

Swatara Township
Minutes
May 11, 2023

Chairman Kreitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisors in attendance were Richard Kreitzer and Dean Patches. William Bering, Jr. was absent. Also in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo; Engineer, Kevin Fox; and five (5) residents.

Public Comments – None

Zoning / Code Enforcement

8 Zoning Permits were issued in April.

Code Enforcement updates:

587 N. Lancaster Street – Compliant, the fees and costs were provided to their solicitor. A request for a reduction in fees has been received. The Board is not inclined to reduce the fees.

191 Moore Road

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize Attorney Gallo to send a letter reminding the property owners that they are under a Court Order of \$100 a day until the property is cleaned up. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

5 Groy Avenue

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize Attorney Gallo to send a letter reminding the property owners that they are under a Court Order of \$100 a day until the property is cleaned up. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

56 Washington Avenue

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize Attorney Gallo to send a last chance letter for the cleanup of this property. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

19 Birch Street – Supervisor Patches suggested a firm list of violations be prepared and a letter sent to the property owner.

163 Moore Road – the list of items for removal is to be prepared.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the April 13th Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

April 2023 Financial Reports

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the April 2023 Financial Reports. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Bills Payable

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the amended bills payable list totaling \$91,657.87 which includes \$1,369.58 paid to Reilly Wolfson from the General Fund. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission – Dean Patches

The Planning Commission is planning a public meeting to present the Comprehensive Plan at their June meeting. Businesses in the Township were discussed to ensure they are accounted for within the zoning ordinance. Stormwater for larger developments, Larch Lane Sewer and the renovations at Northern Lebanon High School were also discussed.

Recreation Board Report – Dean Patches

Planning continues for the August 26th Event. The band Project X has been reserved as well as the Cheesy Grill food truck.

Township Report – Jennifer Harding

In the past month, the Road Crew finished the modifications to the sports fields in the park, crack sealed, graded road shoulders, installed pipes, base repair, mowed along roads and in the park and line painted. They will continue pipe replacements, base repair and tree removal.

Stormwater Management – Kevin Fox

One project was submitted and it will require stormwater planning.

Communications:

Life Lion Ambulance Report for April 2023

Lebanon Daily News Proof of Publications – for the driveway hearing on Werner Road

Northern Lebanon County Authority Minutes from March 28, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

Mill Street Heights Swale Project – Mr. Fox

A request for the final payment to the contractor has been received. Mr. Fox had inspected the site before the meeting and found there to be areas where the grass has not seeded. His recommendation is to table the request until the grass is established.

Attorney Gallo reported that she filed one complaint against the property owner that had not made payment arrangements. Another property owner whose payment did not clear the bank will be filed should there be no response within the required timeframe.

Comprehensive Plan

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize the advertising of the public meeting on June 1st at the Planning Commission Meeting to present the Comprehensive Plan.

Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Cemetery Road Stormwater

Mr. Fox reported that he had inspected the stormwater facilities installed at 185 Cemetery Road. Although they are not in the same location as noted on the original plan, the facilities are appropriate. Mr. Myer asked for something in writing from the Township that he has done what was necessary. The Board asked Mr. Fox to prepare a letter for Mr. Myer.

TCC Alternate Representative - Tabled

Bunker Hill Fire Company Equipment Planning

The QRS is still in the garage. The mechanics are having issues locating the problem. The equipment issues will be discussed further at the May 24th Workshop.

Supervisor Patches moved to amend the agenda to include the Resolution approving the amendments to the Operational Support language for the Fire

Company's workers compensation. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches moved to approve Resolution #2023-07, adopting the changes to the Operational Support language for the workers compensation coverage for the Bunker Hill Fire Company. Supervisor Kreitzer announced his abstention due to serving as the Chief of the Bunker Hill Company. Due to the lack of a quorum, Supervisor Kreitzer is allowed to vote. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Swatara Road Extension

Supervisor Patches has spoken to Mr. Snyder and he is investigating the possibility of expanding the V in the road instead of installing a new road.

Tractor Trailer Signage / Speed Limit Signs

Neighboring municipalities have been installing No Truck signs with flashing lights on the posts which have been helping keep trucks off small township roads.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize the purchase of flashing lights to be installed on the top of a sign post. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

587 N. Lancaster Request for Fee Reduction – addressed during Code Enforcement Report.

Larch Lane Sewer Extension – Andrew Nye, Matthew & Hockley/Chrisland Engineering
Mr. Nye explained that all of the residences on this property will be connected to city water. They are proposing running a new line to the property when the sewer line is installed. Discussion was held that meters may be added to each structure. The Township stressed that they do not want to have to guarantee payment to N. Lebanon Township for nonpayment of sewer bills. Atty. Gallo will contact the solicitor for N. Lebanon Township so 1805 Quarry Road can be included in the Rockwood Service Area.

Northern Lebanon School District Renovation Plan

Mr. Fox reached out to the engineer for the School District to notify him that the Township line is incorrectly illustrated. The Township will participate in the review of this plan.

2041 Grace Avenue – O & M Stormwater Agreement

Supervisor Patches moved to accept and sign the O & M Stormwater Agreement for 2041 Grace Avenue. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Stephenson Equipment – Boom Mower Rental

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize the rental of a tractor and boom mower from Stephenson Equipment for \$7,800 for one month. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Solicitor's Report – nothing further to report

Engineer's Report – Mr. Fox

Woodcrest Heights is expecting their contractor to be out on May 22nd to finalize the remaining items on their plan.

Pine Ridge Village is expecting the termination of the NPDES to be completed in the next few months.

An Executive Session was not needed.

Adjournment

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding