

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 1, 2019

#### LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A Public Hearing of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, held at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by President Jon G. Wilt.

Roll call was taken with the following officials 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. Henninger, Solicitor

Residents and visitors in attendance:

(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SIGN-IN SHEET)

President Wilt turned over the floor to Solicitor Henninger to explain the purpose of the Public Hearing. Solicitor Henninger explained that about ten years ago, the Township entered into a cable franchise agreement with Verizon. The term of that agreement is soon ending. As required by the federal Cable Act, which sets forth the process for franchise renewal, a public hearing must be held to take comments from citizens on the cable operator's past performance issues as well as future cable related community needs. This is then reported back to the Township's negotiators as part of the franchise renewal process.

President Wilt then opened the floor for public comment.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melody Wilson, 1335 Overlook Road, stated that she cannot confirm that Verizon has done all the damage, but there are a lot of phone boxes and electrical boxes in her development, because the lines are underground. Many are busted-up and in poor shape.

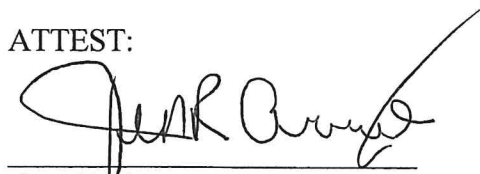
Commissioner DeHart asked if the new contract with Verizon will offer free services to the Public Works, Fire Department, School District, etc. Solicitor Henninger confirmed that his understanding is that the terms will be identical. He agreed, however, to add this to the comments.

Hearing no other comments, Solicitor Henninger summarized the two comments that will be submitted: concerns about the condition of some of the areas where there are underground lines, and verification that complimentary services will be provided to the municipality, Fire Department, and School District consistent with other franchisees.

CLOSE:

A motion was made by Commissioner DeHart, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to close the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:49 P.M.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean R. Arroyo", written over a horizontal line.

Jean R. Arroyo  
Township Secretary

# PLEASE **PRINT** NAME CLEARLY

MAY 1, 2019 PUBLIC HEARING (6:45 P.M.) FOLLOWED BY WORKSHOP (7 PM)

Name/Organization	Address/Contact Information
Melody Wilson	1335 OVERLOOK RD MTN
John Weikle	LSFD
Lynn Hays	Press & Journal
Dan Messilli	101 Greenfield Dr
Riley Cobb	4204 N Progress Dr
Randy Miller	217 Delmont Ave
Marcy Avolaese	N Union St.
Tracey Bechtel	2 Berkeley Dr
Jeff Ash	
Dan Wagner	915 Dublin Rd
Steve Seiden	465 Brunswick
Ed Halpern	804 Nisky Dr.
Laurie Castagna	1901 Scarlett
Carolyn Lutz	Woodridge Dr.
BRUCE HARTER	STRITES RD.