

Swatara Township
Workshop Minutes
February 22, 2023

Chairman Kreitzer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Supervisors in attendance were William Bering, Jr., Richard Kreitzer and Dean Patches. Also in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo; Engineer, Kevin Fox; Zoning and Code Enforcement Officers Nate Stephens and Marty Sowers and Township Staff Daniel Fahnestock, Trish Harris and Jennifer Harding.

Capital Improvement Project List

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the preparation of a paving bid packet for N. Mill Street from SR 22 to Mowery Road. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Land Purchase discussion was moved on the agenda.

Land Purchase

The owner of 48 Supervisors Drive has requested the Township make an offer for the purchase her property.

Supervisor Kreitzer made a motion to get an appraisal on 48 Supervisors Drive so an offer can be made. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Meeting Location - Tabled

Fire Tax

Discussion was held regarding tax options for emergency services.

Park Land Development - Tabled

Building Improvement - Tabled

Investments

Investment rates are being requested from Edward Jones for terms of 1 year, 2 years and 4 years, to compare with bank rates.

7 Elm Street Property Maintenance Violation

The Sheriff's department has not been able to serve notice to this property owner. Mr. Sowers provided a phone number for the property owner to possibly assist with the serving process.

587 N. Lancaster Street

Atty. John Zimmerman had started the eviction process of the property's tenants last fall, and the tenants started cleaning up the property and the eviction was put on hold. The property owners did not receive the notice from Atty. Gallo. An extension request has been requested so the property owners can restart the eviction process as they cannot cleanup the property until the tenants are removed.

Supervisor Patches moved to grant an extension until April 15, 2023. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Dwelling and Solar Ordinance

The ordinance will be provided to Lebanon County Planning and the Swatara Planning Commission.

Personnel Hierarchy

Supervisor Bering moved to appoint Jay Bomgardner as assistance Road Foreman when the Road Foreman is not at work. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Mill Street Park Field Usage and Water

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the requests for field usage from the NL Soccer Club and Viking Softball League. Soccer will have use of the west field and small area of the east field's right outfield. Softball will have use of the east field. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the condition of the water line and facet in the park. The road crew will investigate the situation when the water can be turned on.

Local Government Week – April 10-15, 2023

Supervisor Kreitzer made a motion that a Resolution should be prepared so the Township can participate in Local Government Week. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize expenditures up to \$500 so events can be scheduled for Local Government Week. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Employees at Polling Locations

Atty. Gallo explained that Township employees can be involved with politicking on election day as long as they do not identify as a Township Employee.

Conversation was held regarding the stormwater investigation underway at 187 Cemetery Road, the status of the Stormwater Ordinance, and the Life Lion Ambulance Contract.

Adjournment

Supervisor Patches moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding