

Swatara Township
Minutes
July 13, 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, Corey Lamoureux; and eight (8) residents.

Public Comments

Dan Shuman – METAvivor Volunteer

Mr. Shuman requested the Township consider Proclaiming October 13th Metastatic Breast Cancer Day. A Resolution was provided for consideration. Light up MBC 2022 is available on YouTube to show last year's event.

Supervisor Bering suggested taking the agenda out of order to accommodate those in attendance.

Jessica Drive – Michael and Linda Fleisher were on hand to inquire what was decided for the stormwater issues on Jessica Drive. Since the Township's Engineer was not in attendance the Board is tabling the discussion until the August 10th meeting so the matter can be discussed fully.

Zoning / Code Enforcement Report

5 Groy Avenue – Rick Roberts

The race car has been moved across the street onto the neighbor's property, with permission. Mr. Roberts said that the vehicle will be moved and tarped. The list of items in compliance needs to be provided by the codes official.

587 N. Lancaster Street – The fees have not been paid.

191 Moore Road – The property was reinspected on June 16th. The property owner will call Mr. Sowers when he feels the property is compliant

40 Clover Lane – Has a court order for the submittal of a land development plan on August 1st.

19 Birch Street – A revised NOV has been issued.

163 Moore Road – has a compliance deadline of August 2nd

2277 Quarry Road – Dan Nauman

Progress is being made, five vehicles still need to be removed or made legal.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to issue an extension until September 14, 2023.

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

2370 Quarry Road

The vehicle is now complaint but the accessory structure is still in disrepair.

Modifications to the code enforcement reporting procedure were discussed and will be presented to Light-Heigel.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Bering moved to approve the June 8th Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

June 2023 Financial Reports

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

Bills Payable

Supervisor Bering moved to approve the bills payable list totaling \$138,527.23 from the Monroe Valley Sewer and General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Patches.
All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission – Dean Patches

The Dwelling and Solar Ordinance was approved. The NL School District plans were reviewed. Expanding commercial uses was discussed as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Stormwater planning for future developments was discussed.

Recreation Board Report – Rick Kreitzer

Planning continues for the August 26th Event. A draft flier for the event was presented.

Township Report – Jennifer Harding

In the past month, the Road Crew performed base repair on N. Mill Street, pipe replacements, paved N. Mill Street, mowed roads, park maintenance, cleaned inlets and removed trees. Next month they plan to continue with base repair, tree removal, oil and chip, pipe replacement, mowing and any weather-related maintenance.

Stormwater Management

Monroe Avenue will be visited during a rain storm
Walnut Street – a proposal is being designed for milling Walnut Street to deflect the flow of water away from the homes.

Communications:

Ranger Kreiser from Swatara State Park reported that they are working with SWIFT to obtain the information on the driver that damaged the guiderail at the Inwood Bridge. The County has repaired the guiderail.

Rep Diamond is hosting a license plate replacement event.

Cleona Borough Traffic Enforcement Report

Verisk provided the Township's rating for building code enforcement departments –
Swatara is rated 4 (one being the best).

Lebanon Daily News - Proof of Publications Zoning Hearing – July 5th

Life Lion Report for May

Northern Lebanon County Authority – May 23, 2023

Lebanon Daily News – Proof of Publication – Pension Ordinance

OLD BUSINESS

Mill Street Heights Swale Project

252 E. Chestnut Street – Access Easement

Supervisor Patches moved to accept and record the easement agreement with 252 E. Chestnut Street. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan

The changes have been presented to the Planning Commission. Once approved, another public hearing will be scheduled.

TCC Alternate Representative - Tabled

Bunker Hill Fire Company Equipment Planning - Tabled

Swatara Road Extension

Mr. Snyder is still waiting on his engineer.

Software Proposals – iWorQ and C.S. Davidson

Proposals were received for software that is designed to streamline code and zoning enforcement.

Company	Initial Cost	Annual Fee	Total
iWorQ	\$2,400	\$5,000	\$7,400
C.S. Davidson	\$16,000	\$1,850	\$17,850

Tabled until next month so the Supervisors can consider the proposals and speak to the Code Enforcement Officer.

NEW BUSINESS

METAvisor – Dan Shuman – addressed under Public Comments

Amy and Gary Wagner and Tina Yeagley – SR 72

The Township does not intervene on State Roads.

Fly Complaints

This is outside the Township’s jurisdiction. The property owner has reported that they have gotten a chemical control company and the area has been sprayed twice.

CD Maturity

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the maturing CD be transferred to the daily deposit account and then to the General Fund PLGIT account. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Personnel Manual Updates

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the changes to the Personnel Manual. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Northern Lebanon School District Municipal Notification Letter

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the completion of the Act 102 Letter for the Northern Lebanon School District. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Woodcrest Heights – Tabled

Pine Ridge Village – Tabled

PennDot Winter Maintenance Agreement

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the signing of the 2023-24 Winter Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Ratify Bidding Insurance Requirements

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the change in Bidding Insurance Requirements for the Oil and Chip Bid Packet to match the insurance available to the contractors. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Township Line Drive Agreement

Supervisor Patches has been approached by Bethel Township Supervisors to see if Swatara Township would be willing to modify the agreement for Township Line Drive. Swatara would gain ownership but Bethel would continue to perform winter maintenance. Discussions will continue.

Resolution #2023-08 – Act 44 Pension Resolution

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt Resolution #2023-08 – Adopting the Act 44 requirements for changing pension administrators. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Ordinance #2023-2 – Establishing Pension Administrator and Investment Firm

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-02 establishing RJ Hall as the Pension Administrator and Voya as the investment firm for the Township's Pension Plan. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

137 Mowery Road Bonding Relief

Amos Lapp has requested relief from the \$15,000 bonding requirement in the agreement presented by the Township to cover ensure an existing mobile home is removed upon the completion of the construction of a new single-family dwelling.

Supervisor Patches moved not to reduce the bond. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Solicitor's Report – Corey Lamoureux

Mr. Lamoureux informed the Board that the Dwelling and Solar Ordinance is in the process of being advertised for adoption at the August 10th meeting. As this ordinance modifies the Zoning Ordinance, a hearing is required. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Engineer's Report – Nothing to further to report

Executive Session

An Executive Session was requested by Supervisor Bering

Supervisor Patches moved to deny the waivers requested in the Northern Lebanon School District Plan.

The Planning Commission had authorized the release of the Gannett Fleming letter to SESi. Supervisor Patches retracted his motion.

The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

Supervisor Patches moved to adjourn the Executive Session and Township Meeting at 9:04 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding