

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, December 6, 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. Moment of Silence and Invocation:
A moment of silence was held in memory of the following:
Eddie Ramos, a Chambers Hill firefighter
Janet Moyer, mother of Commissioner Andy Moyer
Enos "Ike" Starks, former Township Commissioner from 1996 to 2005
President Troxell then gave the invocation.
4. Roll Call: Commissioners Bouder, Chiavetta, Connolly, Troxell and Varner were present. Commissioners Milakovic and Moyer were absent. Also present: Township Manager LeBlanc, Assistant Manager Kaufman, Finance Director Fosselman, Fire Marshal Ibberson, Solicitor Wyland, Secretary Rubinic, and Sgt.-at-Arms and Police Chief Reider.
5. Motion to Approve Agenda: Commissioner Chiavetta moved to approve tonight's agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bouder and carried unanimously.
6. Motion to Approve Items on Consent Agenda:
The Board has reviewed the following Consent Agenda items and is ready to take action on approving these routine requests and matters:
 - A. Request for Christmas Eve Traffic Enforcement at St. Catherine's
 - B. Request to Use Municipal Building - AARP Tax Aide
 - C. Police Ride-Along Requests - Darren Hopewell and Zachary Neal

Commissioner Chiavetta moved to approve the Consent Agenda items listed above. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
7. Consideration of Minutes - Regular Meeting II - November 8, 2017:
Commissioner Chiavetta moved to approve these minutes as presented.
Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
8. Visitors' Requests & Comments:
Tony Spagnolo, 291 N. 50th Street - congratulated the newly elected Commissioners and expressed sympathy to the remaining five who will have to deal with a heavier work load.

He would like Manager LeBlanc to contact Norfolk-Southern about the non-drainage of "Lake Lawnton".

Mr. Spagnolo is glad to hear there is no tax increase for the coming year. The \$5 charge for stormwater is out of the Township's control, but should be a very fair assessment.

He also had a few words to say about Ike Starks and hopes his time with the Board will be recognized at a later date.

He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as he will not be here next week.

9. Recognition of Relief Effort Participants: Brenden Orth gave a short background of the relief effort for the Florida hurricane victims. They went to two destinations in Florida and went through the Salvation Army to distribute the items collected. He thanked Commissioner Connolly and Fire Marshal Ibberson for coordinating the efforts to collect goods. A big thanks went to Bob Hauer of Community Aid for collecting the dropped off items, palletizing them, and holding them until the Township could load them into trucks. Tuckey's Bakery Outlet helped fill all the available space in the trucks. The AFSCME local union was recognized for the donation of \$5,000 toward truck rental and lodging. Enterprise and Penske Truck Rental offered employee discounts.

Also recognized with certificates were members of the Highway Department, Chambers Hill Fire Department, Swatara Fire Company, Commissioner Connolly, Fire Marshal Ibberson, and several spouses of those members.

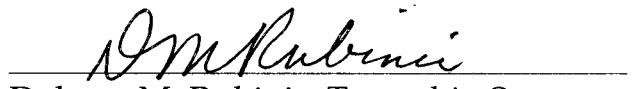
Those present were called forward to receive a certificate of recognition and pose for a picture with the Board.

10. Consideration of Lease Agreement for Various Equipment: Finance Director Fosselman explained this lease agreement will also benefit the Firemen's Relief Association, giving them a lower interest rate and allowing their money to go further. Commissioner Chiavetta moved to authorize Finance Director Fosselman to begin negotiations on a master lease agreement with First National Bank Equipment Finance for up to \$900,000.00 for various equipment for up to 7 years and pending review of the lease by the Solicitor. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
11. Consideration of Stormwater System Management Agreement: President Troxell moved to enter into and approve the Stormwater System Management Agreement and authorize advertisement of the Ordinance. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

12. Adoption of Swatara Township Safety and Loss Control Policy: Commissioner Varner moved to adopt the Swatara Township Safety and Loss Control Policy. Commissioner Connolly seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
13. Consideration of EMS Contract: Commissioner Connolly explained the contract with Community Life Team, Inc. to provide EMS service in the Township for the next three years at the same level of service and a savings of \$153,000 over the term of the contract. Commissioner Connolly moved to accept the terms of the Community Life Team agreement and enter into the agreement for the next three years. Commissioner Bouder seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
14. Consideration of Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association Request: Commissioner Connolly read the request from the STVFRA which ties into the previous motion approving negotiating a lease agreement for equipment and vehicles. If the Township secures the lease the rate would be 2.9%, a substantial savings to the Association. The Association will in turn make all required payments on the lease. Commissioner Connolly moved to approve the request of the STVFRA. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
15. Visitors' Requests & Comments: There were no further comments.
16. Investigation of Any Possible Stormwater Violations:
There were no comments. President Troxell added that any stormwater observations can be called in or reported on the website.
17. Commissioners Requests & Comments:
Commissioner Bouder – thanked Brenden for his leadership efforts in the disaster relief along with Commissioner Connolly.
Commissioner Bouder said it was good to see Mary Klaus back from her latest medical mission to Nigeria.
Commissioner Varner – had nothing further tonight.
Commissioner Chiavetta – had no comments tonight.
Commissioner Connolly – again thanked everyone involved in the Florida relief effort, especially Brenden Orth and Kevin Trafka.
The Township Tree Lighting will be held Tuesday, December 12; this may be a little late, but we hope to move it up to the beginning of December next year. There are many activities planned--food, contests, and Santa--from 6 - 8 PM. Tree lights go on at 7:45 PM. There will be additional lighting directing everyone to the event.

President Troxell -said they recently appeared before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to present arguments on restoring the ward system. Because the Supreme Court will be looking at this case, the petition before the lower courts will be withdrawn. President Troxell made a motion to discontinue the petition requesting the lower Court to establish the 9 wards. Commissioner Chiavetta seconded the motion, which carried with Commissioner Varner abstaining due to conflict of interest.

18. Adjournment: Commissioner Bouder moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Connolly and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting I adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Dolores M. Rubinic, Township Secretary