

MINUTES

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

JULY 7, 2021

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. **Call to Order:** President Connolly called the Regular Meeting I of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:03 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Connolly led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence** Vice President Boudier remembered James Spare of the Sewer Authority Board who passed away on June 18 and James Schreffler of the Sewer Authority Board who passed away on June 28. Mr. Spare served on the Authority Board for thirty-seven years and Mr. Schreffler served for twenty-seven years. Our condolences to both of their families.
4. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Zubeck, Varner, Ellis, Vice President Boudier and President Connolly were present. Also present: Township Manager Jim Fosselman, Assistant Manager Kim Kaufman, Solicitor Scott Wyland, Director of Public Safety Darrell Reider, Director of Public Works Todd Webb, Fire Chief Michael Ibberson, and Assistant Secretary Karen Alleman.
5. **Announce Executive Session:** An executive session was held to discuss a real estate matter and potential claims against the Township.
6. **Visitors Requests and Comments:** None at this time.
7. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Vice President Boudier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Unanimously approved.
8. **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice President Boudier. Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. Purchase of Property, 4071 Executive Park Drive
 - B. Candlewood Suites Tax Assessment
9. **Consideration of Minutes: Regular Meeting II of June 9, 2021:** Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Consideration of Resolution: Compost Facility Agreement With Harrisburg City:** Commissioner Zubeck made a motion to approve the compost facility agreement for leaves only, with the City of Harrisburg. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Zubeck	Yes
Commissioner Varner	Yes
Commissioner Ellis	Yes
Vice President Boudier	Yes
President Connolly	Yes

Motion carried unanimously. R-2021-25

11. **Visitors Requests and Comments:**
 - A. **Dave Scott, 1551 Braewood Drive:** Asked for updates to the Life Center Church driveway situation on Braewood Drive. He was told nothing more had transpired since the meeting of June 9. Solicitor Wyland said conversations have taken place. Mr. Scott asked 1) if an issued permit could be rescinded, 2) if the township had an errors and omissions policy and 3) if the Church knew the driveway was unsafe and they used it, could the township stop them from using it. Solicitor Wyland said those questions could not be answered this evening, but they will be looked into.

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- B. **Michael Tuckey, 5875 Gensemer Lane**: Thanked the Board for a copy of the briefing schedule for the Mushroom Hill warehouse project. Solicitor Wyland said after the briefs have been filed with the court and the briefing is done, the court has regular argument weeks that will be assigned for argument. He believes the argument could be heard the second week in December. Andrew Ralston, who represents Feeser's, will participate in the briefs with the township. Mr. Tuckey asked what was located at 4071 Executive Park Drive. He was told Marco Polo restaurant was currently on the property. He asked about the Candlewood Suites tax assessment. He was told Dauphin County Board of Assessment Appeals reassessed the property and adjusted taxes accordingly, the Township agreed with the reassessment.
12. **Possible Stormwater Violations**: None at this time.
13. **Commissioners Requests and Comments**
- A. **Commissioner Varner**: Asked the police to take a look at speeding and running of the stop sign at Elm and High Streets. Reported the code office has taken a look at the former Bob Evans restaurant and is currently notifying the owner of high grass and weed violations.
- B. **Commissioner Zubeck**: Thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening.
- C. **Commissioner Ellis**: Thanked everyone for attending Coffee With A Cop on June 10. Congratulated the recent Police Academy graduates. Thanked the public works department for its diligence in maintaining the parks. Thanked everyone for coming out this evening.
- D. **Vice President Boudier**: Made a motion to have the names of James Spare and James Schreffler added to the Wall of Honor plaque. Commissioner Zubeck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Vice President Boudier made a motion to appoint Ken Belles, 631 Keckler Road to fill the vacancy on the Sewer Authority Board created by Mr. James Spare. Commissioner Zubeck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- There is currently another vacancy on the Sewer Authority Board. A post for candidates will be placed on the website.
- E. **President Connolly**: Thought there was less fireworks for less days this year than last year. He thanked the police department for enforcing the fireworks ordinance. He also thanked the police department for handling calls regarding dogs who run off during fireworks displays and trying to find their owners. He noted how much Mr. Spare and Mr. Schreffler will be missed. He thanked everyone who does something positive to make Swatara Township better.
14. **Adjournment**: Commissioner Zubeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.


Karen Alleman, Assistant Secretary

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Dave Scott - 1551 Braewood Dr. 17111
Michael Tuckey 5875 Gensemer Lane 17111