

Swatara Township
Minutes
October 12, 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

Supervisor Kreitzer – On behalf of Bunker Hill Fire Company Fire Prevention Week is October 8 through October 14, 2023. An overview of the activities for the week was given. Materials for Fire Prevention Week were made available to the public.

Valerie Monk – 40 Clover Lane

Ms. Monk attended on behalf of her parents, Douglas and Pamela Blouch. She was checking on the status of the stormwater plan which had been submitted and is under review by the Township Engineer. A waiver request was submitted as part of the stormwater plan. The ordinance requires one foot of freeboard above the top of the water line in the basin. Mr. Fox is recommending granting the waiver. HNT designed an emergency spillway which has more than 800' to the neighboring property.

Supervisor Patches moved to grant the stormwater waiver request for 40 Clover Lane. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Zoning / Code Enforcement

5 Groy – Compliant

191 Moore Road – Mr. Sowers is waiting to schedule the next inspection.

40 Clover – Addressed during public comments.

2277 Quarry Road – Property Owner, Daniel Neuman was in attendance and stated that all but 2 vehicles have been removed and that one will be removed and one sold this week.

Supervisor Patches moved to grant an extension for the remaining vehicles to be removed by the next Township Meeting on November 9, 2023. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

2370 Quarry Road – Compliant

511 Darlington Avenue – Compliant

2413 Quarry Road – Compliant

311 E. Chestnut Street – A Notice of Violation was sent for the construction of a shed without a permit.

112 Swatara Circle – A Notice of Violation was sent for having guinea chickens in a residential area.

Supervisor Patches moved to have Attorney Gallo send last chance letters for both property owners at 311 E. Chestnut Street and 112 Swatara Circle. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

5 Monroe Avenue – Light-Heigel is to continue monitoring this property.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Bering moved to approve the September 14th Meeting Minutes and September 27th Budget Workshop Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

September 2023 Financial Reports

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

Bills Payable

Supervisor Bering moved to approve the bills payable list totaling \$176,838.68 from the Fire Hydrant Fund, Monroe Valley Sewer Fund and General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission – Jennifer Harding

The Planning Commission reviewed 3 sets of plans. Northern Lebanon Jr./High School Renovation, Funck Subdivision, and Met-Ed / Heagy. The Planning Commission has recommended to the Board of Supervisors to deny any future requests for deferrals.

Recreation Board Report – Supervisor Kreitzer

Supervisor Kreitzer and Supervisor Patches attended the Recreation Board Meeting held on October 2. Discussion was held regarding a 2024 event.

Township Report – Jennifer Harding

In the past month, the Road Crew performed boom mowing, pipe replacement, equipment repairs, building maintenance, tree trimming, sign replacement and roadside/park mowing. Next month they will do more tree trimming, pipe replacement and boom mowing.

Stormwater Management – Kevin Fox

One application was reviewed and needs further information.

Mr. Fox has inspected Lots 40, 41, and 46 along Monroe Valley Drive. Stormwater facilities have not been installed on these lots. Mr. Fox talked to the contractor who was not aware there were stormwater plans in place but will proceed with the installation of facilities.

Walnut Street – Tabled

Communications:

Lebanon Daily News proof of publication for the Comprehensive Plan Hearing

Lebanon County Assessment Office – notification of a property receiving tax exempt status

Comcast notification that the Township will be contacted to discuss informally negotiating a renewal agreement. (The current agreement expires in 2026).

PA One Call – 2022 Annual Report

Life Lion Report – August

NLCA Minutes – August 22, 2023

First Energy / Met-Ed notification of Planned Transmission Line Work

Lebanon County Controller – DJ Wolfe's Audit from 2022

2023 Routine Bridge Inspection Reports – N. Lancaster and Old Jonestown Roads

OLD BUSINESS

Mill Street Heights Swale Project – Currently no outstanding issues.

Comprehensive Plan

The required public hearing was held at 6:45 p.m. today, prior to the Township Meeting.

TCC Alternate Representative – Tabled

Bunker Hill Fire Company Equipment Planning – The Fire Company has entered into an agreement to purchase a Pumper Tanker for \$606,000.00.

Swatara Road Extension - Tabled

Woodcrest Heights

Mr. Fox is recommending a bond reduction for Phase I from \$44,300.00 to \$2,186.25 and for Phase II from \$33,100.00 to \$1925.00. He also recommended that the as-builts not be accepted at this time because they are incomplete. He will send a reminder regarding the expiring NPDES Permit to Woodcrest.

A motion was made by Supervisor Patches to reduce the bond for both phases.

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

Pine Ridge - Tabled

Township Line Drive - Tabled

LSA Grant BHFC & Grant Resolution

The Fire Company has provided a list of equipment to include in the grant application for \$25,000.00.

LSA Grant Township & Grant Resolution

The Township will submit the grant for \$100,000.00 for the purchase of a Mower Tractor.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bering to submit for the LSA Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purchase of a Mower Tractor. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Northern Lebanon High School Renovation Plan Conditional Approval Request - Michael Lusaitis, SESI

Mr. Lusaitis presented a request for conditional approval of the plan. Mr. Fox would recommend granting the approval if these conditions were met:

- Installation of stormwater facilities at the expanded parking lot on the west side of the building.
- A five (5) foot wide sidewalk would continue to the walking trail across from Burkholder Lane.
- Swatara Township would recommend to Bethel Township that a traffic study be conducted on Airport Road and School Drive.

Mr. Fox also requested that a response to his June 29, 2023 comment letter be provided.

Supervisor Patches moved to grant the Conditional Approval Request if the conditions for stormwater, sidewalk, and traffic study are met. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Funck Minor Subdivision Waiver Request

A waiver of Plan Note 11 was requested. This would allow future owners to submit stormwater management and erosion control plans.

Supervisor Patches moved to grant the waiver of Plan Note 11 subject to resubmission of the plan. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Met-Ed/Heagy Subdivision Plan Request for Plan Review Deferral

A sketch plan was provided for a subdivision crossing the Swatara/Bethel township line on the property owned by the Heagy's. Met-Ed's engineer is requesting a deferral of the plan to Bethel Township.

Supervisor Patches moved to deny the plan review deferral and requested a sketch of the land development plan. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Generator Maintenance Software – Tabled

Walking Trail Paving Modification Request

Discussion was held increasing the depth of the paving from 1 ½' to 2 ½".

Union Township Recreation Funding Request

Request will be made to Union Township for financial consideration to assist with the park paving project.

JBT CD Maturity

The CD will mature on October 20, 2023. JBT's online rate is 5.12% for 12 months.

Supervisor Patches moved to grant Jennifer Harding approval to invest the funds in the financial institution with the best rate. 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 held.

Adjournment

Supervisor Patches voted to adjourn the Township meeting at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Harris