

## MINUTES

### NON-LEGISLATIVE MEETING – MARCH 4, 2020

The March 4, 2020 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
- Ronald J. Paul, Assistant Secretary
- Michael J. Davies, Commissioner
- Christopher DeHart, Commissioner
- Betsy McBride, Township Manager
- Jean R. Arroyo, Township Secretary
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Shawn Fabian, HRG
- Lester Lanman, Public Works Director
- Jeff Vargo, Chief of Police

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 COMMENTS: None

#### LST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT OUTLOOK:

Fire Chief Weikle reported that the Department has been doing some strategic planning, including forecasting expenses 5, 10, and 20 years out. The Fire Department's finance committee, along with some of its trustees, will be presenting an overview tonight of this forecast. Also in attendance from the Fire Department is Bill Leonard, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Austin Byler, Treasurer; Barry Burrows, Trustee; and Chad Zimmerman, member.

Mr. Leonard explained that the Fire Department, like the Township, goes through an annual budget process, and submits the budget to this Board the first quarter of the year. When this budget was prepared last fall, there were found to be some unusually high monetary items

that will need to be addressed. This was what led to preparation of a 10 – 15 year outlook. Input was provided from the fire service side and the building side to predict these needs. Mr. Leonard added this is just a forecast, and many things can change this. For example, the Fire Department was fortunate enough to get a Gaming Commission grant, through the Township's support, for one year's premium on one of the trucks. This is a good thing and impacts this outlook. An increase/decrease in bingo or hall rentals could also change this outlook. The information tonight is the best information available at this time.

The Fire Station was built in 2007 and some of the infrastructure, such as the HVAC, is starting to fail. Emergency apparatus has been replaced from 2008 – 2019, and the next replacement cycle begins in 2020. The Lease/Purchase agreement was established in 2007; some items in the agreement need reviewed and modified since they are very restrictive on the Fire Department. The information presented tonight assumes long term commitment of fire tax revenue to the Fire Department by the Township, continued application for grants and some level of fund raising on behalf of the Fire Department, and revenues from all available leases and sources.

The 2019 operating budget was \$494,179. The Fire Department received \$331,311 from the Township via a .49 millage fire tax. In addition to spending hours on training and emergency calls, members had to raise \$162,868 to balance the budget. The averages from the past three years is as follows: average operating budget \$432,495, average Township contribution \$330,000 and average shortfall \$102,495. Mr. Leonard noted that the \$331,311 received from the Township in 2019 covered 94% of the Department's operating costs. The \$162,000 the Fire Department had to raise covered the vehicle loans, mortgage, equipment maintenance, etc. This year, the budget is \$435,459 which is down by \$60,000. The Township contribution is predicted at \$335,639, leaving a shortfall of \$99,820. Therefore, the amount from the Township will cover 100% of the operating costs and 84% of the vehicle loans, but still not enough to take care of the balance on the vehicle loans, mortgage, equipment maintenance, etc. Mr. Leonard stressed that when the term "shortfall" is used, it does not mean that the Department has run out of money. Rather, it is the amount of money the Department volunteers must raise to balance the budget.

Fundraising efforts were reviewed. In years past, the Department made \$24,000 in bingo. The 2019 budget was \$10,000, and \$10,000 was budgeted again this year. The Township solicitation (the mailing that is sent out) has been pretty stable and raises about \$25,000. The



Auxiliary donations were \$6,000 in prior years; \$2,500 was budgeted this year. Hall rentals historically bring in about \$8,000. \$20,000 was budgeted last year and \$18,000 was budgeted this year. Mr. Leonard noted they did hear last night that the hall has been basically rented the rest of the year. However, there are still increasing expenses with this. Chief Weikle agreed that the more the hall is rented, the more maintenance expenses occur. Examples are painting the hall and air conditioning issues.

The annual premium for the Pumper Tanker is \$62,400. The 2011 Dauphin County Fire Department Study suggests a 15-year replacement cycle for vehicles. If this holds true, the Department will still have an annual \$62,000 Pumper Tanker Premium into the early 2030's. If the 2012 Engine is replaced in 2027, there will be an additional \$65,000. Replacing the 2014 Rescue in 2029 will be another \$70,000. To maintain the Fire, Rescue and Water Rescue Services that the Fire Department currently provides will result in \$130,000 -- \$200,000 in annual premiums for fire apparatus beginning in 2027. Mr. Leonard reviewed a chart of the fifteen year forecast for vehicle replacement. Annual premiums for vehicles peak at \$230,788 in 2035 and quickly rise to \$142,727 in 2022. Average is \$153,571 over 15-years. Chief Weikle pointed out that he tried to separate the apparatus so the Department is not buying a fire truck and then two years later buying another fire truck. He added there is some benefit in turning in a fire truck early while it still has some net value. The thought is to replace the engine early and then move the Rescue out past the normal replacement time. Also presented was a fifteen year forecast for building maintenance. The problem right now is that the air conditioner is broken. This will need to be addressed quickly due to the hall rentals. Annual premiums for these services peak at \$101,000 in 2021. Annual premiums average \$46,000 over 15 years.

As previously stated, the average operating budget is \$432,495, the average Township contribution is \$330,000, leaving the average shortfall at \$102,495. Based on forecasts, the average additional building maintenance premium is \$46,000 and the average additional vehicle premium is \$153,571. This means the amount of money the volunteers need to raise increases to \$302,066.

Mr. Leonard reported that during the budget review, there were questions raised regarding responsibilities for structural components of the fire station maintenance and who is responsible for repair and financing. This resulted in a review by the Fire Department of the Lease Agreement with the Township. He noted that this agreement covers the property and the

building – everything but the shed out back. The lease ends with the final payment of \$81,000 in July of 2032. The balance on the building, as of December 31, 2019, is \$1,012,500. The tenant (Fire Department) is responsible for all insurances and utilities. The facility is to be used as a firehouse, training center, and for private function rentals. Tenant makes all necessary repairs at its own expense. The tenant cannot sublease, but the landlord is not prevented from doing the same. In summary, the Fire Department pays for everything, maintains everything, and can lose fair share ownership of the building up to the time the last annual payment is made July 1, 2032. There is no direct responsibility or assistance from the Township other than initial securing of public funding for construction of the property on Fulling Mill Road, and the annual tax allocation. Mr. Leonard suggested the existing lease be reviewed and revised where appropriate. One idea would be to allow the Department to sublease the property. For example, the PA Lottery likes to use the Department's lot for parking. In addition, the Penn State ambulance uses the building, and is provided electricity, use of the bathroom, showers, etc. yet the Fire Department gets no money for this.

There was also a comparison done to see which other municipalities pay for fire stations, pay for and maintain emergency apparatus, and pay for insurances. These other municipalities include Steelton, Highspire, Swatara, Londonderry, Middletown, and Derry Township. Mr. Leonard noted this information will be shared in the near future. Another suggestion is to look at the existing fire taxes in the Central PA area to determine if the Township's tax is on target or higher or lower than the average. Mr. Leonard added that the Fire Department received no benefit from the previous refinancing of the Township bond for the fire station and is still paying the fee that was established when that bond was put in place in 2007. Again, it is important to keep in mind that the big debt obligation balances as of December 31, 2019 include the \$1,012,500 lease obligation and the \$651,542.83 Tanker. The Fire Department can take the status quo option or can use 4% annual investment withdrawal to pay annual premiums. The Department can also deplete its investment money, against the advice of its financial advisors. These options, however, have a limited life and the Department will basically run out of money. Other options to negotiate with the Township include revising the lease agreement, specifically reviewing sub-lease options, maintenance of major infrastructure, and responsibility for property insurances. Other ongoing expenses include annual lease payments, purchasing of fire apparatus, property fees, and workers compensation insurance.



The Fire Department ran projections from 2020 through 2035, and overall projections including use of investments indicated that the Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Department could run out of funds approximately 2029 – 2031. If that happens, the burden will be on the Township to shoulder the full financial obligation for fire and rescue services. Mr. Leonard presented a hypothetical annual expense budget should this happen. With the budget and the addition of hypothetical annual cost of salaries for firefighters, duty officers, a chief and employee benefits, a grand total of \$2,232,066 would be needed to run the Fire Department. He added that the salaries he used were also on the low-side so this number will probably be closer to \$2.5 million. Chief Weikle added that when he was a Commissioner in Swatara Township, they had looked at what costs would be if they had to go to a paid department. When he came here, his thoughts were that the Fire Department would never want to own the building. If all the lease payments are paid back to the Township and the Department buys the building for \$1.00, what will happen if the Fire Department goes out of business? Will the Township allow them to sell that building when it was paid for by taxpayer money? Commissioner DeHart stated it should be in the bi-laws that it cannot. All assets would come back here. Chief Weikle stated that is his point -- why would the Fire Department buy the building when it is never going to really own it? This is part of the reason that Swatara Township buys its fire trucks. If the Township would start its own fire department, it would need to add another 2 million dollars on to that figure for the fire apparatus and equipment. Chief Weikle stressed that this is not a threat, but everyone needs to look at the big picture and realize what the volunteers are doing for the taxpayers. The goal is to run with a volunteer Fire Department as long as feasible. However, he noted that the Commonwealth is down from 330,000 volunteer firefighters to less than 50,000.

Mr. Leonard again referenced the Fire Department's investments. Leaving them untouched could result in \$1.5 million dollars in six years (7% annual growth). The investment amount is extremely beneficial when applying for apparatus loans. The Department could withdraw 4% per year to pay for expenses. The Department will have a \$500,000 roof replacement project in approximately 12 – 15 years, which coincides with the turnover of the building from the Township. This also brings the question of who will pay for the roof – landlord or tenant.

Mr. Leonard stated this is just an update. The Department would ask that the Board/designees of the Board and Manager get together with one or two representatives from the

Fire Department to look at options to keep the Fire Department going. Mr. Leonard stated that the Fire Department hopes to provide these updates on a yearly basis.

Vice President Truntz stated that this was a sobering assessment that the Board and public needed to hear. Chief Weikle explained the Department wanted to do this presentation well in advance rather than suddenly come to the Board and say they are out of money. Commissioner Davies agreed he is appreciative of this information in order to plan ahead.

Chief Weikle thanked the volunteers for all the time and effort they put into this presentation and thanked the Board for its time this evening.

#### WASTE INDUSTRIES (GLF ENVIRONMENTAL) UPDATE ON BILLING ISSUES:

Patrick Luce, Waste Industries/GFL Environmental, explained that he is here tonight to discuss a few concerns with the Township's waste/recycling contract. He added the Township is under no contractual obligation to do any of the things he is going to suggest tonight.

Firstly, there is a clause in the Township's contract that says the hauler cannot stop providing service to residents who do not pay their bills. Lower Swatara Township averages about 450 non-pays a quarter. This means Waste Industries loses about \$37,000 annually from non-paying customers. Waste Industries is required to pay the Township a \$2.00 administrative fee for each payment, so the Township is also missing out on about \$3,600 annually from these non-pays. Mr. Luce noted there is another two years on this contract, but when it comes up again, this could impact the paying customers. Haulers are going to consider this loss of revenue when bidding the new contract.

Mr. Luce added another thing Waste Industries is dealing with right now is the recycling market. When they first took over the contract, there were no processing fees for recycling. Currently it costs about \$65.00/ton. The Township recycles a little over 606 tons annually which is another \$39,000 that Waste Industries has to pay out of pocket. They have asked other municipalities that they contract with to help out; last year Mount Joy agreed to pay 25% of the recycling fee. Now that its new contract is in place, Mount Joy pays the entire fee. Mr. Luce explained that all of their SWMA contracts have language written in that state the municipality pays for all disposal fees.

Mr. Luce asked if the Board would consider an amendment to the contract that allows Waste Industries to stop service on non-pays. He noted he does over 125 municipal contracts for



the company, and does not have any worded that they cannot stop service for non-payment. Commissioner DeHart stated this is a catch-22; if the hauler stops service, the trash piles up and creates a problem for the Township. Mr. Luce agreed there are repercussions to stopping service, but suggested the Township probably has ordinances in place to fine residents who do this. Commissioner DeHart remarked that if they will not pay their trash bill, they probably will not pay their fines either. Vice President Truntz surmised that during the next bid process, the haulers will look into the delinquency rate and bid accordingly to absorb it. These non-payers will impact everyone. Mr. Luce agreed, and suggested this is why it would be beneficial to address this now. Vice President Truntz asked if Waste Industries does collections. Mr. Luce explained that going after non-payers one-by-one would not make sense financially.

Solicitor Henninger stated that during his 34 years as Solicitor, the Township's contract has always contained this clause. Other municipalities he represents have similar language, because municipalities do not want to see curbside trash piling up. During the pre-bid meeting, this clause was not questioned by the haulers in attendance and was most likely built into the fee.

Solicitor Henninger noted the Board is under no obligation to do anything at this point, but can deal with it during the next contract. He agreed that the recycling issue has been a big change, and there will undoubtedly be changes as municipal contracts come up for renewal. Recycling started out as a money-making business, but has turned into a money-losing business. Mr. Luce asked if the Township would consider some relief on the recycling processing fee. He noted he is not asking for a decision tonight, but would ask that the Board consider this, as Waste Industries is in a bit of a bind. Commissioner DeHart recalled that when Penn Waste was the contractual hauler, it came before the Board to ask for some relief on the cost of diesel fuel. He added this is not the first time a hauler came in and asked for relief.

Mr. Luce stressed that Waste Industries enjoys its relationship with the Lower Swatara Township, and assured the Board that services will not be impacted in any way by the results of this request. Solicitor Henninger suggested it might behoove the Township to poll other local municipalities to see how they have addressed these issues. Commissioner Davies agreed he would be more comfortable with additional information. Mr. Luce thanked the Board for its time.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner DeHart, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Special Joint Meeting with the Municipal Authority. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Truntz, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Legislative Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### UPDATED CIVIL SERVICES RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Ms. McBride requested the Board table action on the Updated Civil Service Rules and Regulations. She and Chief Vargo are going through the rules and regulations line-by-line and will then have Attorney Miller look at the document for review by this Board, and then possibly resubmission to the Civil Service Commission. Commissioner DeHart asked if the Board will see a red-line version of the document. Ms. McBride confirmed that it will. The Board tabled action on this item.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Ms. McBride presented the Planning and Zoning Report as prepared by Ms. Hursh.

The Solicitor has advertised the Ordinance Recodification for proposed adoption at the April 1 workshop meeting. Solicitor Henninger added that the Planning Commission did not have an opportunity to review the document at its February 26 meeting, but will do so this month. The Dauphin County Planning Commission declined review, stating that it does not review recodifications.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan/ Major Subdivision Plan for Highspire Terminals Corp, 900 Eisenhower Blvd. The project is a parking lot expansion and a new access road. The plan was recommended for approval with conditions.

Staff has also started work on updating the sign ordinance.



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT:

### Replacement of Township's fire alarm system

Mr. Lanman provided details on proposals received for replacement of the Township's fire alarm system. The proposals have been narrowed down to Kint and LowV, both of which are providing a Honeywell system, although different systems. Kint is providing a Notifier System called the "FireWarden". The LowV proposal is for "the FireLite". Mr. Lanman noted he did extensive research on both types of systems. Notifier is the top tier of Honeywell systems. The FireLite system is the budget version, with not as many bells and whistles. Specs are very comparable. Mr. Lanman noted the only difference that matters to him as far as long term maintenance is that Notifier has an exclusive network of dealers than can service or get parts for them. FireLite is pretty much serviced by any Honeywell dealer. He referenced comparison of the costs for parts, monitoring, and drawings. Mr. Lanman added that both proposals are for the system to be on a cellular service with Verizon. Kint's install charges are about \$2,200 lower than LowV. However, LowV charges \$95.00/hour for the inspection which will take from two to three hours. Kint charges on a per-module inspection, and the quote from them for the annual inspection was \$677 a year. Kint is also the Township's current fire extinguisher vendor, and services all extinguishers in the Township. Mr. Lanman stated both bids are good bids, but his recommendation is to go with the Kint system. He was told updates come out sooner for this system, and the upfront cost is substantially less although the annual cost is a little bit more. In addition, Chief Vargo has experience with Kint in regards to the alarm system, and is very satisfied. If the Board approves this tonight, it will be about a month until the installation starts.

Commissioner Davies asked if the Fire Department had any input on these proposals. Mr. Lanman stated they did not. Commissioner Davies also asked if there are monoxide sensors in the system. Mr. Lanman confirmed they are in the ducts. Commissioner DeHart asked the total price. Mr. Lanman responded that Kint's total price, which includes the first year of monitoring (\$550), is \$18,445. Vice President Truntz asked if there is a warranty provided. Mr. Lanman responded that he believes there is one-year warranty. Vice President Truntz asked the total price of LowV's proposal. Mr. Lanman responded that the proposal is for \$19,941 and does not include the monthly fee but does include the first year's annual inspection.

A motion was made by Vice President Truntz, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve a proposal from Kint, in the amount of \$18,455.00, for replacement of the Township's fire alarm system. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Lanman reported that he did meet with HRG at Lumber Street and Greenwood Drive. Two storm pipes were found where they are trying to build the wing wall of the new culvert. The one pipe runs all the way down Lumber Street from Spring Garden Drive and dumps out into the culvert. The Board will be seeing a change order to fix this.

Commissioner DeHart referenced UGI's upcoming gas project in Twelve Oaks and asked how they are bringing the line in. Mr. Lanman explained his understanding is that it will come up Route 441 and down the west side of Nissley Drive.

President Wilt referenced the culvert at Lumber Street and Greenwood Drive, and asked the projected time frame for completion. Mr. Fabian responded that the weather presented some challenges as far as the site preparation. While he has not seen an actual pour date, they are preparing to pour right now. Mr. Lanman explained that the storm pipes he just referenced will also have to be worked through. Mr. Fabian added that Suez will have some additional water line replacement work crossing Greenwood Drive. Coordination is being done in hopes of having Lumber Street reopened so they can do work on Greenwood Drive.

Commissioner Paul asked if there are any updates as far as improvements to the Turnpike and North Union Street bridge. Mr. Lanman responded that he has not heard anything about this since last year. Commissioner DeHart observed that they are doing some measuring out there. Commissioner Paul expressed hopes that the Township is notified when they decide to do upgrades. Mr. Lanman stated he is sure notification will be received. He added that he attends Traffic Incident Management meetings that includes the Turnpike and knows they were trying to acquire land on the east side of North Union Street to put in a temporary bridge while they redo that bridge. He agreed to look into this and update the Board.

Commissioner Davies asked if work on the Highland Street culvert is on hold right now while work is being done on Lumber Street. Mr. Fabian explained there is a restriction of timing for the actual paving for PennDOT. The culvert installation on Highland Street has been completed, as well as the backfill and seeding and grading. The PennDOT paving, however, cannot start until around April 15. Mr. Lanman agreed that this is a hold up on other work too,



including looking at paving the rest of Highland Street from that bridge down to Oberlin Road. It does not look like they will be able to just overlay that, as it will probably need a different treatment. A contractor will most likely need to be hired to do that separately.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT:

##### Executive Session requested

Ms. McBride requested an executive session immediately upon conclusion of tonight's meeting in order to discuss a personnel issue and a legal issue. Ms. McBride added that for the record, four of the Commissioners were part of a pension review committee meeting this past Monday. After the meeting, a resident stopped them to talk about a possible Eagle Scout project for his grandson. There were four Commissioners here discussing this project; no decisions were made.

The Township website now contains some information, provided by the County, on the coronavirus.

Ms. McBride reported that interest rates have dropped, and she would like to begin looking at both the current bank as well as PLGIT to put money in for about a year time frame. She explained that PLGIT is either insured or fully collateralized and has been around since 1981. It focuses on investments of municipal governments. Ms. McBride added that she has used them extensively in the past. She asked Solicitor Henninger if Board authorization is required for her to use both the current bank and PLGIT for funds. Solicitor Henninger stated he does not know what authority the Board has given the Manager as far as moving funds around. President Wilt suggested the Board should approve this first. Commissioner Davies agreed the Board usually votes on movements of funds. Ms. McBride explained the Township has a CD that matured today, and if she has the Board's permission, she would like to use the Township bank or PLGIT to reinvest that money. President Wilt directed Ms. McBride to see what the best rates are and come back to the Board for authorization.

At its last meeting, the Board heard from Blaise Pepitone of Amerex Energy Services. Ms. McBride stated that she would like to sign an agreement authorizing him to shop for the Township's electric rates. This will not allow Mr. Pepitone to execute any agreements but will give staff an idea of what savings may be realized for electricity, particularly for the pump stations. Solicitor Henninger stated that he had reviewed the agreement, which involves no cost to the Township. Commissioner DeHart stated that he does not mind looking at costs, but would suggest

that this include the fire station. The Board expressed no objection to this. Vice President Truntz suggested that before Ms. McBride signs the document, she add “Lower Swatara Township” and then “by Betsy McBride” rather than just have her name on the agreement. Ms. McBride agreed.

#### ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Shawn Fabian, HRG, referenced his written report and provided updates, beginning with the Highland Street and Lumber Street/Greenwood Drive projects. He reported that Crilon did submit a change order request for Dan Long in the HRG office to review in regards to the rock they encountered during the excavation. Mr. Long did a review, and this is a legitimate overage of costs. Details will be provided for the Board at the legislative meeting for official approval of the change order. As mentioned by Mr. Lanman, progress is being made on Lumber Street despite some of the challenges encountered.

A preconstruction meeting was held on February 27 for the Greenfield Park Basin Retrofit and Riparian Buffer project. Mobilization of the site will be weather dependent, but they hope to be out within the next month or two. In spring time, there is a reduced usage of the soccer facilities. However, the contractor is aware that they should not impede use of the park through the retrofit of the basin and the riparian plantings.

HRG has worked with Ms. Smith on Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and the outfall inspection work that is required for the program. This has been completed in the field. HRG also continues to provide GIS assistance during the transition.

Mr. Fabian stated there has been a lot of activity with the key person interviews for the DCNR C2P2 Planning Grant – Township Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan. Numerous interviews were conducted this week, and the last of those were actually completed earlier tonight. All data will be compiled and finalized into a report which will be provided to the Board for review. Grant completion is required by June of 2020, so the desire is to have everything wrapped up by May.

DCNR is reviewing the close out paperwork for final payment distribution and closeout of the Old Reliance and Shope Gardens Parks Stormwater BMPs project.

Mr. Fabian reported that he has some very good news regarding the PFBC Boating Facility Grant Application for upgrades to the existing boat launch and a new gravel parking lot with drainage improvements. Grant approval was received for this 50/50 grant. Commissioner DeHart



asked if there would be an opportunity to secure a DCNR grant or some other type of grant for the Township's match. Mr. Fabian agreed to look into the restrictions associated with the match. He added the actual contract documents, once they arrive, may contain more details. Commissioner DeHart asked if HRG had met on-site with Scott Bollinger from PFBC yet. Mr. Fabian responded they had not. Commissioner DeHart agreed that this grant approval is very good news, since the area is used heavily during the summer. It will also provide the Fire Department emergency access to the Swatara Creek. President Wilt stated the grant is for \$87,500. Mr. Fabian agreed, and added that this is an approximately \$175,000 project.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Henninger reported that he will participating in a conference call tomorrow afternoon with PennVest. Also participating will be Ms. McBride, Mr. Lanman, Mr. Fabian, and Mr. Wilkinson. Hopefully, this will provide staff with a good idea of when the assumption of the loan documents is going to be available in order to move this process forward and meet the April 1 date.

Solicitor Henninger asked to also discuss a real estate matter during this evening's executive session.

#### GOOD AND WELFARE:

Commissioner DeHart thanked everyone for coming out tonight and noted he is appreciative of the mild weather and is sure the Public Works Department is too.

Commissioner Davies thanked the Fire Department, and particularly Mr. Leonard, for explaining some of the realities that will be faced and some of the choices that will need to be made to ensure fire coverage and ascertain that the Fire Department remains financially stable and healthy.

Commissioner Paul referenced previous discussion about the D&H project on Rosedale Avenue pertinent to future sidewalks and widening on the portion to the east of that project. He suggested it might be a good time to have a preliminary investigation of the culvert which sits in the stream by Stoner Drive in order to determine exactly what shape it is in and what is needed. He stated this will come up as discussions continue about the widening of

Rosedale Avenue. Solicitor Henninger agreed that the only way to get sidewalk down to Whitehouse Lane is to do something with that culvert. Mr. Paul stated that if the Board has no objection, he would ask that the engineer look into this. Commissioner Davies remarked that the Township would be facing some costs to look at it. Commissioner Paul explained his thinking is that the developer may be able to help out with some of those costs. Solicitor Henninger agreed that the developer is very aware of the concern.

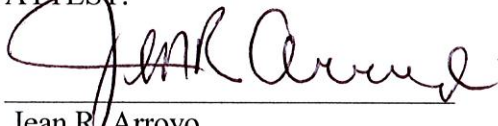
Vice President Truntz thanked the Fire Department for the informative presentation and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight. He also thanked Representative Mehaffie who is on the Fish and Boat Commission and was instrumental in getting the Township the \$87,500 grant.

President Wilt also thanked Mr. Leonard for the presentation tonight, and thanked the public for coming out. He thanked Representative Mehaffie for his assistance with the Fish and Boat Commission grant. President Wilt noted that Representative Mehaffie is always looking at ways to bring funds back to Lower Swatara Township.

ADJOURN AND CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hearing no other comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Vice President Truntz, to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Jean R. Arroyo  
Township Secretary



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