

**SWATARA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING II  
APRIL 10, 2019**

1. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting II of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Connolly on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Swatara, PA 17113.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: President Connolly led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Invocation: Commissioner Troxell delivered the invocation.
4. Roll Call: Commissioners Boudier, Connolly, Troxell, Varner and Zubeck were present. Also present: Township Manager Jim Fosselman, Assistant Manager Kim Kaufman, Solicitor Scott Wyland, Director of Fire and Emergency Services Michael Ibberson, Director of Public Safety Darrell Reider, Highway Superintendent Todd Webb, Building and Codes Director Robert Ihlein, and Secretary Mary Kepp.
5. Executive Session: President Connolly announced an Executive Session was held prior to Board of Commissioners meeting regarding tonight's agenda and removal of Item 14.
6. Motion to Approve Agenda: Commissioner Boudier made a motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Troxell; unanimously approved.
7. Motion to Approve Items on Consent Agenda: Commissioner Boudier made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Zubeck; unanimously approved.
  - A. Monthly Departmental Reports
  - B. Committee Reports
  - C. Codes Report
  - D. Permission to Hang Tour de Belt Banner on Paxton Street
  - E. Police Ride Along Requests for Jesse Lovejoy, Jack Easterwood, Nicholas Cowan and Brandon Shaffer
  - F. Continuation of Agreement with Property Registration Champions, LC dba Prochamps
  - G. Use of Fire Police for 2019 Capital Area Greenbelt Tour de Belt on June 2, 2019
  - H. Permission to Participate in Bring Your Child to Work Day on April 25, 2019
  - I. Appointment of Mary Jane Snyder as Assistant Zoning Officer R-2019-16
8. Presentation of Life Saving Award: Public Safety Director Darrell Reider presented Officer Rebecca Hulstine with the Life Saving Award for her efforts with a heroin overdose victim at a local motel. Her award was being presented tonight as she was unable

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to attend Hearts Across Swatara where other awards were presented. She also received a Life Saving Award for her assistance with an injured pedestrian.

9. Consideration of Minutes - Regular Meeting I April 3, 2019: Commissioner Boudier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Varner; unanimously approved.
  
10. Visitor Requests & Comments:
  - A. Donna O'Neil, 4800 Lancaster Street thanked the Township for being proactive with the traffic issues on 48<sup>th</sup> and Lancaster Streets.
  
11. Reports
  - A. Monthly Department Reports: Manager Fosselman presented his March report. He noted that over 100 residents attended the public meeting regarding the 322/Chambers Hill Road project to ease the daily burden in that area.
  - B. Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Troxell made a motion to accept the March 2019 treasurer's report, seconded by Commission Varner; motion carried unanimously.
  - C. Solicitor Reports: Nothing at this time
  - D. Stormwater Report: The Stormwater Report will be posted in the Township. Commissioner Connolly read out loud all current projects. Commissioner Troxell reviewed the Clean Water Act and where the money is being distributed.
  - E. Swatara Rising Comp Plan Report: Building and Codes Director Ihlein gave an update on current projects including a Safety Study on Derry Street, Chapter 74, Shade Tree Commission and Chapter 266, Trees.
  - F. Fire Services Report and Robert Morrison, Chair, Fire and Rescue Service Board: Robert Morrison, Chairman of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board addressed the Board. He delivered his report to the Township in August 2018 which provided what's needed to staff fire and safety and the perspective of problems being faced. He stated the need for a new municipal complex which would include a Public Safety Building for Administration, new and modern Police/Fire facility, a new building to house the Highway Department and offer sufficient parking. This would be a centralized location in the Township. The current population of the Township is over 25,000 residents with visitors that add an additional 35,000 to 45,000 visitors daily. This project would take several years to complete. Chief Ibberson thanked the police department for all their efforts. He presented his monthly report for March. The Department has partnered with Central Dauphin School District and Harrisburg Area Community College to educate students about firefighting training programs available and recruit interested persons for volunteers. Crews also visited the schools for lunch recruiting. The link is on the district

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web site. Numerous trainings were held in March. Also reiterated residents of Swatara Township receive free ambulance service in the Township. The cost of this service is built into property taxes rather than purchasing annual memberships. This service is contracted by the Township through Pinnacle. Along with services Pinnacle also provides free medical supplies and training programs.

G. Director of Public Safety Report: Director of Public Safety Darrell Reider shared that this month Chief Ibberson obtained Fire Officer 4 certification from the Fire Service Professional Qualifications System. The Fire Officer 4 program is built from NMFPA 1021, the Standard Fire Officer Professional Qualifications. This is the highest level an officer can achieve, he congratulated Chief Ibberson on his accomplishment. He along with other police personnel will attend a Leadership Training at Ski Roundtop. He thanked Mr. Morrison for his efforts and his knowledge of 35+ years of experience. Several officers were in attendance wearing new outside vests that were created to help officers carry additional gear. He presented his monthly report for March and spoke on the recent lockdown of the Township Building. He also spoke about educational and fundraising events with police and the K9 Unit.

12. Consideration of Resolution: No Parking on 82<sup>nd</sup> Street (R-2019-17). Entered in Agreement. Motion by Commissioner Zubeck, seconded by Commissioner Varner.
13. Consideration of Resolution: Restore PA Infrastructure Improvement Plan (R-2019-18). Entered in Agreement. Motion by Commissioner Zubeck, seconded by Commissioner Troxell.
14. Consideration of Resolution: Item removed from agenda
15. Consideration of Resolution: Lease of Equipment (Manager Fosselman) (R-2019-19). Entered into Agreement. Motion by Commissioner Troxell, seconded by Commissioner Connolly.
16. Consideration of Service Contract: Township Security and Spatial Needs Assessment. Entered into Agreement pending review of the language by the Solicitor. Motion by Commissioner Boudier, seconded by Commissioner Varner.
17. Consideration of Letter of Support: Proposed Fireworks Legislation to change locations and hours. Entered into Agreement. Motion by Commissioner Boudier, seconded by Commissioner Zubeck.

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18. Subdivision/Land Development Plans  
A. Appointments (3) to Codes Appeal: Board Motion to give Township Manager authority to appoint Codes Appeal Board. Motion by Commissioner Connolly, seconded by Commissioner Troxell.  
B. Improvement Guarantee Reduction for DCT Family Trust: Motion by Commissioner Troxell, seconded by Commissioner Boudier.

19. Visitor Requests & Comments: None at this time.

20. Any Possible Storm water Violations We Need to Investigate? None at this time.

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

Commissioner Varner: Expressed his thanks to the Highway Department for addressing a resident's concern on Hemlock Street.

Commissioner Zubeck: Expressed her thanks to the Swatara Township Police. Also extended thanks to the Highway Department for the excellent job getting the fields ready for opening day.

Commissioner Boudier: Expressed his thanks to the Highway Department. Announced times for upcoming Easter Egg Hunts: Chambers Hill Fire House held at the Methodist Church @ 10:00 am. Rutherford Lions Club @ 1:00 pm. There will be a litter cleanup on Chambers Hill Road. There are Fish Fry Dinners at Chambers Hill Fire House on the next 2 Fridays.

Commissioner Troxell: Expressed his thanks to the Board and Staff for their patience for being out a while. He is looking forward to seeing continued progress for the Township.

Commissioner Connolly: Reminder of hours for the Township's Easter Egg Hunt from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. on April 20, 2019. There are multiple cleanups in the area by various groups. Earth Day cleanup will be on April 20, 2019 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The meeting area will be 29<sup>th</sup> and Paxton Street behind the McDonalds. Gloves, vests and bags will be provided. Beginning in May the Township Municipal Building will be open the first and second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm for pickup/drop off of applications for employment or firefighter. Pamphlets will also be on hand for the public. Brush pickup will be April 29, 2019 through May 3, 2019. Highway Superintendent Todd Webb reported that there is a limited number of brown brush pickup bags remaining.

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Once the supply is depleted, they will be gone for the year. Residents in the Township pay the lowest in the area for the Stormwater Fee. Swatara's fee is \$60 annually. Lower Paxton's annual fee is \$128.00. Finally he expressed his thanks for the Police Department for all they do and their crime solving excellence. Crime in the Township is going down.

22. Adjournment: Commissioner Connolly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Boudier. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting II was adjourned at 8:45 pm.



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Mary Kepp, Township Secretary