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SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

MARCH 6, 2024

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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1. **Call to Order:** President Ellis called the Regular Meeting I of the Swatara Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:01pm on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The meeting was held at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ellis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Prayer:** Pastor Gary came up and gave a brief prayer.
4. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Michael Tuckey, Tom Connolly, Shane Steele and Shaela Ellis were present. Commissioner Zubeck was absent. Also present: Manager Jim Fosselman, Solicitor Scott Wyland, Director of Planning and Zoning Robert Ihlein, Fire Chief Mike Ibberson, Deputy Police Chief and Sergeant-At-Arms Thomas Stauffer, Treasurer Brittany Yarzinsky and Secretary Jen Yesavage. Due to the celebration of Chief Reider, District Attorney Fran Chardo, Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries, Chief Justin Hess, President of the Dauphin County Chiefs of Police Association and many other local and county officials were present.
5. **Announce Executive Session:** No executive session was held prior to this meeting.
6. **Celebration of Public Safety Director Darrell Reider:** Commissioner Connolly gave an overview of what would happen during the celebration. Deputy Chief Stauffer gave some remarks and a presentation on behalf of the Swatara Township Police Department. John Cassett gave a presentation on behalf of the Karate that meets in the building and has been working with the Township on domestic violence programs. He is handing the karate over to Ann Marie who he promoted to 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt. He also presented Chief Reider with an honorary black belt and gave Chief Reider his Special Forces Army medal. Commissioners Tuckey, Steele, Ellis and Connolly all gave brief remarks to Chief Reider and thanked him for his many years of service. Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries gave some remarks and made a proclamation marking March 6, 2024 as Chief Darrell Reider Day in Dauphin County. Lieutenant Krehling introduced Chief Reider's Final Call which was listened to by all in attendance and given by his son Mitch. Chief Darrell Reider gave his remarks.
7. **Visitors Requests and Comments:**
  - A. **Joe Donato, 71 S. Harrisburg Street:** He questioned the stop sign that is posted at Sponaugle when leaving High Pointe Commons from Target and heading to Chambers Hill Road. He also mentioned the abundance of tractor trailer traffic on his street to avoid the lights on Eisenhower Blvd.

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- B. Tom Garlic, 6050 Hocker Drive:** he revisited the topic of putting up dividers at the intersection of Mushroom Hill Road and SR322 to prevent people from turning off of SR322 and into the Speedway.
- C. Mim Roberts Harvey, 996 Monroe Street:** she revisited the topic of getting a street light installed on Jones Street in Oberlin.
8. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Vice President Steele made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Connolly. The motion passed unanimously.
9. **Consideration of Minutes:**
- A. **Regular Meeting I of February 7, 2024**
- B. **Regular Meeting II of February 14, 2024:** President Ellis made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Vice President Steele seconded the motion with a correction to the minutes of February 14, 2024. The correction was noted by the Secretary and will be made before the minutes are posted on the website. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Approval to Advertise Bid Package for Chambers Hill Road “Green Light Go Project”:** Motion was made by Commissioner Connolly and second by Vice President Steele. President Ellis gave an overview of the project to improve the intersection of Chambers Hill Road, Harrisburg Street (SR441) and Orchard Road. The grant money is not being extended by PennDOT so this bid is going to be open from March 8 – March 23, 2024 with the winning bidder being asked to secure any necessary materials up front due to the deadline of the grant. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions:** Commissioner Connolly made a motion to appoint Shane Steele to the Stormwater Authority, seconded by President Ellis. The motion carried unanimously.
12. **Visitors Requests and Comments:** None at this time
13. **Possible Stormwater Violations for Investigation:** Nothing at this time.
14. **Commissioners Requests and Comments:**
- A. **Commissioner Tuckey:** He stated that Commissioner Zubeck was not in attendance due to vehicle issues. He thanked those in attendance and wished everyone a nice evening.
- B. **Commissioner Connolly:** He again thanked Chief Reider for his service and feels that the department is in good hands with Deputy Chief Stauffer and thanked everyone in attendance.



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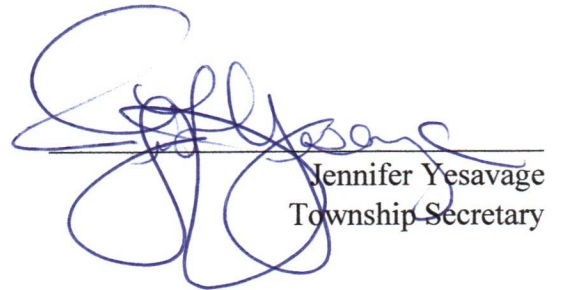
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- C. **Commissioner Steele:** He thanked all in attendance, those that gave their remarks and concerns as well as those watching the meeting online.
- D. **Commissioner Ellis:** Gave her congratulations to Public Safety Director Reider and thanked him for his years of service. She thanked all that came to the meeting and those that participated in the meeting as well as those watching online.
15. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm, seconded by Vice President Steele. Motion carried unanimously.



Jennifer Yesavage  
Township Secretary