

SWATARA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING II
MARCH 11, 2020

1. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting II of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Connolly on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Swatara, PA 17111.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: President Connolly led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Invocation: Delivered by Gary Lathrop
4. Roll Call: Commissioners Zubeck, Varner, Ellis and President Connolly were present. Vice President Boudier was absent. Also present: Township Manager Jim Fosselman, Assistant Manager Kim Kaufman, Solicitor Isaac Wakefield, Highway Superintendent Todd Webb, Director of Codes and Zoning Robert Ihlein, Public Safety Director Darrell Reider, Chief of Fire Service Mike Ibberson and Secretary Mary Kepp.
5. Executive Session: Solicitor Wakefield announced an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting for gathering of information.
6. Motion to Approve Agenda: Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously after addition of #14 B, C and D. Commissioner Zubeck reported that she didn't receive information for tonight's meeting until 3:30 p.m. today. She also found out at the last minute there would be an executive session prior to tonight's meeting. She understands that things happen but an ample amount of time is needed to prepare for the meeting especially if she is going to be voting for something on tonight's agenda. Manager Fosselman reported that administration didn't receive all the information until today. President Connolly suggested posting an agenda template since many of the items are the same each meeting. Commissioner Zubeck worked and also had a parent/teacher conference today. She needs more notice if there is going to be an executive session prior to a meeting.
7. Motion to Approve Items on Consent Agenda: Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Zubeck; Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. Monthly Departmental Reports
 - B. Committee Reports
 - C. Codes Report
 - D. Approval of Ride Along for Citizens Advisory Board
 - E. Acceptance of Paxtang Resolution/Intermunicipal Agreement for Compost Facility
 - F. Approval to close Webb and Livingston Streets by Beulah Baptist Church
 - G. Approval of Police Job Shadow Ride Along for Evynn Reider

H. Apparatus Support for Line of Duty Death Funeral, Saturday, March 14, 2020
Cumberland County

8. Presentation of Awards:

- A. Award of Merit - Officer Timothy Kramer
- B. Award of Merit - Officer Shawn Moore
- C. Award of Merit - Officer Jason Lex
- D. Award of Merit - Officer Jamie Kopinetz (Hummelstown Police Department)

9. Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Meeting I, March 4, 2020: Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Zubeck. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Visitor Requests & Comments:

Meghan O'Neill, 5870 Bell Road: She inquired if there has been a decision on the possibility of the zoning being reversed for the property designated for the Chambers Hill Warehouse project. President Connolly informed her that the request has been addressed and is going through the process.

11. Reports:

A. Manager's Report - Manager Fosselman reported with current low interest rates and low bond rates he would like to meet with the Township's financial advisors to discuss refinancing an existing bond and additional borrowing for future projects. Commissioner Zubeck requested specifications for future projects. Manager Fosselman listed the possibility of a new Township Police Building and highway projects. President Connolly made a motion to approve Manager Fosselman to proceed, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Zubeck - Yes

Commissioner Varner - Yes

Commissioner Ellis - Yes

President Connolly - Yes

B. Treasurer's Report - - Report for February 2020 was presented. Report will be posted in the Township lobby. Manager Fosselman informed Commissioner Varner about an incorrect entry listed under sidewalk on the Treasurer's Report from January. That error has been corrected. Commissioner Varner made a motion to accept the February 2020 report, seconded by President Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Solicitor's Report - no report at this time

D. Stormwater Report - The report will be posted in the lobby.

E. Swatara Rising Comp Plan Report - no report at this time

F. Fire Services Report - Report presented. Report will be posted in the Township lobby. He also presented the Annual 2019 Report. It contains statistics, budget and events. It will be posted online. He encouraged residents to give their feedback. He thanked the Commissioners for allowing the use of apparatus to honor a fallen firefighter. Paxton Street was lined with fire vehicles along with a large draped flag during the escort of the body from the Coroner's Office to Cumberland County. Swatara Township Fire Services will provide services to other Fire Departments as needed during funeral services for the firefighter on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Commissioner Ellis inquired about the time frame for physicals. Chief Ibberson expects them to be completed by the 2nd quarter.

G. Director of Public Safety Report - Report presented. Report will be posted in the Township lobby. He witnessed the procession for the fallen firefighter. Swatara Township was well represented and Chief Ibberson did an excellent job to provide a great tribute. There was unbelievable outpouring of love and support by many paying their respects to a Hero. Coffee with a Cop will be at Panera Bread on March 12th at 9:00 a.m. It's a great opportunity for residents to meet and speak with our police. He is currently monitoring the Coronavirus and speaking with medical personnel. Information will be posted on the web portal. The Annual Report will be out next week. He is happy to report that the crime rate in the Township is down 6%. On February 22nd the Township Police partnered with Penn State Health for an event held at the Harrisburg Mall. The event was to promote physical activity, pedestrian safety and healthy eating. The participants loved walking with Officer Gibson and Kix. TEAM training continues in the elementary schools in the Township and Swatara Middle School. Police officers were at Swatara and attended all lunches to speak about careers in law enforcement. Swatara Township is one of only a few Police Departments that allow ride shadowing. There was over 105 pounds of prescription drugs dropped off. While at St. Catherine's students inquired about what happens to service dogs after they retired. They are hoping that their handlers get to keep them.

12. Consideration of Ordinance: Amending Waste Reduction and Recycling Ordinance. Motion to approve was made by President Connolly, seconded by Commissioner Zubeck. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Zubeck did inquire to when this ordinance was advertised and if it was completed on time for today's meeting. Solicitor Wakefield confirmed it was.
13. Consideration of Resolution: Street Dedication of Westridge Commons. Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Zubeck, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Consideration of Resolution: 69th Street No Parking. Motion to accept recommendation was made by President Connolly; seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Zubeck inquired how this would affect the residents that didn't request this change and if there would still be parking for residents. Highway Superintendent Webb confirmed that there is still adequate parking available. Chief Reider also commented that the streets are narrow and the no parking only applies on one side of the street.

15. Consideration of Resolution: Friends of Midland Cemetery (R-202-14) Motion to adopt name change from Midland Cemetery to Friend of Midland was made by President Connolly, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.
16. Subdivision/Land Development Plans:
- A. Update on Beale Street Property Clean-Up. The clearing and removal of the property is complete. The homeowner will be given an invoice for the work. If it is not paid a lien will be placed on the property.
 - B. Motion to Authorize Dawood for final design Option #3 for Derry Street. A joint permit application has been completed. A motion to authorize design made by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Zubeck. Motion passed unanimously.
 - C. Motion to Authorize Dawood to do a study on reducing the speed on Dewey Street from 25 to 20 miles per hour. Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Zubeck. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Zubeck is glad to see the money go where it belongs.
 - D. Motion to Reauthorize Bidding for the \$2.5 million for the Derry Street project. Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Zubeck. Commissioner Zubeck inquired how much is Suez Water going to be responsible for the project. It was noted that all permits should be to Mr. Webb for coordination with utilities. Motion passed unanimously.
17. Visitors Requests and Comments:
- Zac Lafus, 5631 Plainview Drive: Inquired where the amended ordinance for the rezoning was advertised. It was advertised on Penn Live.
- Michael Tuckey, 5875 Gensemer Lane: Inquired if there was a policy for K-9 dogs to be permanently placed with their handlers after retiring. Chief Reider acknowledged they respect the wishes of the handler. He will bring it up to the Commissioners. He also inquired if there was anything that can be done on his end while waiting for a decision from the Board on the zoning of the property for the warehouses. He was told that their request is being looked in to and waiting for guidance.
- Tom Garlock, 6050 Hocker Drive: He noted when investigating the refinancing of bonds to make sure to also look into commission fees. He also wanted to know the time line for a decision on the rezoning of the property for the warehouses. President Connolly referred the question to Solicitor Wakefield. He noted that it is not a quick fix and would take at least 30 days.
- Joseph Donoto, 701 S. Harrisburg Street: Inquired if there was a traffic study done on Dewey Street. Suggested closing the road because it is now being used for a short cut. Asked how much money was being spent for this project. Students around that area use to walk to school. Commissioner Zubeck informed him Dewey Street is also a bus route.
- Meghan O'Neill, 5870 Bell Road: Suggested making Dewey Street one way since it is narrow.
18. Any Possible Stormwater Violations we need to investigate? None

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

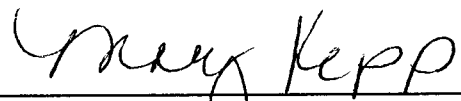
Commissioner Varner: Inquired about no parking signs for Center Street. Highway Superintendent Webb told him they will be installed by next Friday.

Commissioner Zubeck: Thanked the firefighters for their efforts in honoring the fallen firefighter from Cumberland County. She inquired if there was a fund set up for the family. Chief Ibberson has information if needed. She thanked the staff for putting everything together.

Commissioner Ellis: Thanked the residents here for attending tonight. She also thanked those that participated in honoring the fallen firefighter. She extended prayers to Commissioner Boudier and his wife.

President Connelly: Thanks to Chief Ibberson for the great Fire Report. He also congratulated him on receiving the CFO award which is a very rare award. There will be a presentation for him at the 2nd meeting in April. He thanked the firefighters for being involved with the schools. Recently they provided lunch to the students at Chambers Hill Elementary School. They continue to visit all the elementary schools in the Township. The Township will host their Annual Easter Egg on April 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Rain or Shine. Fliers will be sent home with elementary students. Earth Day cleanup is scheduled for April 18, 2020. There are 2 movies scheduled in July and August. He also reminded to keep Commissioner Boudier and his wife in your prayers. They were in a serious car accident. Both are recovering. He's hearing compliments for the Highway Department about our fields. Coaches from youth to adults for baseball and softball report that there is a good schedule for use of the fields.

20. Adjournment: Commissioner Varner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting II was adjourned 9:40 p.m.



Mary Kepp, Township Secretary