

MINUTES

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

April 5, 2023

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. **Call to Order:** President Zubeck called the Regular Meeting I of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Zubeck led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence:** Commissioner Ellis asked that everyone keep Commissioner Bouders' family in their thoughts and prayers due to the passing of his wife, Bertie Bouders.
4. **Roll Call:** Commissioner Christine Zubeck, Jeff Varner, Shaela Ellis, and Michael Tuckey were present. Commissioner Richard Bouders was absent. Also present: Manager Jim Fosselman, Solicitor Kevin Hall, Director of Public Safety and Sergeant-at-arms Darrell Reider, Deputy Chief Stauffer, Fire Chief Michael Ibberson, Director of Building and Codes Robert Ihlein, Public Works Crew Leader Gregg Miller, and Secretary Karen Alleman.
5. **Announce Executive Session:** No executive session was held this evening.
6. **Visitors Requests and Comments:** None
7. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Zubeck. Unanimously approved.
8. **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items:** Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tuckey. Solicitor Hall said the ratification of agreement pertains to a lawsuit filed against Norfolk Southern relating to stormwater fees and access to property. The matter is still pending, and the judge has strongly urged both parties to mitigate the case. The Board is ratifying the agreement because it had to be signed in a timely matter. The agreement is to select a mediator and cover the costs. Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. Ratification of Agreement to Mediate in Swatara et al v. Norfolk Southern
 - B. Approval of Hiring Part Time Employee at Compost Facility
 - C. Approval of Hiring Full Time Truck Driver Position in Public Works
 - D. Approval of Police Ride Along
 - E. Approval of Road Closure and Park Use for Beulah Baptist Church Community Day on August 19

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9. **Consideration of Minutes**

- A. **Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment - February 1, 2023:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment of February 1, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. **Public Hearing for Liquor License Transfer – TriState UPA LLC – March 8, 2023:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the Public Hearing for Liquor License Transfer of TriState UPA LLC on March 8, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Regular Meeting II of March 8, 2023:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting II minutes of March 8, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Consideration of Resolution: Designation of Signatory for \$250,000 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant for Phase I of Bishop Park Development Project:**

Commissioner Varner made a motion to designate President Zubeck and Manager Fosselman signatories for the \$250,000 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant for Phase I of the Bishop Park Development Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tuckey. Motion carried unanimously. This is Resolution R-2023-21

11. **Acceptance of Harrisburg Mall LP Petition to Amend Zoning Ordinance and Authorization to Forward to Planning Commission for Review:**

There is a formal application being submitted this evening by Harrisburg Mall LP for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. The Board's action this evening is to send the request to the Planning Commission for consideration. Once they consider it, they will make a recommendation to the Board. There was no opposition to forwarding the request to the Planning Commission for consideration.

12. **Traffic Survey Recommendation for Chambers Hill Road and Hoffman Drive:**

There were multiple complaints received regarding line-of-sight issues at this intersection. A traffic survey was conducted and concluded that intersection warning signs should be installed eastbound and westbound at Hoffman Drive. The placement of signs is the responsibility of PennDOT. Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to request PennDOT install intersection warning signs, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Commissioner Ellis will contact Director Reider to have other traffic surveys conducted throughout the Township for other dangerous intersections. Motion carried unanimously.

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13. **Announcement of Zoning Hearings for Free Solo Media and Craig Eshenaur:**

Director Ihlein announced there would be two Zoning Hearings on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. for Free Solo Media regarding placement of a billboard and Craig Eshenaur regarding propane sales and distribution.

14. **Visitors Requests and Comments:** None

15. **Possible Stormwater Violations for Investigation:** None

16. **Commissioners Requests and Comments:**

A. **Commissioner Ellis:** Announced the Township Egg Hunt was rescheduled for this Saturday, April 8, at Ivy Ridge Park. The 10th Annual Earth Day Cleanup will occur on Sunday, April 23 from 10:30 to noon, location to be announced. Asked everyone to uplift the Boudier family at this time.

B. **Commissioner Tuckey:** Expressed his condolences to the Boudier family.

C. **Vice President Varner:** Asked that the Public Works Department look at potholes around the Turkey Hill on Harrisburg Street.

D. **President Zubeck:** Expressed her condolences to the Boudier family. Announced Coffee With a Cop is Thursday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the municipal building. Invited everyone to the Egg Hunt on April 8.

17. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen Alleman, Township Secretary