

MINUTES

NON-LEGISLATIVE MEETING – JANUARY 4, 2023

The January 4, 2023 Non-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
- Michael McAuliffe Miller, Eckert Seamans, Solicitor
- Shawn Fabian, HRG
- Scott Washinger, Director of Public Works
- Rich Snyder, Planning and Zoning Coordinator
- Brian Davis, MS4 Coordinator
- Dominic Visconti, Chief of Police

Absent: Jean R. Arroyo, Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance: Please see attached sign-in sheet

President Wilt welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the floor for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Legislative Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

2023 AGREEMENT W/HARRISBURG AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

A motion was made by Commissioner DeHart, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve the 2023 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Service Agreement with the Harrisburg Area Humane Society. In response to a question from Commissioner DeHart, Solicitor Miller

confirmed that he had reviewed the agreement and recommends approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

PENNDOT WINTER TRAFFIC SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

The Board discussed PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement No. 3900039232A. Commissioner DeHart asked what is being changed to the original agreement. Mr. Washinger explained PennDOT had made an error on its numbers, and the additional two years is included in this supplement. The Township will actually be receiving more money this year. A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement No. 3900039232A, and Resolution No. 2023-R-1 which authorizes Jon G. Wilt, as President, to sign said Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning/Codes Department:

Rich Snyder, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, reported that active projects include Penn Preserve on Lumber Street, where site work has begun.

The Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting this month to hear an application for a Special Exception for 2070 Commerce Drive for outdoor storage of construction equipment.

The Planning Commission has been very busy. There will be five plans on the agenda which were carried over from the last meeting, as well as a few more that just came in – the Wawa along Route 230, the Aberdeen project which is now a Final Subdivision & Land Development Plan and is located at the corner of Fulling Mill Rd. and Oberlin Rd., and the Fox Subdivision which is a minor subdivision along Longview Dr.

There were six permits issued for the month. Tonya Condran has renewed her BCO license and Ron Burkholder Jr. obtained his Residential Electrical Inspector certification

The Township did receive an Act 14 notification letter for Penn State Health, which is a standard downstream user notification for above ground and below ground storage tanks.

Commissioner DeHart asked if staff had heard back from The Ponds since representatives did not show up at the last meeting. Mr. Snyder confirmed staff is working with them. They do plan to be at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Davies asked the location of the Capital Valley Business Park lots mentioned on Mr. Snyder's written report. Mr. Snyder explained that they are on Kreider Dr. right off of Route 441 across from the emergency access lane for the Lottery Building.

Public Works Department:

Mr. Washinger reported that over the past few weeks, the crew dealt with a mixture of snow and ice storms. A considerable amount of salt, about 320 tons, was used to make sure the roads were clear. Efforts are still being made to obtain another quote for the proposed guard rail for Longview Dr. There are numerous potholes that have developed around the Township. With the current mild weather, the crew is addressing them when able. Commissioner DeHart asked that the area of North Union St., right down Horseshoe Dr., be looked at. Mr. Washinger added that with the mild weather, the street sweeper is out addressing storm basins and some mowing was done at the parks.

Mr. Washinger reported that he has located a new 2022 Ferris Mower in Ohio. The price did not include the trade in for the Township's old Kubota Diesel which will be placed for sale on Municibid. The budget is about \$3,300.00 over without the trade in.

During routine maintenance on one of the heating systems, it was discovered that one unit had a rupture in the gas line, thus causing a flame to shoot out from the furnace. There was a period that the unit was shut down in order for the repair to take place. Recently the hot water heater that serviced part of the building also went down and was replaced at a cost of \$5,000. GR Sponaugle, which is a Costars Company, performed the replacement. Vice President Truntz noted this seems very expensive.

MS4/Stormwater Department:

Mr. Davis reminded the Board that revision needs to be made to the Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) for DEP. This is currently in a holding pattern while HRG finalizes some things for the Conewago Project. Mr. Fabian agreed that they are waiting for DEP to provide its final blessing on the Londonderry PRP revisions before it can do any of the partners.

Byler Quarry has supplied a cleaning schedule for their street sweeping service. The Township will be stopping by randomly at these times to monitor that the sweepers are present and that they are being thorough with their cleaning. Commissioner DeHart commented that he did see the street sweeper out there yesterday and also observed the cement trucks on the other side of the property cleaning up.

Commissioner Davies reported that the federal government has yet again revised its definition of waters under federal jurisdiction. He asked if this is something that will adversely affect the Township. Mr. Davis stated he will need to look into this; it may create more technical outfalls for the Township to keep track of and monitor. Mr. Fabian agreed that he can also find out more about this. Mr. Snyder added that the Army Corps of Engineers has been working on this definition. He anticipated it will be a lengthy process. Right now, it is seemingly more pertinent to obstructions and encroachments of waterways, wetlands, and floodways rather than it is to MS4 permits.

Commissioner Paul referenced the ongoing yearly maintenance to some of the BMPS and observed some have the vegetation trimmed down neatly while others let it go. He asked the preference. Mr. Davis explained the preference is that the vegetation is even. Some owners like to keep the basins more vegetated. This is acceptable as long as it is not washing down and clogging inlets. Commissioner Paul stated the Shope Gardens BMP probably needs addressed. Mr. Davis explained adjustments to this BMP are being made slowly so as not to create further issues.

Mr. Davis reported that over the last months, about 160 tons of leaves were collected, which is 160 tons that did not go into the gutters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCED:

President Wilt announced that the Board had met in executive session on January 3 for personnel reasons

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Paul requested a brief executive session immediately upon conclusion of this evening's meeting for personnel reasons.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Fabian reported the Hanover/Meade draft project manual is now on his desk for review. He noted he is also working with the Municipal Authority on some concerns regarding manholes at the Fulling Mill Road boat launch. The permit for Bryn Gweled was received today; contact will be made with Veolia to obtain their schedule for the waterline replacement. The preliminary grading plan has been completed for the Shireman Park and is ready for staff input.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

The commissioners all wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice President Truntz conveyed the sad news that former Planning Commission member Dennis Fausey passed away. After Dennis retired, he became very involved in the baseball association. Vice President Truntz noted his enthusiasm was contagious and unmatched. Commissioner DeHart and President Wilt both expressed their condolences to the family of Dennis Fausey and agreed that his service to the Township was very much appreciated.

ADJOURN AND CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hearing no other comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

ATTEST:

Ronald J. Paul
Asst. Secretary

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Sign-In Sheet

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

PLEASE PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:

COMPANY NAME or RESIDENT:

1. Doug Messing

Resident

2. NORMAN KEE

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