

MINUTES

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Boudier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Unanimously approved.

8. **Motion to Approve Items on Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Commissioner Ellis asked for an explanation of Item B. Solicitor Hall said due to personnel issues in the code office, the building permit signatures that were executed of late have been executed on behalf of the current building codes official. The Board is ratifying those approvals. Item 12 is related to that matter.

A. Approval of Tuition Reimbursement for Officer Payne

B. Ratification of Building Permit Signatures

C. Consideration of Request from Community Alliance Church to Close North 45th Street Between Franklin and Their Southern Property Line

9. **Consideration of Minutes: Regular Meeting II of August 9, 2023:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting II of August 9, 2023. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion. Commissioner Ellis noted two items, Item 12. Traffic Study for Line-of-“Sign” at 1310 Highland Street. The item should read “Line of Sight” at 1310 Highland Street. Also, in the same item add “Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion,” and “the motion carried unanimously.” Item 13A. Consideration of Plan 2023-02C for Self Service Storage on Eisenhower Boulevard. Would like a review to see if the correct terminology is being used regarding a “waiver” of the requirement to construct sidewalks. She believes the word should be “defer” the requirement to construct sidewalks. Secretary Alleman will review the recording and correct the minutes.

President Zubeck made a motion to table the minutes to the September 12 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Tuckey. Motion carried unanimously.

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing: Liquor License Intermunicipal Transfer for KHP Harrisburg LLC “Korean BBQ Buffet”

The Regular Meeting I of the Board of Commissioners recessed at 7:16 p.m. for a public hearing regarding the request for a Liquor License Intermunicipal Transfer for KHP Harrisburg LLC “Korean BBQ Buffet.” The Regular Meeting I of the Board of Commissioners reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

- 9A. **Consideration of Resolution: Liquor License Transfer for KHP Harrisburg LLC “Korean BBQ Buffet”:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the Liquor License Transfer request of KHP Harrisburg LLC “Korean BBQ Buffet.” Seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Motion carried unanimously. This is Resolution R-2023-42.

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10. **Consideration of Resolution: Approving Swatara Township Sewer Authority to Provide Services to Properties Along Fiddlers Elbow Road in Lower Swatara Township:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to allow the Swatara Township Sewer Authority to provide services to properties along Fiddlers Elbow Road in Lower Swatara Township, Motion seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously. This is Resolution R-2023-43
11. **Consideration of Agreement for HERA Property Registry LLC:** Solicitor Hall said the prior entity responsible for monitoring foreclosed properties filed bankruptcy. HERA is providing similar terms as the prior entity. Commissioner Ellis asked if a former commissioner was the contact for the new company. Solicitor Hall said no, not in terms of ownership. Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to approve the agreement with HERA Property Registry LLC, seconded by Commissioner Varner. Motion carried unanimously.
12. **Appointment of Alternate Building Codes Official:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to appoint an alternate building codes official. Commissioner Boudier seconded the motion. Commissioner Ellis said the alternate official would be Robert Ihlein. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12A. **Consideration of Request to Move Bid Opening Date for Solid Waste:** Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to terminate the current bid solicitations for solid waste and authorize a new solicitation for bids with a return date of November 6. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
13. **Visitors Requests and Comments: Debra Noles, 6080 Hocker Drive:** Asked for an update on the court case for the warehouses. Solicitor Hall said on Friday we filed our responsive brief on behalf of the Township regarding the Smith Land appeal. We will await argument being scheduled, which is determined by the judge.
14. **Possible Stormwater Violations for Investigation:** None
15. **Commissioners Requests and Comments:**
 - A. **Commissioner Ellis:** Wished students a happy and safe school year full of learning and growth. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program is now available for children birth to age 5. The program is free of charge, to register for the program, visit www.imaginationlibrary.com. She thanked the police, fire services, fire police, public works and parks and rec for their work setting up the fireworks. She thanked Giant and the Lawnton Legion for sponsoring the event. She also thanked the food truck vendors. Many positive comments were received from residents. A chicken

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- BBQ will be held on Saturday at the municipal building, beginning at 11:00 a.m., benefiting the K-9 Fund.
- B. **Commissioner Boudier**: Thanked everyone involved with the Labor Day weekend fireworks display. It was a spectacular event. Special thanks to Giant and the Lawnton Legion for their donations. Thanked the Fire, Public Works and Police Departments, and anyone else involved. For the first time being held, it was a very nice event for the community with a great turnout.
- C. **Commissioner Tuckey**: Thanked staff and everyone involved with the fireworks, a lot of thought went into the event. It was nice to see families having fun. It was nice to see the community together.
- D. **Commissioner Varner**: Thanked everyone for their help with the fireworks, we received many positive comments from the public. It was nice to showcase Bishop Park and let people know what is being planned there.
- E. **President Zubeck**: She had a vision for a fireworks show, and it was nice to see it come to fruition. It was very successful. She thanked the Board and staff for their hard work putting the fireworks together. Public works, police and fire services all worked together to get the Bishop Park field mowed and prepared for the show. It was nice to give residents a glimpse of what the future will hold for the park. It was nice to see so many residents attend the event and be able to watch the show from their home. She looks forward to many more family events. She thanked Giant and the Lawnton Legion for sponsoring the event.
16. **Adjournment**: Commissioner Tuckey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Boudier. Motion carried unanimously.



Karen Alleman, Township Secretary