

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

SWATARA TOWNSHIP
STORMWATER AUTHORITY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Varner called the Swatara Township Stormwater Authority meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Christine Zubeck, Jeff Varner, Tom Connolly, Michael Tuckey, and Richard Boudier. Also present: Solicitor Kevin Hall, Director of Building and Codes Robert Ihlein, Stormwater Coordinator Kevin Trafka, Director of Public Works Todd Webb, Manager Fosselman, Assistant Manager Kim Kaufman, and Secretary Karen Alleman.
3. **Announcement Executive Session:** No Executive Session was held this evening.
4. **Visitors Requests and Comments:** None
5. **Consideration of Minutes: August 9, 2023:** Mr. Tuckey made a motion to approve the August 9, 2023, minutes, as presented. Ms. Zubeck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Stormwater Monthly Report:** Mr. Trafka made a Power Point presentation to the Authority showcasing the reconstruction of Spring Creek. The presentation is available on the Township's website, under Stormwater. Ms. Zubeck thanked Mr. Trafka for taking the opportunity to restore Spring Creek. Mr. Connolly asked if the things placed in the Creek for wildlife were there prior to the restoration. Mr. Trafka said all the trees and vegetation that could be reused were placed back in the area. The floodplain itself will not require any maintenance. He would like to place a walkway from the parcels on the corner of Rutherford and Bonnymeade to Oakleigh. Living Waters Church also thinks this is a great idea.

Mr. Trafka said the illicit discharge situation on Mohn Street has been addressed and should be resolved in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Zubeck thanked Chairman Varner for his quick response to the situation.

7. **Manager's Report:** Mr. Fosselman said Mr. Trafka genuinely cares about the residents of the Township. Mr. Fosselman gave the August 31 ending balance of \$1,334,116.46. The Stormwater Authority has reimbursed the Township \$807,612.67 and received another \$48,484.00 for the month of September so far. The ending balance as of today is \$574,941.29. The Authority still needs to reimburse the Township for expenses. Final notices for unpaid bills will be mailed out in thirty days.

Mr. Connolly asked if the payment to the Township was prorated so it was the same over twelve months. Mr. Fosselman said dollar amounts that the Township invoiced the Stormwater Authority for are actual expenses incurred by the Stormwater Authority. The Stormwater Authority did not have funds to pay their bills, so the Township covered their expenses.

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Ms. Zubeck said the Stormwater Authority has been catching up with paying bills. She asked for the amount owed from 2021. Mr. Fosselman said it was over four hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Fosselman said the stormwater fee is one-half to one-fourth of what other municipalities around us charge. \$60 per year is unbelievably low. Ms. Zubeck said things were looking better this year, as opposed to 2021.

8. **Members Requests and Comments:** Mr. Connolly thanked Mr. Trafka for the Power Point presentation.
9. **Adjournment:** Ms. Zubeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Tuckey. Motion carried unanimously.



Karen Alleman, Stormwater Authority Secretary