

MINUTES

NON-LEGISLATIVE MEETING – MARCH 2, 2022

The March 2, 2022 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
- Betsy McBride, Township Manager
- Jean R. Arroyo, Township Secretary
- Michael McAuliffe Miller, Eckert Seamans, Solicitor
- Shawn Fabian, HRG
- Don Fure, Director of Codes and Planning
- Ronald Burkholder, Jr., Construction Code Official
- Scott Washinger, Public Works Manager
- Brian Davis, MS4 Coordinator
- Dominic Visconti, Chief of Police

Residents and visitors in attendance (sign-in sheet attached)

President Wilt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OVERVIEW OF ASSESSMENT OF LST FIRE DEPARTMENT: ROBB CONSULTING

Rob Brady of ROBB Consulting, LLC provided a summary overview of an Organization Assessment and Strategy Recommendation Plan for the Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Brady first thanked all the Fire Department members in attendance this evening. He noted there will be an additional roundtable meeting with the Fire Department members and officers, and at least one additional meeting with the Board of Commissioners in the future. Mr. Brady stated the Township should consider itself very fortunate to have the volunteer Fire Department it has. He explained that the Board has basically asked what it can do to help the Fire Department. At the end of the day, it will take two things to make the system work: people and money.

As a result of the evaluation, six strategic objectives were identified to strengthen the Fire Department over the next three to five years. Mr. Brady reviewed each objective. Objective 1 is to review the Fire Department and Township relationship. Recommended outcomes are to address yearly operating and capital funding needs, review fire station ownership, transfer workers' compensation coverage, and update service agreement. Objective 2 is to establish a Community Fire-Rescue Advisory Board. Recommended outcomes are to increase communication among the Fire Department, local government and the community and assist with advancing objectives of the assessment. Membership should include a diverse mix of Fire Department members, community and business members, and local government officials. The Advisory Board should meet quarterly and report to both the Fire Department and the Township. Objective 3 is to enhance company-level administrative functions. Recommended outcomes include continuing monthly workshop meetings and establishing a company-level Strategic Planning Team. The immediate goal would be to revise the company officer and committee structure, by-laws, and tracking of administrative hours. Objective 4 is to enhance company-level membership. Recommended outcomes are to establish a company-level Membership Team, adopt an Act 174 Tax Credit Program, develop member and officer expectations, develop a Member Benefit Program, and continually monitor firefighter participation numbers. Objective 5 is to adopt an apparatus fleet plan. Recommended outcomes are to maintain engine, engine/tanker/and heavy rescue. The Fire Department would continue to purchase and maintain the fleet, and the Township would provide a purchase allotment. Objective 6 is to enhance local and regional partnerships. Recommended outcomes are to expand regional recruitment, training, deployment, and staffing partnerships and to re-establish relationships with state level agencies.

In summary, Mr. Brady stated that Lower Swatara Fire Department is a solid, well-functioning organization, and the officers and members do their best to manage it with an all-volunteer staff in an everchanging world. Many places would envy not only the apparatus, equipment, and facilities but also the atmosphere that is present. Everyone should be proud of the company and what it has accomplished. It will take everyone recognizing these past accomplishments and sharing in the responsibility of the current and future needs of the Fire Department to maintain a healthy volunteer-based fire/rescue system for the next five to seven years and beyond.

Commissioner DeHart asked the status of the building itself and what may be needed down the road. Dennis Sowers, the original architect of the building, stated the building is very good. It has been extremely well maintained by the Fire Department. There are some normal, big-ticket items such as the HVAC unit that will need to be replaced soon. Mr. Sowers stated the building should last the Fire Department a very long time provided that it is maintained on the suggested schedule. In response to a question from Commissioner DeHart, Mr. Sowers confirmed that the yearly required funding for year 2022, the first year, is shown at \$166,000. The idea is to plan for things, preventing the need to scurry for a loan when something needs fixed.

Mr. Brady added that the Fire Department has been able to maintain over the last twenty years an average of 7 people per emergency call. That is quite impressive. Obviously, this number cannot be guaranteed six months from now. The Fire Department also has quite a good turnout at their monthly meetings.

Bill Leonard, Fire Department President, thanked all the Fire Department members who showed up tonight. The Fire Department has been coming before the Board for years providing updates, and about two years ago took a broader look at its status. President Leonard stated he is pleased that what was discussed then is very similar to what was discovered in this study. There were no real surprises. He thanked the Board for supporting this third-party study. As Mr. Brady mentioned earlier, a meeting will be held with the Fire Department. President Leonard stated he will make sure the members have access to this document before the meeting. He also asked Mr. Brady what steps need to be taken to keep the momentum going. Mr. Brady suggested it be determined who, in the different groups involved, should be the ones to get things started. He suggested the Board's liaisons to the Fire Department and the Fire Department President should probably start discussion immediately on who should serve on that Community Fire-Rescue Advisory Board. Commissioner DeHart stated that he and Vice President Truntz are the liaisons and realize this is just the start of the process to come up with a plan. He agreed it is time to move forward. Vice President Truntz thanked Mr. Brady for the thorough study, and noted it was money well spent. He agreed that the volunteers are not taken for granted and are very much appreciated.

Commissioner Davies asked the proposed timeline to move on this process. Mr. Brady suggested discussions start this calendar year, actually immediately, between the Board liaisons

to the Fire Department and the Fire Department members. One step at a time will add up. Commissioner DeHart added that during the process, the question was brought up regarding the cost of a paid department. One shift, one crew was estimated at 1.6 million dollars. Commissioner Davies agreed that costs would be significant. Mr. Brady added that if it would be necessary to put a shift of people on to supplement these volunteers, it would cost about 1.1 million dollars. Again, this would just supplement these volunteers.

The Board thanked Mr. Brady for the informative presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Wilt opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner DeHart, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2022 Legislative Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning/Codes Department:

Mr. Fure reported that active projects include UPS (site work continues and meeting to discuss final inspections for position of buildings), Hershey Creamery (sanitary plant construction ongoing), Wilsbach Distribution Facility (temporary occupancy for warehouse, office occupancy beginning of March), Fiddler's Elbow Warehouse (foundations completed, wall set and steel being done), and Stoneridge Lot 1 which is supposed to be done April 1. Commissioner DeHart referenced the work at Stoneridge. They did base coat pave the front lot and are working in the back. While they did come out in the front and cut down along the roadway, they did not cut out the bad section or put a base coat in there. He suggested Mr. Fure look at this before it is finished. Mr. Fure agreed to do so.

The Zoning Hearing Board will not meet this month. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on March 24 to discuss the Penn Preserve (formerly Williams Manor)

resubmission. This was originally 26 homes but has been reduced to 23. This is the farm lane adjacent to the Star Barn property which ties into Lumber Street.

The 2018 Codes are in effect as of February 14, minus the accessibility which is under 2021 codes.

Mr. Fure introduced Ron Burkholder Jr., the Township's new building inspector. The Board welcomed Mr. Burkholder to his new position.

MS4/Stormwater

Mr. Davis reported the Township is moving ahead with easement discussions for stormwater projects on Delmont Avenue and Cockley Road. Solicitor Miller is finalizing things with the impacted homeowners. The easement agreement for the project at Spring Garden at the Caterer was finalized last week and should be ready for recording on Friday. The contractor can then move forward.

Mr. Davis noted he had reported at the Municipal Authority Meeting that there had been a complaint by Swatara Park Road. The construction going on in Middletown Borough for Woodland Hills has had some erosion issues that have bled into the Township. Mr. Davis explained he did meet with one of the inspectors from Middletown to discuss ways to address this. While on site, they ran into someone from the Conservation District. She was aware of these issues as well, and everyone is working together to address things as quickly as possible.

Also discussed at the Municipal Authority meeting was the Shope Gardens bioretention area. Staff is looking into ways to enhance the vegetation there and will be chopping down a portion of the cattails, about 1/3 of them. The goal is to not fully kill off all of the plant life that is there; the wildlife that is currently living in the detention area will still have some area to exist while new vegetation is being established. The Public Works crew will assist with this when the water goes down a bit.

Commissioner DeHart referenced 250 Fulling Mill Road where they are putting in a new warehouse and 111 Fulling Mill Road where work is being done at FedEx. Mud is being drug back and forth on Fulling Mill Road. He suggested Mr. Davis might want to drive out and look at this situation. Mr. Davis agreed to do so.

Vice President Truntz referenced the Shope Gardens detention area and noted it has never functioned properly. He asked if there may be another site in the Township where that MS4 credit can be transferred to something that actually works. Mr. Davis explained the Township is already

getting some credit from it, so it would seem a shame to fill it in at this point. He stated he does not anticipate sinking a lot of money into it but rather plans to enhance it slowly over time. Mr. Fabian added that when the stream restoration projects begin, this may be a good one to look at.

Commissioner Davies questioned what is being replaced when the cattails are removed. Mr. Davis explained that he has not made any specific plans yet. Once the cattails are removed, it will be determined how spongy the ground is. That will give a better idea of what should go in there.

Public Works

Mr. Washinger reported that the month of February concluded with multiple snow and rain storms. Heavy winds in some of the storms knocked out multiple trees. Crews were called out to remove trees and tape off areas where lights had fallen down. On several occasions, the Public Works crew was out picking up trash and trash cans that had been blown around.

As requested, a sign containing the words "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop" was ordered. It will be placed on the same pole where the stop sign is at the bottom of North Union Street and 441. It is hoped that this will prevent any future traffic accidents in that location.

The Commonwealth COSTARS program for the WEX fuel cards was placed in motion. These cards will be used when DEP shuts down the Township from acquiring fuel from the existing tanks.

All the chairs at the Board table have new hydraulic lifters. The grout and the floor in the staff bathroom in the administrative offices was thoroughly cleaned once; the crew may need another day to remove an additional layer of dirt prior to resealing. The Public Works Department began cleaning out storm basins in preparation for the upcoming spring season and will continue to remove all debris as weather permits.

Mr. Washinger reported that he had met with Stewart & Tate and Commissioner Paul today regarding some possible microsurfacing. While already budgeted, the price of the new mower will be discussed at a future meeting. The Municipal Authority crew has been tasked on Tuesdays and Thursdays with doing other work such as flushing lines and inspecting the sanitary sewer lines with a camera. This is how it was discovered that Bryn Gweled itself may not necessarily need new sanitary lines. Vice President Truntz asked how many employees it takes to check a meter. Mr. Washinger explained that it depends on the location. In some areas, flaggers may be needed. In the case of Bryn Gweled, two employees were sufficient.

Covid supplies are more than adequate and are ordered as needed.

Commissioner Davies referenced the slip lining for Bryn Gweled, and noted the Board is quite anxious to get work done in this area. He asked if the slip lining must be done in advance of paving. Mr. Washinger stated it does not. Mr. Fabian explained that doing the slip lining accelerates the construction plan significantly; it is anticipated the entire project can be completed this construction season. Commissioner Davies also inquired about the trees that have fallen down, especially on the lower end of Spring Garden Drive. He noted that many times, these trees fall from private property onto the public road and the Township spends considerable time and expense removing them. He asked if there is any opportunity to recover some of the cost from the property owner. Ms. McBride stated she is aware of other municipalities that do bill the property owner and pursue legal action if they do not pay. Commissioner Davies commented that he is not interested in having bad relationships with property owners but does feel they should have some responsibility to pay a portion of the costs. Ms. McBride noted the Township can put information online saying that residents need to be aware of the trees on their property. Commissioner DeHart referenced the tree by Swatara Drive that was in danger of falling down. Vice President Truntz stated he had expressed concern about that tree for two years; the only reason it was cut down was someone finally called Representative Mehaffie's office, and he was able to get a Verizon crew to take care of it. Commissioner Paul asked if the Township has had dialogue with the property owner on Spring Garden Drive when this same situation occurred in the past. Ms. McBride stated she did not. Commissioner Paul suggested it might be worthwhile to do so. Ms. McBride agreed to pursue this.

Ms. McBride informed Mr. Washinger that there was a report of a sign added to the pole at Longview and Strites. Mr. Washinger agreed to look into this. Ms. McBride also reported that a resident informed her that the parking lot at Hollywood needs repaired. Mr. Washinger agreed he is aware that this is in very poor shape and will need addressed.

President Wilt stated he has observed a car parked at Spring Garden and Lumber Street across from the old Garden Chapel for the last month. He stated he believes this is Township property and suggested this be looked into.

Mr. Washinger referenced the streetlight at Brentwood and Mountainview that was taken down by Doli and was lying on the ground for many months. It has finally been repaired. He also informed the Board that ADS, the flow metering company, is set up and in place to do the metering for the Act 577.

Vice President Truntz stated that Dale Messick was at the last meeting and had expressed concern regarding what is being used to treat the roads and its potential impact on the environment. Apparently 100% salt is being used now; it appears cinders are not being used. Vice President Truntz stated it may be good to look into more environmentally friendly alternatives for the next snow season. Mr. Washinger explained that most every municipality uses rock salt which is purchased under the COSTARS program bid process. There are not a lot of alternatives. Commissioner Davies asked if the Township uses a mix that includes cinders or some type of stone. He noted his understanding that it must be swept up afterwards. Mr. Washinger explained that DEP frowns upon the use of cinders. These cinders cannot simply be thrown away but must be hauled to an appropriate location. President Wilt observed that Highspire Borough uses something that makes the roads look striped. Mr. Washinger explained this is liquid brine. It is very hard on equipment.

Police Department

Chief Visconti stated he would first like to extend public recognition and gratitude to the Lower Swatara Fire Department for their assistance with the Police Department's death investigation on February 17 which occurred in a very remote area northwest of Lisa Lake. They provided transportation to the scene which was not accessible by police vehicles, assisted with portable lighting and chainsaws, and even set up a portable shelter to assist with the crime scene investigation. This allowed the police officers to focus on the investigation itself. He noted this is just one example of the continuing assistance the Fire Department provides.

On this evening's agenda is a proposal for the purchase and equipment upfit of two new police vehicles. The police vehicle upgrade plan began with Board approval to sell three vehicles on Municibid auction. The Township mechanic is currently down fitting the vehicles to prepare them for auction. Part of the plan also includes migrating two of the higher mileage Ford Explorer patrol vehicles to the criminal investigation unit. The one existing criminal investigation vehicle will be auctioned off. The other existing criminal investigation vehicle is going to migrate to the chief's vehicle as a result of the current Expedition being sold at auction. The two new vehicles will be replacing the vehicles that are going into the detective unit. Chief Visconti explained he submitted proposals for Chevy Tahoe's; at the suggestion of Commissioner DeHart, quotes were also provided for Ford Interceptor utility vehicles. Two proposals were prepared. One quote includes an echo boost twin turbo engine and the other the standard base model V-6 engine. Also included were quotes for the upfits from 911 Rapid

Response in Palmyra. Quotes were requested from Global Public Safety but were not received as of today. In response to a question from Commissioner DeHart, Chief Visconti stated that Global Public Safety is located in Lower Swatara Township. He had requested the quote this Monday, but no response has been received. Chief Visconti added that the Township has had good experiences with the service of 911 Rapid Response.

Commissioner DeHart stated that it is always good to try to support business in the Township. He noted that he is leery of having only one quote and would prefer at least two. He stated he would personally prefer to table action on this. Commissioner DeHart asked what was budgeted for these vehicles. Chief Visconti explained that \$90,000 was budgeted for major equipment, which falls about \$25,000 short of this proposed purchase. Commissioner DeHart asked Commissioner Davies if there are funds in the budget to account for this shortage. Commissioner Davies stated there should be breathing room in the budget to handle this type of overage. Commissioner Davies asked the price differential of the vehicles. Chief Visconti stated the quote for the Chevy Tahoe is \$41,000. The quote for the Ford Explorer Interceptor with the echo boost is \$39,000. The quote for the Ford Explorer Interceptor with the standard engine is \$35,000. Chief Visconti stated his recommendation is the Chevy Tahoe. It has a V-8 engine and should last longer over time. The Chevy Tahoe is also roomier, which is important due to the amount of equipment required in these vehicles. Vice President Truntz noted he is concerned with fuel economy of these vehicles. He agreed he would prefer to table action tonight.

A motion was made by Commissioner DeHart to table action on a proposal for the purchase and equipment upfit of two new police vehicles. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice President Truntz asked Chief Visconti if two new vehicles are absolutely necessary. Chief Visconti explained the Department could probably get by with one, but he prefers to evaluate the condition of the fleet on an annual basis because these cars get used hard. Commissioner DeHart asked that Chief Visconti provide a list at the next meeting indicating all vehicles and their mileage. Ms. McBride added that police vehicles also need to be kept running at times. Chief Visconti agreed that this is a very good point; the odometer reading may not accurately reflect how hard the vehicle is being used.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

County Brownfields grant to determine stability of ground at old firehouse

Ms. McBride report that she and Commissioner Paul recently attended a meeting at DCNR and discovered there are upcoming grants to fix bridges, infrastructure, etc. The next day she spoke to DCED and learned there may be some money left over from a grant which the Township could use to do a study of the old fire house lots. This should be done if the Township wants to put in a new salt shed, since it is important to determine the stability of the ground as well as what is in that land. She asked if the Board is agreeable to her pursuing this. There were no objections expressed.

An email was received today from Andy Wertz from Republic Services, the new trash hauler. Republic is interested in moving the yard waste pick up days from Thursday/Friday to Saturday. The feeling is that it would be a cleaner process to do a separate day for yard waste. Mr. Wertz indicated they would provide an updated mailer and calendar to residents. Ms. McBride asked if the Board has any issues with this change. The Board expressed no objection.

Ms. McBride reported that for the last several months, she has been discussing a PEMA/FEMA grant. That has been submitted for a total of nine properties, five of which the Township received signed volunteer commitments from the homeowners.

Ms. McBride reported that she has also been working on a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant which has a deadline of March 15. Just today she learned that there is a resolution required for approval of these grants. Two resolutions are required since there are two separate projects. These projects include a salt shed (\$225,000) and development of Shireman Park (\$500,000). Total grant amount for both projects is \$725,000. Solicitor Miller stated that if the Board so desires, now would be the appropriate time to amend the agenda by vote to consider approval of Resolution No. 2022-R-6 and Resolution No. 2022-R-7, designating Jon Wilt, President and/or Elizabeth McBride, Manager, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Lower Swatara Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant. A motion was made by Vice President Truntz, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to amend the agenda to include action on the two resolutions. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve Resolution No. 2022-R-6, Appendix I – Authorized Official Resolution – designating Jon Wilt, President and/or Elizabeth McBride, Manager, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Lower Swatara Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the development of the Shireman property into a multi-use park. The floor was opened for public comment. There was no public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve Resolution No. 2022-R-7, Appendix I – Authorized Official Resolution – designating Jon Wilt, President and/or Elizabeth McBride, Manager, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Lower Swatara Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$225,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the replacement of the salt shed to be used to store salt for inclement weather and to facilitate loading the trucks holding the salt. The floor was opened for public comment. There was no public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. McBride requested an executive session immediately upon conclusion of this evening's meeting for legal and personnel reasons.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Fabian updated the Board on the 2021 Drainage Improvements Projects. The final subsurface utility engineering information was received today and can be finalized for the Spring Garden and Nissley portion of the three additional sites that are being added to the contract. The contractor is mobilizing this coming Monday, March 7. As long as the easement for this can be recorded by Friday, site work can begin. If there are any hiccups with that, work can instead begin on Scarlett, Swatara and Pennsylvania since they do not require easements.

A substantial completion site walk thru was completed for the Rosedale Manor project this past Monday. Doli reviewed through the punch list and was accepting of it, and HRG is processing the recommendations for the substantial completion checklist. This will be on the March 16 legislative meeting agenda. Claims for that project are also being reviewed.

Comments were received from Rettew on the Highspire exhibit for the Hanover Street outfall project. Mr. Fabian stated he plans to review these comments tomorrow so that a response can be provided back. Comments were fairly minor, mostly clarifications. Commissioner DeHart asked the planned timeline for the work to start. Mr. Fabian stated he would like to expedite this, but a lot is dependent on how quickly Highspire signs off on it. It also depends on whether the Township wants to have this done as part of the contract with Doli or if it desires that it be added to the contract with JVI which is doing the drainage improvements.

A scoping application for the HOP for PennDOT was pulled together for the Fulling Mill Road boat launch project. This is being prepared for submission. Hopefully PennDOT will concur that there is no HOP permit necessary, and the project can be placed out for bid.

Ms. McBride addressed the Rosedale project, and stated she believes there are a couple more areas down there that needed to be paved, perhaps around Mountainview. Mr. Fabian responded that all additional paving that the Township had requested was completed for this project. Ms. McBride asked to discuss this with Mr. Fabian tomorrow.

There was an update from the quote that had been requested from Sunoco on the Sunoco pipeline bonded roads. One of the estimators at Kinsley had asked a few questions, and it is anticipated that some type of final recommendation will be received soon.

Word was received back on some of the additional RACP funding that the Township had requested for the Shireman tract. It appears additional requests for money will not be acted on at this time. The Township had been on hold on pulling the business plan together, waiting for feedback on whether additional money would be released. The recommendation would be to move forward with preparation of the business plan. In response to a question from Commissioner Davies, Mr. Fabian explained that there was \$1,050,000 on the line item of which they had given the Township \$300,000. The Township had asked for additional funds, and these are unlikely to be approved.

The 2021 Capital Improvement Stormwater Improvement Project which includes several pollutant reductions plans BMPs is moving forward. The scope for the initial survey to start the projects was recently approved by the Municipal Authority with conditions. Also supplied to the Municipal Authority was a proposal for the Bryn Gweled Infrastructure Replacement, which was also conditionally approved.

Mr. Fabian presented the Board with the proposed paving plan. It focuses on the quality of the roads and differentiates between what needs a substantial rebuild versus what requires more of a mill and overlay. Mr. Washinger and Commissioner Paul have also reviewed the plan. Mr. Fabian noted he is comfortable with these final recommendations.

Commissioner DeHart observed the estimated cost is \$1,086,219. Roads include Briarcreek, most of Burd, Heatherland, Heathglen, Huckleberry, Old Reliance from Blacklatch to Powderhorn, and Springhouse down to the other side. Commissioner DeHart asked if approval of the plan is being sought tonight. Mr. Fabian agreed he would like approval for the 2022 Paving Plan or any revisions to it in order to prepare the bid package. Solicitor Miller stated he would not recommend action tonight. This is too large of a project and too big of a number to approve by amending the agenda. Ms. McBride stated that since this is a workshop meeting, she simply wanted it discussed tonight for formal approval at the March legislative agenda. Commissioner DeHart commented that he is okay with what was presented. Vice President Truntz asked if the Bryn Gweled project is separate. Mr. Fabian agreed it is. In response to a question from Vice President Truntz, Mr. Fabian explained they tried to prioritize the roads according to condition, how much they are used, if there are infrastructure improvements that need to occur, etc. There are other roads that need repair, but they have significant drainage improvement modifications that need to be made before those repairs should be made.

Ms. McBride observed that several roads in the 2023 plan are labeled "very poor". She asked why it would be okay to move a very poor road into next year. She asked if it was perhaps based on geographics. Mr. Fabian stated that some of these have roads already been addressed with things like crack sealing; this was based on a survey done back in 2017. Part of the reason is also to prevent too much bouncing around of the contractor. Again, many of the decisions were based on the number of complaints received and the amount of use of the road. Commissioner Paul explained this first list addresses two areas: Shope Gardens and Old Reliance. Mobilization is an issue. There are also varied reasons why very poor roads may not be on the list. For example, the Greenwood Drive cul-de-sac has a major drainage repair that needs to be fixed first. Commissioner Paul noted that Longview Drive is also a big concern. While it needs addressed, there is project going on that will impact it. The Board may decide to do some intermediate improvements in the meantime.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Commissioner DeHart asked Solicitor Miller the status of color coding of the hydrants. Solicitor Miller explained the color coding of hydrants is recommended by NFPA 291, which is a voluntary standard. The color of the hydrant should indicate the rate of water flow capacity of that particular hydrant. Mr. Fure had approached the water company to see if they would agree to allow the coding, and they were not receptive. The Township does have an ordinance which provides that hydrants should be classified in accordance with their capacities and color coded in accordance with NFPA 291. The problem is that it is difficult to enforce because the PUC has ruled several times that the public utility code preempts the ability to enforce the color coding. Solicitor Miller stated he has some suggestions, which he cannot provide here due to attorney/client privilege, on how the Township can try to work with the water company to put some pressure on them to paint the hydrants. He added that Commissioner DeHart has been a strong advocate of the color coding. There should be any easy answer for this since it is a matter of life and safety. Vice President Truntz asked if Suez can provide the capacity of the hydrants if asked. If the Township can get the output of each hydrant, perhaps it can attach a tag. Solicitor Miller stated he will brief the Board in executive session. Commissioner Davies asked if the Township has the jurisdiction over the right of way. Solicitor Miller agreed it does. The problem is that the PUC has held repeatedly that it has exclusive regulatory jurisdiction over the facility, the fire hydrant itself. Commissioner Davies asked if a piece of curbing beneath that hydrant could perhaps be color-coded. Solicitor Miller agreed that may work, but the Township would still need to know the flow. Vice President Truntz stated Suez probably does not want to provide this information due to potential liability.

Commissioner DeHart addressed President Leonard and stated he would like to see the Fire Department's study posted on the website after the Fire Department has reviewed it at their meeting. President Leonard agreed to obtain an electronic copy and post it before Monday night's meeting. Commissioner DeHart added the Township can then post it on its website after the Fire Department's review. Commissioner DeHart thanked Mr. Brady for his work on the study, and suggested that President Leonard and the liaisons look at dates to meet as soon as possible. He also thanked the Fire Department members for coming out tonight.

Commissioner Davies thanked the Fire Department and Mr. Brady for their work on the study, and thanked Commissioner DeHart and Vice President Truntz for the time they put in as

liaisons. He also thanked everyone who came out tonight. Commissioner Davies also expressed his appreciation for everyone who worked diligently on the paving plan.

Commissioner Paul addressed the Fire Department members and thanked them for everything they do for the Township.

Vice President Truntz echoed the comments of Commissioner DeHart and Commissioner Paul and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

President Wilt thanked everyone for their participation this evening. He extended the Board's condolences to Ms. Arroyo on the loss of her father.

ADJOURN AND CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hearing no other comments, a motion was made by Vice President Truntz, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

ATTEST:

Jean R. Arroyo
Township Secretary

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