

MINUTES

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING II

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. **Call to Order**: President Zubeck called the Regular Meeting II of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:11 p.m. Wednesday, February 9, 2022. The meeting was held at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**: President Zubeck led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence**
4. **Roll Call**: Commissioners Zubeck, Ellis, Tuckey, and Varner were present. Commissioner Boudier was absent. Also present: Assistant Manager Kim Kaufman, Solicitor Kevin Hall, Director of Public Safety and Sergeant-at-Arms Darrell Reider, Director of Planning and Zoning Robert Ihlein, Fire Chief Mike Ibberson and Secretary Karen Alleman.
5. **Announce Executive Session**: No executive session was held prior to this evening's meeting.
6. **Presentation of Letter of Commendation to Officer Patrick Walsh**: Director of Public Safety Reider presented Officer Patrick Walsh with a Letter of Commendation for an incident that occurred on November 5, 2021, involving someone experiencing mental health issues.
7. **Visitors Requests and Comments**: None at this time.
8. **Motion to Approve Agenda**: Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Varner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Motion to Approve Items on Consent Agenda**: Vice President Varner made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Commissioner Tuckey.
  - A. Monthly Departmental Reports
  - B. Committee Reports
  - C. Codes Report
10. **Consideration of Minutes**:
  - A. **Regular Meeting I of February 2, 2022**: Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 Regular Meeting I, as presented. Commissioner Tuckey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **Reports**: All reports are posted in the lobby of the municipal building.
  - A. **Manager's Report**: Nothing at this time.
  - B. **Treasurer's Report**: Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the January 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.
  - C. **Solicitor's Report**: Nothing at this time.
  - D. **Swatara Rising Comp Plan**: Director Ihlein deferred his comments for later in the meeting.
  - E. **Fire Services Report**: Fire Chief Ibberson presented his report to the Board. Five new firefighters are registered for the Spring Firefighter I Certification class. On March 4 the Red Cross is conducting a Sound The Alarm Event to visit and install fire detectors in 350 homes in the township. Pre-registration is required on the Red Cross website. Chief Joel Hocking of Life Team presented his EMS report to the Board.
  - F. **Director of Public Safety Report**: Director of Public Safety Reider presented his report to the Board. Everyone received a copy of the Police Department's 2021 Annual Report. He thanked the Board for their continued support. Coffee With A Copy will held tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m.

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12. **Consideration of Resolution: Disposition of Records:** Vice President Varner made a motion to approve Resolution R-2022-06, disposition of records. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
13. **Consideration of Resolution: Statement of Financial Interest:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve R-2022-07, statement of financial interest filing by public officials. Vice President Varner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
14. **Consideration of Resolution: Opposition to Tolling Interstate 83:** Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve R-2022-08, the opposition of tolling Interstate 83, seconded by Vice President Varner. Motion carried unanimously.
15. **Subdivision/Land Development Plans:** Director of Building and Codes Robert Ihlein, Zoning Officer presented the following business:
  - A. **Financial Security Reduction and Release for Harrisburg, PA (SWC Derry and Milroy), LLC (Burger King Project):** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the reduction of Lexon Insurance Company Bond NO: LICX1196234 that is being held for Harrisburg, PA (SWC Derry & Milroy), LLC by \$3,388.00 and to release it back to the bond holder. Vice President Varner seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.
  - B. **Accept the Annual Report of the Swatara Township Planning Commission for the Years 2020-2021.** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to accept the 2020 and 2021 Planning Commission Annual Reports. Vice President Varner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  - C. **Direct the Township Solicitor to Prepare an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 165-Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation and to Amend Chapter 128-Code Enforcement to Make Needed Changes Including Adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code, and to Prepare the Necessary Public Notice:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to direct Solicitor Hall to advertise the ordinance as currently drafted. President Zubeck requested each Commissioner receive another copy of the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Zubeck asked if the fine for Section 109.4 is the same as Section 110.4. Director Ihlein said the amount is the same. She also asked if, under Section 302.4, the height of grass is still six inches. Mr. Ihlein said it is still six inches. Vice President Varner seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.
  - D. **Direct the Township Solicitor to Prepare an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 295-Zoning to Include New Regulations for Wireless Communication Facilities in Compliance With PA Act 50 of 2021, and to Schedule a Hearing in Compliance With the PA Municipalities Code and Prepare the Necessary Public Notices:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to direct the appropriate notices to be issued and for a hearing to be scheduled for April 6, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. Vice President Varner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
16. **Visitors Requests and Comments:**
  - A. **Chris Freese, 3800 Brisban Street:** Under the new Property Maintenance Code, what is the protocol for overhanging trees. President Zubeck said you are allowed to trim a tree infringing on your property.

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- B. **Gary Harvey, 105 South 47<sup>th</sup> Street:** Asked for an update on the Middletown firefighter injured in the line of duty. Chief Ibberson gave an update. The Lawnton Fire Company donated to the firefighter through Middletown Fire Company. Asked how often the trash contract was renewed. President Zubeck said the Board extended the contract for two years, through 2023. He asked if anything could be done for people on fixed incomes. There is a low generator program available.
- C. **Rose Brown, 5600 Plain View Road:** Wanted to clarify that GoFundMe does not charge a fee. Wanted to make sure that the low generator waste program picked up every week. She volunteered to raise funds for purchase of green space off of Route 322.
17. **Possible Stormwater Violations:** None at this time.
18. **Commissioners Requests and Comments:**
- A. **Commissioner Ellis:** Presented a committee report for her two years spent on the public works and stormwater committees which included the following: Improvements to the Paxton Street corridor, Green Light Go Grant from PennDOT for 28<sup>th</sup> and Paxton Street, design phase to improve Paxton and Sycamore Streets intersection, Derry Street roadway reconstruction and stormwater improvements, repaving program in conjunction with utility projects, Francis Cadden Parkway multiphase project, Spring Creek restoration project, dog park at McNaughton Park, repaving on Chambers Hill Road, no truck signage for Chambers Hill Road, 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge repairs and stormwater repairs, design phase to Clown Park area in preparation for Route 322 improvements, Rupp and Grayson Road stormwater improvements, Highland Street Safety Corridor, multimodal grant, planning phase for Dewey Street improvements, Route 83 project, and the Route 322 and Chambers Hill Road project. Fire Service Committee meeting was canceled, and no notice was given. She wanted to make sure notice is given in advance if a meeting is canceled.
- B. **Commissioner Tuckey:** He thanked all residents that attended the meetings to have truck traffic banned on Chambers Hill Road. He thanked the residents for coming out this evening.
- C. **Vice President Varner:** Nothing at this time.
- D. **President Zubeck:** She asked Chief Ibberson to give a brief update on the cancellation of the Fire Services Committee. Chief Ibberson said meetings are held quarterly, and the first meeting in 2022 was scheduled for February, not January. It was a misunderstanding. A weekly schedule will be sent out every week of meetings being held in the municipal building. She reiterated that many highway and stormwater projects were multi-year projects. She worked on some of them, and people before her worked on them. She thanked everyone who participated on the projects.
19. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Vice President Varner. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Karen Alleman, Secretary

SWATARA TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF DAUPHIN  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

TREASURER : James R. Fosselman				January 2022	January 2021
	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	\$572,119.37	\$902,753.56	\$1,259,286.12	\$215,586.81	\$967,774.33
GENERAL PAYROLL	\$57,241.00	\$689,615.23	\$688,628.83	\$58,227.40	\$2,973.92
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$629,360.37</b>	<b>\$1,592,368.79</b>	<b>\$1,947,914.95</b>	<b>\$273,814.21</b>	<b>\$970,748.25</b>
FIRE FUND	\$318,515.66	\$18,578.35	\$74,709.47	\$262,384.54	\$103,482.45
FIRE RESERVE	\$301,599.95	\$9.18	\$0.00	\$301,609.13	\$301,514.18
<b>FIRE PROTECTION FUND</b>	<b>\$620,115.61</b>	<b>\$18,587.53</b>	<b>\$74,709.47</b>	<b>\$563,993.67</b>	<b>\$404,996.63</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$28,805.26</b>	<b>\$15,361.09</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$44,166.35</b>	<b>\$31,437.90</b>
<b>SWATARA AMBULANCE EMS FUND</b>	<b>\$15,514.29</b>	<b>\$1,068.23</b>	<b>\$8,250.00</b>	<b>\$8,332.52</b>	<b>\$34,336.99</b>
<b>LIQUID FUELS FUND</b>	<b>\$549,393.43</b>	<b>\$13.19</b>	<b>\$234,382.18</b>	<b>\$315,024.44</b>	<b>\$404,063.02</b>
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$4,024,029.50</b>	<b>\$134.51</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,024,164.01</b>	<b>\$4,019,796.21</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>	<b>\$19,496,524.95</b>	<b>\$677.79</b>	<b>\$972.00</b>	<b>\$19,496,230.74</b>	<b>\$21,554,743.32</b>
POLICE BOOKING	\$4,791.42	\$0.03	\$1,880.70	\$2,910.75	\$8,652.81
POLICE DONATIONS	\$6,535.01	\$2,500.05	\$5,385.96	\$3,649.10	\$10,621.44
POLICE 5K RUN	\$133.61	\$0.00	\$64.18	\$69.43	\$12,423.23
POLICE FEDERAL FORFEITURE	\$499.07	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$499.08	\$599.00
POLICE DA	\$4,638.57	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$4,638.61	\$13,730.69
POLICE K-9	\$67,234.35	\$45.54	\$5,516.13	\$61,763.76	\$27,730.24
FIRE DONATIONS	\$2,099.71	\$0.02	\$873.75	\$1,225.98	\$3,326.03
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$85,931.74</b>	<b>\$2,545.69</b>	<b>\$13,720.72</b>	<b>\$74,756.71</b>	<b>\$77,083.44</b>
<b>SIDEWALK ESCROW</b>	<b>\$48,024.74</b>	<b>\$0.41</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$48,025.15</b>	<b>\$48,018.95</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>\$35,685.37</b>	<b>\$0.30</b>	<b>\$2,885.00</b>	<b>\$32,800.67</b>	<b>\$148,265.35</b>
<b>OLDS RESERVE</b>	<b>\$31,415.17</b>	<b>\$650.27</b>	<b>\$1,095.16</b>	<b>\$30,970.28</b>	<b>\$37,981.43</b>
<b>COVID-19 ARPA GRANT</b>	<b>\$42,687.09</b>	<b>\$0.36</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$42,687.45</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GROWING GREENER GRANT</b>	<b>\$430.48</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$430.48</b>	<b>\$2,709.56</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,607,918.00</b>	<b>\$1,631,408.16</b>	<b>\$2,283,929.48</b>	<b>\$24,955,396.68</b>	<b>\$27,734,181.05</b>

ALL ABOVE MONETARY ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN RECONCILED WITH BANK STATEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2022 AND TRULY REFLECT THE BALANCES AS OF THAT DATE  
JAMES R. FOSSELMAN, FINANCE DIRECTOR and TREASURER