

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE MEETING – MARCH 20, 2019

The March 20, 2019 Legislative Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Jon G. Wilt.

The following officials were in attendance:

- Jon G. Wilt, President
- Todd F. Truntz, Vice President
- Michael J. Davies, Commissioner
- Ronald J. Paul, Assistant Secretary
- Christopher DeHart, Commissioner
- Elizabeth McBride, Manager
- Jean R. Arroyo, Secretary
- Peter R. Henninge, Solicitor
- Jeff Vargo, Chief of Police
- Ann Hursh, Planning & Zoning Coordinator
- Andrew Kenworthy, HRG

Residents and visitors in attendance: (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SIGN-IN SHEET)

UPDATE BY WILL FOSTER, DIRECTOR OF MARA:

Will Foster, Director of MARA, provided a report to the Board on past events/programs, upcoming events and programs, and ideas for future events. Programs and events recently held include the Youth Basketball League, Breakfast with Santa, Sweetheart Dance, King and Queens of the Court, Teambuilding with Middletown Academy, and Money Talks seminar. Mr. Foster explained these programs have received good feedback overall, and some revenue was generated, bringing MARA closer to its ultimate goal of being self-sustaining. Future notable events include the April 20 Easter Egg Hunt at Hoffer Park, and Youth Field Hockey.

Commissioner DeHart thanked Mr. Foster, and added that MARA will be greatly expanding what was offered by the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board. This will take some time to happen and for it to be self-sufficient. He noted, however, that MARA is on the right track and has the right person directing it. Commissioner Davies stated that some of the ideas for future programs and events are very creative. The Board thanked Mr. Foster for his report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laurie Castagna, 1901 Scarlett Lane, explained that her front porch faces the Williams' farm. She noted that in the past week, she has seen surveying and utility flags on the farm property. Ms. Castagna noted that before she purchased her home 27 years ago, she had done her due diligence and met with the Township's zoning officer to see what could potentially happen with that property if the Williams' family decided not to continue to farm. In addition, she went a step further and called every commissioner; each told her that the property would never be rezoned. She stated that she realizes the commissioners are elected, so their words are only as good as the amount of time they sit on these chairs. However, she had hoped this was the thought and concept of how this Township was going to be. She stressed that she is not opposed to the farm being sold, but when she purchased her home, she knew what she could be looking at on this Residential-Agriculture tract if the farm was sold: homes built on one-acre lots, stables, schools, recreation areas, etc.

Ms. Castagna stated her concern started when she saw the ad that marketed the sale of the property. It read, "The highest and best use of the tract would involve the buyer working with Lower Swatara Township in order to garner approval for a wide range of uses including single family homes, high density residential, commercial lots and industrial lots." She noted that single family homes are not an issue with her, since they are acceptable under the current zoning, as long as they are on one-acre lots. High density residential, as well as commercial and industrial lots, however, are not approved uses in the R-A district. Ms. Castagna stated there is a rumor going around that this is being sold for warehousing. She explained the value of her house is her large corner lot with trees overlooking a rural field. Take away those trees and her value decreases. Put a warehouse on that field and her home will have no value. The sale of the farm is now listed as pending, which is probably why the flags are there. "Pending" to her means someone is working with the Township to garner support for something that is not currently approved. She asked the Board who the potential buyer is, what this buyer plans to use the land for, and if the Board can dispel the rumors that warehouses will be put on the property.

President Wilt stated the Township has not received any official plans yet, and he has no idea who the potential buyer is. He added that he lives on the other side of the Williams' farm and is curious too. Ms. Castagna stated that during the last election, at least one of the commissioners came to her home, and they talked about that farm and rezoning in the Township.

She noted there is an election coming up, and there are many people concerned about that farm. Ms. Castagna asked, then, if what she is being told is that nobody has approached this Township about anything relative to this sale. Ann Hursh, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, explained the only thing she can add is that she did receive an email from NorthPoint Corporation out of Kansas City, Missouri asking for a meeting with the Township concerning the Williams' property. The meeting was rescheduled to March 28. Solicitor Henninger added that it is standard procedure for potential developers to meet with the Planning and Zoning Coordinator to discuss interests and look for guidance.

Bruce Harter, Strites Road, stated he would like to give the Board some food for thought on the infrastructure of the Township. It is now three months into the budget year, and not too early to be thinking about next year's budget. He noted that he was at the last meeting, where there were many questions about the signage for the Spring Garden Drive road closure. He stated the signage is no way near the criteria established in the state regulations. While the Township may not need to meet these regulations since it is Township road and not a high traffic route, this could change if something bad happens and attorneys become involved. He referenced several publications adopting regulations covering all roads in the state. Mr. Harter added that he took a look at this road closure; this road is a major traffic route going into an industrial park. There is no formal detour established, so a lot of traffic probably uses Conway Drive, which is already in need of maintenance attention. Getting back to the traffic control devices, Mr. Harter stated that if the Township is not providing the proper signage to its staff to use, shame on us. If the Township is not providing the training to know what is required, shame on us. He noted that he had previously provided the Township with information regarding various types of training through the LTAP program. One of the trainings offered is winter maintenance, which also gives the municipality credit towards its MS4 program. There is no cost for these programs, except for employees' time to attend. Vice President Truntz stated that Lester Lanman, Public Works Director, indicated that the crew did attend those. Mr. Harter noted that if they did attend, they did not learn. He added that even with the little bit of maintenance the crew does on Township roadways, he sees no signage. The Township may be able to get away with it for a while until something happens; the Township did lose an employee here a few years ago. President Wilt noted this was not due to improper signage. Mr. Harter agreed it was a true accident, but noted it does relate to safety.

Mr. Harter stated at the last meeting, Mr. Lanman had talked about addressing both structures on Spring Garden Drive and the other Lumber Street structure all at one time in order to save mobilization costs. Mr. Harter noted mobilization costs are minimal when looking at a half-million dollars to do all these at one time. He asked if the Township can really afford this right now. He added that it can take months or even a year to get the proper permitting. Should the Township really be letting that road closed for months or a year? He stated that when he looked at it, he observed that the joint failed, but the arch did not. He asked why the Township can't go in there and reconstruct that joint and pour concrete around it to seal it up so the road can be open while the Township works on getting the permits. President Wilt explained that he believes this was looked at, and determined not to be a band-aid situation. Andrew Kenworthy, HRG, explained they are presently looking at different options. Mr. Harter stated that it will cost a few bucks to do this, but it is something that can be done in-house.

Mr. Harter added that the Township is also in the process of getting easements to replace a drainage structure that it owns that goes down through private property. While it happened years ago and wasn't this Board's doing, he stated it was a mistake that this municipality ever took on ownership of that. The Township should not own any drainage structures that go beyond a right of way. It was probably done at the time to appease a developer, but this should not have happened. This is something to look at in the future. There is also talk with developers about rehabbing Rosedale because they want to develop the Jednota property. They were asked to possibly kick-in some money to improve Whitehouse Lane. Mr. Harter stated they have no responsibility for this. The bottom line is that the Township continues to defer maintenance. It is borrowing money for the Highland Street structure, the Lumber Street structure, and the Richardson Road structure. It will also need to borrow money for Spring Garden Drive. While the Township is making these payments, these funds are being taken away from future budgets. The Township is not putting additional funds aside to maintain its system. The more this maintenance is ignored, the more failures will result. The Township has to consider doing more preventive maintenance rather than just waiting for failures. Mr. Harter again cautioned that either Rosedale or Stoner will be next. There are some major drainage issues that need to be addressed in these areas; again, the permitting process will be lengthy. Now is the time to start looking at getting the proper permits in place to address these things rather than having long term closures. Work is soon starting to address the Highland Street structure, but there has been no

talk about the roadway leading up to that structure. There has been no traffic on that for over two years; it is surprising how much a roadway will deteriorate when there is no traffic on it. Again, the key is preventive maintenance.

Mr. Harter recalled that the Board is also looking at gaining some more revenue for MS4. There has been a lot of talk about equipment purchases. He suggested the Township consider using those funds on infrastructure instead of buying new, modern equipment which can probably be rented for much cheaper. A vactor is an expensive (\$150,000 -- \$200,000), very high maintenance piece of equipment which can be rented and contracted to include emergency call outs. Very few municipalities own one. Vice President Truntz explained this has not been the Township's experience. These are in very high demand. The Township's model is from 1988. He asked Mr. Harter to provide him with information on this; Mr. Harter agreed to do so. Mr. Harter stressed this is the type of thing the Township needs to think about. Nice, modern equipment is great to have available when needed, but the question is whether it is really cost effective. The Township needs to start training its people to think in a cost-effective manner, not just what works today. He added that he has heard Ms. McBride talk about her desire to establish a reserve fund so there is money for situations like Spring Garden Drive. At the rate the Township is going, it will be spending money constantly on failures and will never get to the point of having a reserve fund. This will result in the need to keep borrowing.

Commissioner Davies thanked Mr. Harter for his insight, and agreed that he was also concerned about the signage on Spring Garden Drive which has been improved. He added that he is also concerned about a long-term closure of this road. The Township has already lined up financing for at least two of the culverts in this area, so work is in the process. Mr. Harter stated he still feels there would be a fix, while waiting on the permits, to allow this road to be opened on a temporary basis. Commissioner Davies stated this is something that will be looked into.

Jim Rodgers, 181 Highland Street, explained that he came tonight to hear the engineer's report and update about Highland Street. Since Mr. Harter raised the question, he asked if the work does entail repaving the road approaching the bridge. Mr. Kenworthy explained the approach is part of the project, but it is not a full road repaving project. Mr. Rodgers stated this may be the opportune time to repave the road.

Nancy Avolese, 1451 North Union Street, representing the Lower Swatara Township Historical Society, invited the Board and public to tomorrow evening's presentation on the Alleman family ancestry. The event will be held at 6:00 P.M. at the Lower Swatara Fire Department on Fulling Mill Road. She noted the Historical Society has also been working with the First Church of God in Highspire on a fundraising campaign to save the old cemetery on Route 230. She has been in contact with the State Museum Commission and PennDot, which sent out several engineers to see what they could do to assist. Everyone is in agreement that the desire is to preserve the cemetery. Ms. Avolese agreed to keep the Board updated on this.

Gregg Foltz, 891 Evergreen Drive, asked if the Township has any regulations regarding who can live in rental properties. For example, Middletown Borough has regulations that no more than two unrelated people can live in a house. When Triple Crown put the townhouses in, they had told the president of the Homeowner's Association and her husband that they would not be renting these out to college students. Now they are being advertised for rental to college students. Mr. Foltz noted the last thing the neighbors want to see is these units filled with several college kids. House values will drop again. Solicitor Henninger stated he does not believe there is anything in the zoning ordinance that addresses unrelated individuals living in homes. He stated this may be a question for the code enforcement officer and zoning officer as to how those may inter-relate with other codes. Mr. Foltz noted it is common knowledge that people that own property take better care of it than renters. Apparently Middletown Borough has a lot of police calls directed to the student section. He suggested the Board may want to look into this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner DeHart, seconded by Vice President Truntz, to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2019 Public Hearing #1 (street vacations). The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2019 Public Hearing #2 (zoning amendment). The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Truntz, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2019 Workshop Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the payment of bills as presented on Warrant No. 2019-02. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Vice President Truntz, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Police Department

Chief Vargo provided the summary of statistics for the Police Department for the month of February. He stated it was a very busy month, and the Department was quite active getting out in the community. There were 670 calls for service, which included 41 cases investigated. There were a total of 26 arrests, which included 7 DUI arrests. There were 104 traffic citations issued, 11 non-traffic citations, and 95 written warnings. In addition, officers investigated 16 total traffic accidents that occurred in the Township. The Township also has an officer that is designated for motor carrier enforcement. In the past month, he conducted a total of 14 motor carrier enforcement details.

Chief Vargo added that there are several initiatives that he has started. He and Ms. McBride have been working on the neighborhood dispute resolution program. This is basically a mediation program for neighborhood disputes. As the weather gets nicer, these types of disputes tend to increase. In many of these instances, the police department's hands are tied, so this is a way to help the citizens by getting them involved in this program. He briefly explained the specifics of the program, which has no cost, and stated he has found it to be beneficial.

Chief Vargo introduced Chaplin Tom Fitzgerald, who has been active with the Police Department since 2014. Chief Vargo explained the goal of the Police Chaplin Program is to have the police department and clergy work together in times of crisis or incidents, thereby giving a more comprehensive response to those in need. The clergy provides needs that are more emotional in nature, while the officers focus on needs that are more law-related. The chaplin

provides support for the police officers and the civilians in their time of need. This program is run through the District Attorney's office. Chaplin Fitzgerald is basically an unpaid volunteer. Chief Vargo provided a brief background of Chaplin Fitzgerald's experience. Chaplin Fitzgerald added that he has had many years of law experience. Due to this, his presence on the scene is a lot less liability than a normal clergy person. In this role, he is able to provide support to the officers. He stated he feels truly blessed to provide this ministry. The Board thanked Chaplin Fitzgerald for his service.

Commissioner Davies added that he can see a lot of benefit to the neighborhood conflict resolution, as he has experienced some rather heartbreaking situations in his own neighborhood. Chief Vargo stated that from his experience, there is about an 80% success rate. Vice President Truntz added that the community policing efforts are great, and feedback has been nothing but positive.

Fire Department

Fire Chief John Weikle presented statistics for the month of February, which included 36 calls with 31 responders. The average personnel per response was 9. Time and service was 15 hours, 5 minutes and 22 seconds. This does not include training or fundraisers. There were 7 fire incidents, 5 EMS assists, 2 hazardous conditions, 14 good intent calls, and 8 false alarms. Mutual aid calls were as follows: Highspire – 2; Londonderry – 1; Middletown – 10; Steelton – 1; Swatara – 1.

Chief Weikle noted that for those not aware, when the ambulance is out on another call the Fire Department is dispatched for any Class 1 or true emergency call. Currently, the Department has a paramedic that is employed by Hershey EMS but also runs with the Fire Department as a volunteer. The Department also currently has five EMTs. Chief Weikle noted this practice is becoming more common through the county, not just Lower Swatara. The EMS service is phenomenally busy.

In response to a question from Commissioner DeHart, Chief Weikle confirmed that when our EMS is out, one will usually be transferred from either Hummelstown or the hanger at Hershey Med. He added the Fire Department was able to pick up a few members from Hershey EMS since they liked what they saw at the station.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Kenworthy, HGR, referenced his written report which provide updates on the various projects. The stormwater BMPs (rain gardens and asphalt walkways) for Old Reliance and Shope Gardens Parks are scheduled to start in April. As mentioned earlier, proposals are being prepared for the work associated with the Spring Garden closure and structures around that intersection. The Highland Street project is scheduled to go out to bid in May with intent to have a notice to proceed in August. Mr. Kenworthy added that Solicitor Henninger will address the Rosedale Manor stormwater project in his report tonight.

Commissioner Paul remarked that in talking with Mr. Lanman, he understands the box culvert on Lumber Street is a good, solid structure and there is the possibility of having alternate bids. Mr. Kenworthy agreed they are looking at different alternates to provide for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Davies referenced the statement about HRG preparing proposals for the work associated with the closure of Spring Garden Drive, and asked if there is any timetable on when this will be provided. Mr. Kenworthy stated it will be to the Board for consideration at its next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Henninger reported that last Thursday, a meeting was held here with residents that will be impacted by the Rosedale Manor stormwater project, which is a 5.5 million dollar project. About 1/3 of the required easements have been executed so far. The next step will be to follow up with those not yet received, since these easements need to be in place prior to going out to bid and closing on the PennVest loan. The general tone of the meeting was the understanding that this project needs to be done, especially from those who experience flooding problems.

Solicitor Henninger reported he has started review of the stormwater utility implementation credit policy, and is comparing/contrasting the credit policies of other municipalities.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

Future Meeting Dates

March 25	7 PM	Municipal Authority Meeting
March 28	7 PM	Planning Commission
April 3	7 PM	Board of Commissioners Workshop Mgt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee: Commissioner Paul thanked Chief Vargo for introducing Chaplin Fitzgerald, and stated it is nice to put a face with this important service provided. He noted that he, along with President Wilt and Vice President Truntz, had also attended the Rosedale Manor project meeting. One of the concerns at the meeting was in regards to call-outs for snow removal. Resident Heather Schlehr addressed the Board, and asked if she could speak on this subject. Ms. Schlehr explained that she lives on Oberlin Road. Her husband works for Dauphin County Prison and must be at work by 5:20 A.M. Oberlin Road/441 is a snow emergency route, yet she had to call Ms. McBride during the last snow about the traffic stuck in front of her home. She requested that this street be plowed at a reasonable time.

Budget and Finance Committee: Commissioner Davies – no report

Public Works Committee: Vice President Truntz reported the crew is working in the parks and getting ready for baseball season. Unfortunately, there was some vandalism of the bleachers at Little Hollywood, which will require replacement.

Community Development: Commissioner DeHart thanked Will Foster for providing the update tonight; this will be done on a yearly basis. He added that the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board is still not officially closed yet, but the process is very close to being finalized.

Personnel Committee: President Wilt reported the Township is in the process of interviewing for an MS4 coordinator. He thanked Chaplin Fitzgerald for the wonderful service he provides, and also thanked Chief Vargo for the new initiatives he's establishing. President Wilt added that he has received comments from residents stating that they feel safer because of the foot patrols.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Add-on Plan for PSU – Harrisburg

The Board discussed the Preliminary/Final Lot Add-On Plan for The Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg, Planning Commission File #PC2019-01, with a time deadline of April 24, 2019 -- located at 625 N. Spring Street and 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, one lot, 4.7 acres, owned by Spring Street Properties and PSU, submitted by Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. There are also two waivers requested for this plan: (1) waiver of Section 22-404: Preliminary Plan; and (2) waiver of Section 22-403.1.A(2)(e): Plan Scale of 1"=100'. Ms. Hursh noted the Planning Commission did recommend approval of this plan, which basically adds the soccer field lot onto the Penn State campus. There is no construction involved with this plan. It could have come to the last meeting, but was held up until the street vacations for Campus Heights were approved. Commissioner DeHart asked if the soccer field would become officially part of the campus. Ms. Hursh confirmed that is correct. Commissioner DeHart stated for the record that this was initially supposed to be a temporary conversion. He asked how this will impact the water issue. Ms. Hursh explained that at the next Planning Commission meeting, Penn State will be here to show a sketch plan for some artificial turf fields.

Chuck Hess, Navarro & Wright, gave a brief overview of the plan, which is a very straightforward plan that transfers some land from Spring Street Properties. He added the interesting thing about this is that the municipal boundary between the Borough of Middletown and Lower Swatara Township goes right through the middle. They have honored that boundary, creating compliant lots for both: the student housing will be in Middletown and the soccer field will be in Lower Swatara Township. He added that they do have a plan approval from Middletown Borough Council. There are no technical issues with the plan. A review letter from the Township engineer indicates the only real comment is for the ownership certificates to be signed. Ms. Hursh agreed that staff comments are the standard, administrative ones; a conditional approval is recommended.

Solicitor Henninger noted the Board should first act on the wavier requests. A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve the two waiver requests for the Preliminary/Final Lot Add-On Plan for The Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg: (1) waiver of Section 22-404: Preliminary Plan; and (2) waiver of Section 22-403.1.A(2)(e): Plan Scale of 1"=100'. The motion was unanimously approved. With

the waiver requests granted, a motion was then made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve the Preliminary/Final Lot Add-On Plan for The Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg, subject to the outstanding conditions being met. The motion was unanimously approved.

Preliminary/Final Subdivision/Land Development Plan for Star Barn Duplex Units

The Board discussed the Preliminary/Final Subdivision/Land Development Plan for Star Barn Duplex Units, Planning Commission File #PC2018-03, with a time deadline of April 18, 2019, located on Nissley Drive, south of I-283, one lot, 3.67 acres, 12 duplex units, zoned Residential Urban, owned by Star Barn Townhomes, LP, submitted by Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. There are also two waivers requested: (1) waiver of Section 22-404: Preliminary Plan; and (2) waiver of Section 22-606 for the curb along Nissley Drive. Ms. Hursh noted that the Planning Commission did recommend this plan for approval. The original plan that was submitted had a narrower roadway, no cul-de-sac at the end, and there was concern about the fire trucks. The Fire Chief looked at it both times; after they widened the road and included a small cul-de-sac at the end, he felt happier with it. She noted that staff comments are standard and administrative in nature.

In response to a question from Commissioner DeHart, Ms. Hursh noted the road will be a private one so the Township will not plow it. Solicitor Henninger pointed out that there is a snow easement there. Commissioner DeHart asked the number of fire hydrants back there. Ms. Hursh stated she does not recall. Fire Chief Weikle stated there is one. He added that he is not a fan of cul-de-sacs. Another of his concerns is them doing away with some of the curbing. That floodplain is what is flooding out Lumber Street and causing some of the damage at Spring Garden and Lumber because it is running through the church's lot. Chief Weikle stated that he still has a lot of concerns with the plan. He thought about the idea of requesting a fire hydrant in the cul-de-sac, but it is so tight back there that it could get hit. His biggest concern, however, is snow removal. If they don't clear out that cul-de-sac and get that curb line knocked down, there is no way the Fire Department can turn around. Ms. Hursh added they do have the turning template on the plan; it works but is very tight.

Commissioner DeHart asked Ms. Hursh if they had followed all regulations for approval. Ms. Hursh confirmed that they have met all ordinance requirements. Solicitor Henninger agreed that while the Planning Commission did not particularly like the plan, the reality is that it does

meet all the requirements. He did note that he feels there needs to be more explanation about the requested waiver of curbing on Nissley Drive. Normally, the procedure is not to waive curbing or sidewalks, but rather to defer it. The Planning Commission did recommend waiving it, however. Ms. Hursh introduced Jason Gutshall of Navarro & Wright, and stated he would be able to address any questions.

Mr. Gutshall referenced discussion about the curbing. It is a private street, and adding curbing creates concentrated drainage flows, which would necessitate tying into an inlet further down. He reported that they had worked through a lot of the road issues and revisited the design. They also had meetings on-site with DEP to talk about the pond and what to do with it. The answer was not much, since it is jurisdictional wetlands. Any modification to it would go to DEP and would involve a long, drawn out process. Solicitor Henninger interjected that the lack of maintenance for many years on that pond has converted it into wetlands.

Chief Weikle remarked that Nissley Drive is considerably wider from Spring Garden Drive past Woodridge Drive, and then suddenly narrows down to about a lane and a half. His concern is that they are starting to do away with some curb lines, and now there will be a funneling effect going into this development that is much narrower than the existing roadway. Commissioner Paul asked the status of Nissley Drive up near the duplexes. He asked if this is in the right of way and has been vacated by the Township. Mr. Gutshall explained this is the request as part of the plan. Commissioner Paul stated this needs to be looked into first. Solicitor Henninger agreed that he was not aware of this and thought the road ended at the limitation there. Ms. Hursh stated they did request this vacation. Commissioner Paul asked about the possibility of Nissley Drive being extended with a proper cul-de-sac, and the units could then abut Nissley Drive rather than come off a private lane way in the back with the horrendous curb and cul-de-sac. He asked if the plan could be revised to show two or three duplexes instead of six facing Nissley Drive. Mr. Gutshall responded this concept was never in any of the sketches. Commissioner Davies asked Mr. Gutshall to show the location of the nearest hydrant. Mr. Gutshall pointed out that it would be at the intersection of Woodridge and Nissley. Commissioner Davies stated that he is concerned that there is no hydrant back there. Vice President Truntz asked where the Township crew would be able to push the snow. Mr. Gutshall showed an easement provided for the Township trucks to cross over and push the snow. Vice President Truntz asked if the neighbors would understand this. Ms. Hush explained

that signage for this was requested. Commissioner DeHart asked if these would be duplexes or apartments. Mr. Gutshall responded they are duplexes by definition. He noted there was also concern at the Planning Commission meeting about it being a HOA; he did confirm ownership will be maintained and these will be rentals.

Commissioner DeHart suggested the plan be tabled until the Board is able to get answers on a few of these questions and concerns. Solicitor Henninger agreed that he will need to see the proposal to vacate that Nissley Drive right of way. Vice President Truntz noted he is not comfortable with the snow pile right of way. Bringing a plow truck on private land can be problematic. Jeff Ash, the employee that plows that route, was in attendance and was offered a chance to come up and view the plan. The curbing waiver also needs to be considered. Commissioner DeHart added that there is also a preference for the hydrant to be located on the west side of Nissley Drive. The Board agreed to table the plan. Ms. Hursh advised the Board that due to the plan being tabled tonight, a time extension will appear on the agenda in two weeks. Mr. Gutshall summarized the Board's questions: hydrant location, confirmation of the snow removal area, and street vacations. Mr. Gutshall asked if the street vacation can be done with the plan approval. Solicitor Henninger suggested the vacation should really be done prior to plan approval.

Requests for Funding

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve Request for Funding (DCIB 2015 loan) in the amount of \$15,875.10 to the Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank for the Lumber Street Culvert Replacement. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve Request for Funding No. 9 (DCIB 2017 loan) in the amount of \$10,002.77 for the Highland Street Bridge Replacement. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner DeHart, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve Request for Funding No. 10 (DCIB 2017 loan) in the amount of \$7,502.08 for the Highland Street Bridge Replacement. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolutions

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve Resolution No. 2019-R-2, approving a list of updated signatories for submission to Mid-Penn Bank. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Truntz, seconded by President Wilt, to approve Resolution No. 2019-R-3, proclaiming April 2019 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" in Lower Swatara Township. The motion was unanimously approved.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Commissioner DeHart thanked Chaplin Fitzgerald for the service he provides to the Police Department and thanked the Fire Department for the many volunteer hours they put in both day and night.

Commissioner Paul reported that last Sunday, the American Legion in Middletown acknowledged police officers and firefighters. Sergeant Scott Young was honored as the Township's Officer of the Year. Commissioner Paul stated that Sergeant Young has done an outstanding job for the Township, and last year was a particularly trying year. He wished him well. President Wilt stated that the Township's Firefighter of the Year was Joe Dorsaneo.

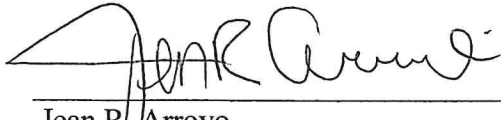
Commissioner Davies thanked Chief Vargo for the update on the community policing efforts and the Chaplin program. He noted that he also appreciated the input from Chief Weikle about how the volunteers work together.

Vice President Truntz stated that he is the commissioner-liaison for the Fire Department. Before tonight's meeting, he and Ms. McBride had met with Fire Department representatives Bill Leonard and Dale Rider to go over the Fire Department's annual budget. He reported they found a sound and balanced budget. Vice President Truntz also acknowledged the Fire Department for the fine job they do with not only fighting fires, but also on doing fundraisers to obtain the needed funding. He also thanked the public for coming out tonight and expressing their concerns.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no other comments, a motion was made by Vice President Truntz, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

ATTEST:



Jean R. Arroyo
Township Secretary

PLEASE **PRINT** NAME CLEARLY

MARCH 20, 2019 LEGISLATIVE MTG.

Name/Organization	Address/Contact Information
Laurie Castagna - resident	1901 Scarlett
Mary Garcia Resident	1853 Scarlett Lane
John Weikle	LSFD
Joe Tunstall	1276 Overlook Rd
Heather Schlehr-Richmond	1938 Oberlin Rd
Bruce HARTER	STRITZS RD.
Jeff Ash	5 Ray Rd
Don Wiegman	915 Charlen Rd
Laura Hayes	Press & Journal
Nancy Avolese	N. Union St.
Tracey Bechtel	2 Berkley Dr
Will Foster Mara	55 West Water St
Jean Gutzhall NW	Navarro Wright
Chuck Hess, PE	Navarro & Wright
Jim Rodgers	181 Highland St.
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