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SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 14, 2023

STORMWATER AUTHORITY

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1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Varner called the Swatara Township Stormwater Authority meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Wednesday June 14, 2023, at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Christine Zubeck, Jeff Varner, Tom Connolly, Richard Boudier (arrived at 6:46 p.m.), and Michael Tuckey. Also present: Assistant Manager Kim Kaufman, Solicitor Kevin Hall, Director of Building and Codes Robert Ihlein, Director of Public Works Todd Webb, Director of Public Safety Reider, Assistant Finance Director Brittany Yarzinsky, and Secretary Karen Alleman.
3. **Visitors Requests and Comments: Shaela Ellis, 922 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:** Asked a question on behalf of Ms. Candace Mills, 902 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Ms. Mills requested information for a right to know. She wanted a general time frame to answer those questions. Solicitor Hall said the Township did respond to her request, he did not know the response time. Ms. Ellis had a list of the deficiencies she feels are outstanding regarding the two inlets repaired on her street, she is concerned with the one on her side of the street. There seems to consistently be two inches of water in the inlet, she is concerned about the sitting water and mosquitoes. The stones that were placed over top of where the street was are now washing out. The drain placed in front of her driveway protrudes significantly than it did before, about three inches. There is about an inch of space between the curb and where the surrounding part of the drain meets, allowing stone and debris to get in. She asked if there were plans to pave the street, and when. She was aware some public works employees were injured while working on the inlets, leaving the department short staffed. She feels the actual issue is still not being addressed. She would like a time frame when the driveway issue will be addressed. Asked why HRG (engineering firm) was used over Dawood Engineering. Asked how much money has been spent on this project thus far.

Ms. Zubeck said HRG was used because this is a stormwater issue, and they are the stormwater engineers. Ms. Ellis said they did not use the correct landmarks and the survey had to be redone. Ms. Zubeck said they are professional surveyors. Mr. Webb said the roadway right-of-way had to be determined as well as the sewer authority having a twenty-foot right-of-way. The surveyors had to go back to the original layout of the development in 1918 or 1920. The original boundaries placed by HRG had to be pulled out and additional streets and properties measured. The center line of the forty-foot right-of-way has now been determined.

Ms. Zubeck said the drain that was placed in front of the homes is working. Mr. Webb has not heard of any problems with the new drain.

Ms. Ellis asked when the issue with 892 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue was going to be addressed. Ms. Zubeck and Chairman Varner said the issue is being addressed now, more information will be given later

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during this meeting. Ms. Ellis asked for a list of expenses for the next Stormwater Authority meeting.

Mr. Connolly said he is not aware of any stormwater permits issued in 2021 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue property.

4. **Consideration of Minutes: May 10, 2023:** Mr. Tuckey made a motion to approve the May 10, 2023, minutes, as presented. Ms. Zubeck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Stormwater Monthly Report:** Mr. Webb went over the monthly report. The monthly report is attached to the minutes. Mr. Webb reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue situation. The plan was to start with the survey, proceed to the legal aspect of it, and then move to the construction phase. We are currently awaiting the official survey results from HRG that will then go to Solicitor Hall's office, and then to the property owners to be fully executed and signed. Regarding Ms. Ellis' questions, Mr. Webb will check on the stone that washed out. Stone does need to be placed in the area, and then it will be paved. He will also check on the inlet at her driveway.  
  
Mr. Connolly was pleased that the Mills received the information they requested. He did not realize there was an issue with the survey. Chairman Varner knew that this subject would be discussed this evening, including the survey, so everyone is being briefed this evening. Mr. Connolly provided pictures to the members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue area.
6. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Yarzinsky said the stormwater bills were mailed on June 7. The Stormwater balance as of May 31, 2023, is \$20,122.89.
7. **Members Requests and Comments:** Mr. Connolly sent get well wishes to the employees injured at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue project. He wanted the pictures he provided to the members included with the minutes. Mr. Boudier had no comment. Ms. Zubeck thanked Mr. Webb and the Public Works Department for continuing to move this project forward. She wished the injured employees well. She encouraged everyone to move forward with this project in a positive productive manner. Mr. Tuckey said from the moment this issue was brought to the Township's attention, staff were working on a solution. Chairman Varner said the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue issue is currently an active work zone. We have been addressing the situation to solve the issue.
8. **Adjournment:** Mr. Tuckey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Ms. Zubeck. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Karen Alleman, Stormwater Authority Secretary