Ibberson for his quick response to a recent emergency call on Braewood Drive. He was first on the scene and the family was impressed with his handling of the emergency.

Commissioner Connolly also congratulated Police Chief Reider who he has known for many years. It's a good thing for our citizens and our officers to shorten the gap between one Chief leaving and appointing a new Chief.

He spoke to Tony about the parking issue and the background of ownership by the railroad.

On the plans tonight, they were done by the previous engineer and previous zoning officer, and even though we didn't have all the answers tonight; he always trusted the previous process and hopes this doesn't cause loss of a development.

Commissioner Milakovic-- congratulated Chief Reider and is looking forward to working with him.

He related an incident concerning burning barrels where there was a language communication problem. Fire Marshal Ibberson was put in touch with a program which provides interpreters. Chief Reider has information on this program if anyone needs it.

Commissioner Chiavetta-- gave kudos to the Chief, and welcomed the new engineers tonight.

Commissioner Varner-- congratulated Chief Reider.

President Troxell-- also gave his congratulations to the Chief.

He offered apologies to Director Ihlein and Engineer Dawood; he appreciates their patience until things like this are worked out.

21. Adjournment: Commissioner Boudier moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Connolly and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting II adjourned at 8:45 PM.



Dolores M. Rubinic, Township Secretary