

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING I

SWATARA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 7, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** President Zubeck called the Regular Meeting I of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 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**
4. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Christine Zubeck, Jeff Varner, Shaela Ellis, Richard Boudier and Michael Tuckey were present. Also present: Manager Jim Fosselman, Assistant Manager Kim Kaufman, Solicitor Kevin Hall, Director of Public Safety and Sergeant-at-arms Darrell Reider, Public Works Director Todd Webb, Director of Building and Codes Robert Ihlein, Fire Chief Mike Ibberson and Secretary Karen Alleman.
5. **Announce Executive Session:** An executive session was held this evening to discuss litigation and real estate matters.
6. **Introduction of Police Officers:** Director of Public Safety Reider introduced newly hired police officers Chase Tillman and Dalton Jones. The Board welcomed them to the Township.

President Zubeck introduced State Representative David Madsen. He has an office at 383 South Front Street in Steelton. He is anxious to interact with local governments that he represents. He made a couple of announcements: A mental health resource fair will be held at the Salvation Army, 506 South 29th Street on Friday from 10 till 2. The hazy weather we are experiencing is smoke from Canadian wildfires. Persons with respiratory conditions should stay indoors, or limit time outside. He said they are drafting legislation to tighten regulations regarding the rail system.

7. **Visitors Requests and Comments:**
 - A. **Patrick Bradnick, Boy Scout Troop 23:** The Boy Scouts just concluded their Camp Card sales fundraiser. He donated thirty-five Camp Cards to the police, fire and EMT departments. The Board expressed their gratitude.
 - B. **Justin Bradnick, 3703 Rutherford Street:** Asked if grass clippings could be included in the next solid waste contract.
8. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Boudier. Motion carried unanimously.

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9. **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to table Item A. Gaming Grant Co-Applicant Request of 6870 Derry Street LLC d/b/a/ The Wharf. Commissioner Boudier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Varner made a motion to approve the amended consent agenda, items B through G, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Gaming Grant Co-Applicant Request – 6870 Derry Street LLC d/b/a The Wharf (this item was tabled)
- B. Gaming Grant Co-Applicant Request – Swatara Tigers Football
- C. Approval to Pay Educational Incentive Request of Ptl. Payne
- D. Approval of Educational Incentive Request for MPA 520 – Ptl. Payne
- E. Approval of Educational Incentive Request for MPA 501 – Ptl. Payne
- F. Approval of Mr. Rehab Agreement for CCTV of Grayson Road
- G. Approval of Hiring Two Summer Seasonal Employees

10. **Consideration of Minutes**

- A. **Regular Meeting II of May 10, 2023:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting II minutes of May 10, 2023, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Consideration of Resolution: Dauphin County Transportation Infrastructure**

Safety Improvement Program Grant for Rupp Hill Road: Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to apply for a Dauphin County Transportation Infrastructure Safety Improvement Program Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for Rupp Hill Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously. This is Resolution R-2023-29

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

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

14. **Commissioners Requests and Comments:**

- A. **Commissioner Ellis:** Thanked the Public Works Department for trimming trees around the township. Thanked the recreation maintenance staff for installing a new play piece at 65th Street Park. Had the pleasure and honor to attend the Midland Cemetery Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. The cemetery has recently been added to the National Register of Historic Places. She read a thank you letter from Ms. Barb Barksdale of Friends of Midland. She thanked the fire police and police departments for helping with the Capital Area Greenbelt Tour de Belt this year. She congratulated all graduates residing in the township.

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- B. **Commissioner Boudier**: Made several personal remarks for not being at the last several meetings because of his hospitalization after his wife's passing. He thanked staff for attending his wife's service. He thanked the township for the beautiful floral arrangement. He thanked Commissioner Tuckey for the flowers and personal calls to check on him. He thanked the Board for honoring him by naming local government day after him. He thanked everyone for their kind words and gestures.
- C. **Commissioner Tuckey**: Welcomed Commissioner Boudier back. Thanked everyone for coming out to stay informed.
- D. **Vice President Varner**: Asked Lt. Krahling to look at the timing of the traffic signal at Sam's Club and Grayson Road. Asked Director Reider for a briefing on dirt bikes on roadways. Director Reider said the police department is trying different things to try to stop the activity. A drone will be utilized to follow the riders to their residence, surveillance cameras have been installed and will be used with a facial recognition program and the State Police have offered the assistance of their helicopter. He asked residents to call the police when they see activity and to try to safely get a picture of the riders.
- E. **President Zubeck**: Welcomed Commissioner Boudier back. Was able to attend the Rutherford Veterans Circle Memorial Day Ceremony and thanked everyone who attended.
15. **Adjournment**: Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Boudier. Motion carried unanimously.



Karen Alleman, Township Secretary