

MINUTES

SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING I

AUGUST 7, 2024

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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- E. **Debra Noles, 6080 Hocker Drive:** she requested that Chambers Hill Fire Company be stocked with equipment allowing them to run calls
 - F. **Arthur Schwarz, 225 Harvest Drive:** he spoke about his fears with the closure of the fire companies and the response time on calls
 - G. **Paul Dolatoski, 213 North 45th Street:** he voiced his concerns about the corner of Strickland and 48th Street
 - H. **Lisa Neiter, 6140 Hocker Drive:** she presented 488 signatures as a continuation of the petition that was presented last month to put Chambers Hill Fire Company back in service, she also asked for an update on the warehouse litigation, Solicitor Wyland stated that he would provide an update at the next meeting
 - I. **Bonnie Miller, 1037 Main Street:** she criticized Commissioner Connolly on his response to a resident at the previous meeting
 - J. **Rudy Pavlick, 680 Monroe Street:** he spoke about his history with Friendship Fire Company and asked that the Township reinstate the Fire Company and all of the volunteers
 - K. **Harry Cree, 5561 Chambers Hill Road:** he voiced his concerns about having less fire companies throughout the Township
 - L. **Mary Klaus, 447 Pritchard Court:** she again asked to have the Bressler Fire Company apparatus placed into Chambers Hill Fire Company and allow them to run calls, she also spoke about the volunteers at Chambers Hill who are ready to run
 - M. **Lon Anderson, 920 Dennis Circle:** he spoke of his willingness and ability to run fire calls for Chambers Hill Fire Company
 - N. **Dustin Shenfield, S 59th Street:** he spoke of his qualifications and willingness to run calls in Swatara Township and stated that he is waiting for his application to be approved
 - O. **Joanne Cibort, 799 High Street:** she asked that the board reopen the Chambers Hill Fire Company and provide them with the adequate equipment to respond to calls in the Township
 - P. **Gavin Ford, 3731 Rutherford Street:** he thanked the Police Department for the award that he received earlier in the meeting
9. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Vice President Steele made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Connolly. The motion passed unanimously.
10. **Motion to Approve Items on Consent Agenda:** Vice President Steele made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Connolly. There was discussion about the gaming grants and the submission process and due dates. Treasurer Yarzinsky gave a brief overview of the partial refund for Real Estate Taxes due to Harrisburg Hotels, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Consideration of Minutes:**A. Regular Meeting II of July 10, 2024:**

Vice President Steele made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Connolly. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consideration of Resolution: Temporary No Parking at Summit Street on August 31, 2024 from 2 – 10 pm: Lieutenant Milsteen stated that this request is due to the fireworks that are planned for that evening to help with the exiting of those attending the event. The motion passed unanimously. R-2024-38**13. Appointments to Boards and Commissions:** Vice President Steele nominated Stephen Shayter to the Sewer Board, seconded by President Ellis. The motion passed unanimously.**14. Visitors Requests and Comments:****A. Nessim Tawadrous, 6041 Huntingdon Circle:** he spoke about an issue at the intersection of Huntingdon Circle and 61st Street**15. Possible Stormwater Violations for Investigation:** Nothing at this time.**16. Commissioners Requests and Comments, Additional Business and Correspondence:****A. Solicitor Wyland:** he spoke about a letter that was received from the County to execute a consent document to participate in Tier 2 of the opioid class action distribution of funds, due the timing of the letter, there was no time to add it to the agenda for the evening but that he was going to execute the letter and it will be added to the agenda for next week where it can be ratified**B. Commissioner Tuckey:** he thanked those that came out and spoke at the meeting, he spoke about his concerns regarding the fire safety in the Township and hopes that Chambers Hill can be put back into service quickly**C. Commissioner Zubeck:** she voiced her concerns about the loss of a fire member earlier in the meeting and asked that our volunteers be treated with respect and that their concerns or questions are answered, she again asked for details about the closure of Friendship Fire Company and the investigative panel, she also spoke about the lack of communication between the various members of the board**D. Commissioner Connolly:** he congratulated those members of the Fire Police who received awards and spoke about Chief Stauffer and his promotion, he also spoke about the unfortunate decision that was made to cancel National Night Out due the weather forecast, he mentioned that a conversation was had to look at a path to bringing Chambers Hill Fire Company back into service

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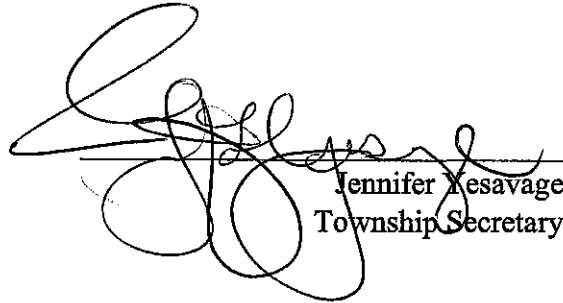
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- E. Commissioner Steele:** he thanked everyone who came out to speak and those that watched the meeting online
- F. Commissioner Ellis:** she congratulated all those that received awards and Chief Stauffer on his promotion and thanked all those that responded to the fire at 717 Armory and thanked those that came out to the meeting
17. **Adjournment:** Vice President Steele made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm, seconded by Commissioner Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.



Jennifer Yesavage
Township Secretary