

Swatara Township
Minutes
August 10, 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 twelve (12) residents.

Public Comments

Galen Kleinfelter – 260 Greble Road – Discussed the fly problem as a result of a new, local poultry operation on Dead End Road. Supervisor Patches will research the Ag Security regulation and how it may provide relief.

METAvivor Volunteer

Daniel Shuman inquired if the Township made a decision to proclaim October 13th Metastatic Breast Cancer Day.

Supervisor Bering moved to issue a Resolution proclaiming October 13th Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

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. Supervisor Patches described the obligations of the Township to maintain the pipe and to clean out the grate. The swale will be addressed when the road is paved. He also explained that the retention pond is the responsibility of the homeowner of that lot as read by Engineer Kevin Fox from the original plans.

Jeff Werner – Made a request that the Township's monthly income be reported as part of the Financial Reports given at each Township Meeting. Supervisor Patches directed the office to draft a report.

Zoning / Code Enforcement Report

5 Groy Avenue – a compliance inspection was conducted on August 2, 2023. Marty Sowers provided information to the property owner listing what needs to be completed to bring the property into compliance.

191 Moore Road – the property has not requested a compliance inspection.

40 Clover Lane – A 45-day extension has been granted by the Court of Common Pleas.

19 Birch Street – owner has chained off & posted “no trespassing” signs. Supervisor Kreitzer will speak with the property owner.

163 Moore Road – owner has a compliance deadline of 8/16/23. If the property is not compliant, Light-Heigle will notify Attorney Gallo for a last chance letter.

118 Lighthouse Drive – this property has been brought into compliance.

2277 Quarry Road – property owner has an extension until 9/14/23.

2370 Quarry Road – unlicensed vehicle has been removed but a second notice of violation was issued for an accessory structure in disrepair.

Meeting Minutes

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

June 2023 Financial Reports

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

Bills Payable

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the bills payable list totaling \$306,093.05 from the Liquid Fuels Fund and General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission – Dean Patches

Discussion continued regarding stormwater, HOA's required for future developments, commercial uses in agricultural districts, Larch Lane and NL School Districts O&M agreements, and budget talks. A Comp Plan Presentation will be held at the September 7, 2023 meeting.

Recreation Board Report – Next Meeting scheduled for August 21, 2023.

Township Report – Jennifer Harding

In the past month, the Road Crew performed base repair on Hain Avenue and Old State Road, pipe replacements, oil and chipped Hain Avenue and Old State Road, mowed roads, and did park maintenance. Next month they plan to continue with base repair, pipe replacement, mowing, line painting, and any weather-related maintenance.

Stormwater Management – Kevin Fox

395 Mountville Drive – Mr. Fox recommended that the property owner may smooth out the swale but cannot place cinder blocks or top soil there. He will notify the property owner.

Monroe Avenue – Will be inspected by road crew personnel.

Walnut Street – Discussions are underway for a solution to the problem.

Communications:

Compliance Audit – Swatara Township Non- Uniform Pension Plan, 2018 - 2022

Life Lion Report – June 2023

Proof of Publication – Ordinance – Dwelling Definitions and Solar

First Energy – Notification to property owners that they will be working in the ROW of transmission lines.

Fredericksburg Sewer and Water Authority Audit - 2022

OLD BUSINESS

Mill Street Heights Swale Project

The Board of Supervisors advised Attorney Gallo to send a reminder letter mid- August to any property owners that are behind in their monthly payments.

Comprehensive Plan

See Planning Commission listed above.

TCC Alternate Representative – Tabled

Bunker Hill Fire Company Equipment Planning – No word on the federal grant. The state grant application process for 2024 will open soon.

Swatara Road Extension - Tabled

Software Proposals – iWorQ

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the purchase of iWorQ Software to streamline code and zoning enforcement at a cost of \$7,400.00. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All in favor; motion carried.

Woodcrest Heights

Developers are in discussions with contractors to clean out the basin and to provide As-Built Drawings.

Pine Ridge

Kevin Fox, Engineer, is awaiting Lebanon County Conservation District comments.

Township Line Drive

Supervisor Patches will contact Supervisor Bruce Light, Bethel Township to discuss the modification of the agreement for Township Line Drive.

333 Mountville Drive

Engineer Kevin Fox reported that this property has been inspected and he recommends that the bond be released for this property.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the release of the bond for 333 Mountville Drive. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2023-03 – Dwelling Definitions and Solar

This Ordinance was duly advertised and a public hearing was held at 6:30 today, August 13, 2023. No one from the public was in attendance.

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-03. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Larch Lane Sewer Extension and Bonding – Awaiting Lot Development Plan. Discussion was made that bonding will be required once plans are submitted.

Northern Lebanon Softball Team requested use of the East field of the park.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the use of the field. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Northern Lebanon Soccer Team requested use of the West field of the park.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the use of the field. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

LSA Grant BHFC & Resolution Authorization

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize applying for a \$100,000.00 grant to buy equipment for the Bunker Hill Fire Company. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

LSA Grant Township & Resolution Authorization

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize applying for a \$50,000.00 grant for the purposes of providing fire equipment to Bunker Hill Fire Company. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer

Supervisor Patches voted to ratify the decision to appoint Keith Heigel as an alternate SEO. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches voted to appoint Brian McFeaters as Swatara Township's Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

PSATS CDL Training

Supervisor Patches voted to approve the \$55.00 fee for each Township employee who is required to attend the CDL Training. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Solicitor's Report – nothing further to report.

Engineer's Report – nothing further to report.

An Executive Session was not needed.

Supervisor Bering voted to adjourn the Township meeting at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Harris
Assistant Secretary