

Swatara Township  
Minutes  
June 8, 2023

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

Supervisors in attendance were William Bering, Jr., Richard Kreitzer and Dean Patches. Also in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo; Engineer, Kevin Fox; and seven (7) residents.

Public Comments

Bill Bering, Jr. thanked the other Board Members and the staff for their support during the primary election.

Judyth Murphy – 9 Moritz Drive - thanked the Bunker Hill Fire Company for making the fire hall available for the election.

Zoning / Code Enforcement

8 Zoning Permits were issued in May.

Code Enforcement updates:

587 N. Lancaster Street – The property has been cleaned up; the fees have not been paid.

191 Moore Road - Mr. Sowers has an appointment to reinspect the property on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

5 Groy Avenue - Mr. Roberts feels that his property is fully compliant. Mr. Sowers will need to meet with Mr. Roberts to discuss the condition of the property.

56 Washington Avenue - Improvements have been made. The Board is waiting for Mr. Sower's determination if the property is compliant.

7 Elm Street – has submitted application for a zoning hearing.

40 Clover Lane – is scheduled for court on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

19 Birch Street – Mr. Sowers is scheduling a time to reinspect the property.

163 Moore Road – tabled

137 Mowery Road – permits have been submitted for a new single-family dwelling to replace an existing mobile home.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize an agreement be prepared outlining the terms for the removal of the mobile home after the new home is constructed, with the inclusion of up to a \$15,000 bond. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the May 11th Meeting Minutes and May 24<sup>th</sup> Workshop Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

May 2023 Financial Reports

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

#### Bills Payable

Supervisor Bering moved to approve the bills payable list totaling \$85,573.66 from the M/R Sewer and General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### Planning Commission – Dean Patches

The Planning Commission held a public meeting to present the Comprehensive Plan at the June meeting. No members of the public attended. Stormwater in larger developments was discussed with a focus on HOA's. More allowances for light commercial uses in Ag Zones was also a topic of conversation.

Attorney Gallo announced that the Ordinance for Solar Arrays and updating Dwelling Definitions is ready for Planning Commission review.

Supervisor Patches moved to amend the Agenda to add the advertising of the Solar Array and Dwelling Definition Ordinance. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize Barley Snyder to advertise the Solar Array and Dwelling Definition Ordinance. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### Recreation Board Report – Dean Patches

Planning continues for the August 26<sup>th</sup> Event. The August meeting of the Recreation Board will be rescheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. Expenditures are exceeding the budget allowances.

Supervisor Patches moved to allocate an additional \$3000.00 for the Music Festival. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches moved allow up to \$250 for advertising the Music Festival in the Merchandiser. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### Township Report – Jennifer Harding

In the past month, the Road Crew installed drainage on Old State Road, repaired base on Sunset and N. Mill Street, mowed roads and the park and sprayed guiderail. Next month they are hoping to continue with the base repair, remove trees, pave, and replace pipes on Old State Road.

#### Stormwater Management – Kevin Fox

Three projects were submitted for review. One is exempt, one is not exempt and one not exempt but has sufficient capacity in existing BMP.

#### Communications:

Northern Lebanon County Authority Minutes from April 25, 2023

Cleona Borough Police Enforcement Log

Lebanon County Commissions Burn Ban – Resolution 6-6-2023

Lebanon Daily News Proof of Publications (2) – Comprehensive Plan Hearing and Oil and Chip Bid Opening

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mill Street Heights Swale Project

Mr. Fox is recommending the final payment to Wexcon be made.

Supervisor Patches moved to pay the final payment to Wexcon in the amount of \$5,406.35. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

117 Swatara Circle requested a waiver of the court filing fees due to extenuating circumstances.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the waiver of court fees totaling \$155.75 to 117 Swatara Circle for the Swale Project. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

PA State Police

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize filing charges with the State Police against 15 Swatara Circle should payment not be received. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

252 E. Chestnut Street – Access Easement - the Board will ratify the agreement to proceed with recording.

Comprehensive Plan

Supervisor Kreitzer recommended sending the Comprehensive Plan back to the Planning Commission for a clarification of light industrial in Ag Zones.

TCC Alternate Representative - Tabled

Bunker Hill Fire Company Equipment Planning

The pumper tanker is currently non-operational. In the past month the Fire Company spent \$7,155.00 on certification testing and maintenance. Prices are being obtained for pumper tankers although the grant for this piece of equipment is still pending.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the advertising of a special meeting for fire company equipment planning. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Swatara Road Extension

The plan is to expand the 'V' at the intersection of Dead End and Greble instead of moving the road. The property owner will have the land surveyed.

Tractor Trailer Signage / Speed Limit Signs

The flashing lights have arrived and will be installed by the road crew

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Broadband Coverage within the Township

The new FCC Broadband maps were displayed.

Personnel Manual Updates – tabled until the June Workshop

Lebanon County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2023 Mitigation Project Opportunities & Actions  
Old Jonestown Road where the stream is encroaching on the road will be submitted as a project.

Woodcrest Heights

Mr. Fox is waiting for a response from the contractor regarding the work pending in the Woodcrest Heights Basin. There are a number of other items still incomplete.

Pine Ridge Village – tabled

LSA Grant

The grant of \$25,000 for the park path paving was approved.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the preparation and advertising of a bid packet for the paving of the park path. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

7 Elm Street – Zoning Hearing

The Township will not be participating in this hearing.

Higher Information Group – Digitizing Proposal

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize up to \$5,000 with Higher Information Group to digitize the plan files starting with the current plans. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Solicitor's Report – Colleen Gallo

Atty. Gallo will not be attending the July meeting. Mr. Lamoureux will be in attendance.

Engineer's Report – Kevin Fox

Mr. Fox will not be attending the July meeting. Mr. Ramsey would be available, if needed.

Executive Session

An Executive Session to discuss Monday's hearing was needed. No action will be required.

Supervisor Kreitzer adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The executive session concluded at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding