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REGULAR MEETING I

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

MAY 3, 2023

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY

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, May 3, 2023, at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Local Government Day was celebrated during the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners meeting. Students from Swatara Middle School assumed the duties of Commissioners and public officials during this meeting.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Zubeck led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence:** Pastor Gary Lathrop led the audience in prayer.
4. **Roll Call:** Commissioner Christine Zubeck, Jeff Varner, Shaela Ellis, and Michael Tuckey were present. Commissioner Richard Boudier was absent. Also present: Manager Jim Fosselman, Assistant Manager Kim Kaufman, 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:** An executive session was held this evening to discuss a personnel matter.
6. **Presentation of Proclamation:** Commissioner Ellis presented Commissioner Boudier's family with a proclamation recognizing him for his service to the community and instituting local government day at Swatara Township.
7. **Presentation of Plaque:** President Zubeck presented Commissioner Boudier's family with a plaque commemorating his institution of local government day at Swatara Township.
8. **Introduction of Students:**
This evening we celebrate Local Government Day. The first Swatara Township Local Government Day was held on April 15, 1966. Swatara Township has held Local Government Day in Conjunction with Swatara Junior High, then Swatara Middle School every year since, with the exception of 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to COVID. Commissioner Boudier, retired Civics Teacher at Swatara Junior High School, participated in Local Government Day from its inception in 1966 through his retirement in 1993, he then returned as an elected official in 1996 and has been at every Local Government Day since.

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Portraying Commissioners this evening are Elijah Kiger, Alexis Popp, Alayna Pointer, Yasiel Santiago, and Anthony Matias. Malia Alkassoum is the Manager, David Evans is the Assistant Manager/Recreation Director, Gaurab Chhetri is the Director Of Public Safety, Avery Colon is the Director of Building and Codes, Tavah Griffis is the Fire Chief, Elliana Rice-Hammond is the Director of Stormwater, and Evan Matthews is the Director of Public Works.

9. **Visitors Requests and Comments:**

A. **Jay Snaveley, 560 North 67th Street:** The large field on the north side of Evelyn Street contains garbage, high grass and weeds and is neglected. Matter referred to Codes Department.

B. **Mary Klaus, 447 Pritchard Court:** The Chambers Hill Fire Company will conduct a chicken BBQ on May 13. She just returned from an international mission trip to Gambia, Africa and was able to fit many people with glasses that were collected from the collection box in the lobby. She thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to collect glasses to benefit others.

C. **Benjamin Surmacz, Swatara Middle School:** Asked if sidewalks would ever be installed on Harrisburg Street. Mr. Fosselman said sidewalks were being placed on Highland Street in front of the middle school.

D. **Beth Sviben, 1371 Dayton Road:** Congratulated the Township on a successful Senior Fair. Asked if a senior committee would be formed. Commissioner Tuckey said there is no current plan for a senior committee. Staff members collected survey cards from the Senior Fair for senior input. President Zubeck said committees are set by the Board of Commissioners and work with staff. Commissioner Varner said he was the former chairman of the senior committee, and it was difficult to get anything done during COVID and now things are much better and moving in the right direction.

10. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tuckey. Unanimously approved.

11. **Consideration of Minutes: Regular Meeting II of April 12, 2023:** Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting II of April 12, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Boudier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Presentation of Amendment to Stormwater Ordinance by Mike Hess:** Mr. Hess of Herbert Rowland and Grubic made a presentation to the Board regarding a modification permitted in the stormwater ordinance pertaining to ongoing issues at 892 Third Avenue. The property owner has requested a modification of Section 247.11B which is the section that sets forth the threshold where stormwater management improvements are required,

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which is 1,000 feet. The newly built home went a little over that and is requesting a modification. The Board will need to approve or deny the modification request at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Ellis asked if the property should have been required to have a stormwater plan when it was built. Mr. Hess said it should have had a stormwater permit. She said Stormwater is now flowing over the asphalt curb and onto other properties in the vicinity which is a concern.

13. Reports

- A. **Manager's Report:** Manager Fosselman presented his report to the Board.
- B. **Public Safety Report:** Direct Reider presented his report to the Board.
- C. **Fire Services Report:** Fire Chief Ibberson presented his report to the Board.
- D. **Public Works Report:** Crew Leader Miller presented his report to the Board.
- E. **Stormwater Report:** Stormwater Coordinator Trafka presented his report to the Board.
- F. **Building and Codes Report:** Director Ihlein presented his report to the Board.

14. Consideration of Request for Block Party: Franlin Street from 49th to 50th Streets:

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to allow the residents of Franklin Street to close the roadway from 49th to 50th Street for a block party on May 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Boudier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Consideration of Request for Road Closure: Lawnton American Legion for Chili Cookoff: Commissioner Varner made a motion to allow Lawnton American Legion Post 998 to close North 47th Street from Derry Street to Chestnut Alley for their Annual Chili Cookoff on June 3 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Tuckey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Consideration of Resolution: Elimination of Special Purpose Parking Area for 301 Mohn Street: Commissioner Boudier made a motion to approve the elimination of a special purpose parking area at 301 Mohn Street, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion carried unanimously. This is Resolution 2023-26.

17. Consideration of Resolution: Installation of Special Purpose Parking Area for 301 Mohn Street: Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to install a special purpose parking area at 301 Mohn Street, seconded by Commissioner Varner. This is Resolution 2023-27.

18. Visitors Requests and Comments: None

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

20. **Commissioners Requests and Comments:**

- A. **Commissioner Ellis:** Nothing this evening.
- B. **Commissioner Tuckey:** Nothing this evening.
- C. **Vice President Varner:** Nothing this evening.
- D. **President Zubeck:** Nothing this evening.

President Zubeck asked for a motion to ratify all actions taken during this meeting. Commissioner Varner made a motion to ratify all actions taken during this evening's meeting, seconded by Commissioner Tuckey. Motion carried unanimously.

21. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.



Karen Alleman, Township Secretary