

## **MINUTES**

### **NON-LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**JANUARY 4, 2010**

The Non-Legislative Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, held at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 6:55 P.M. by President Frank Linn, Sr.

Roll call was taken with the following officials in attendance:

- Frank Linn, Sr., President
- William L. Leonard, Vice President
- Thomas R. Clark, Commissioner
- Robert L. Loych, Commissioner
- Thomas L. Mehaffie III, Commissioner
- Ronald J. Paul, Manager
- Peter R. Henninger, Township Solicitor
- Richard T. Wiley, Police Chief
- Robert S. Grauel, Public Works Director
- Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

Excused:

- HRG, Township Engineer

Residents and visitors in attendance:

- Ronald Burkholder (Colony of Old Reliance)
- Mike Williams (Bryn Gweled Subdivision)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Grauel reported that the Department has been very busy with winter maintenance the past several weeks. New blades have been installed on the plows, and minor repairs were made as necessary. One of the larger trucks had a transmission problem. Mr. Grauel thanked Rodger Mason for all his help in getting the truck back on the road within two days. President Linn agreed that the Rodger Mason family has always been an excellent neighbor to the Township. Mr. Grauel also noted that one of the trucks was involved in an accident; the driver is okay and the truck doesn't appear to be totaled. The road material bins have been restocked, and two loads of salt are being delivered this week. The new loader that was budgeted for has been ordered and should be delivered sometime in March. The old paver was traded in on the new loader; it was determined that it is actually more economical to rent a paver when required for a job. The dumpster will be available for Township residents on Saturday, January 9, from 8:00 A.M. to noon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Wiley referenced several reports, and noted that the crime rate for December is consistent with that of the last several months. He added that the Department did hand out a lot more traffic warnings during the month. A letter was received from Detective Thomas Shank officially announcing his plans to retire at the end of this month. Chief Wiley noted this will leave a vacancy in the criminal investigation unit. Chief Wiley and Mr. Paul discussed the best way to fill this vacancy, and have decided it would be a great idea to bring in officers and do some training before determining who will fill the position on a permanent basis. This will create a situation where the officers will see what is involved in the position.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Vice President Leonard reported that Chief DeHart could not be in attendance this evening, since the Fire Department is also reorganizing this evening. He referenced the reports provided by Chief DeHart.

Calls for the month of December totaled 55, with a year to date total of 560. Implementation of the Dauphin County radio system has been pushed back to mid-February. The

Fire Department has been approved for the state fire grant, but has not yet received the amount of the grant. The Department had put together specs for a new rescue truck. Due primarily to the costs, all rescue bids were rejected by the Department. It is now investigating whether it will go forward with another rescue truck or purchase a new vehicle that will have multi-purposes.

PLANNING AND ZONING/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Paul reported that plans scheduled to appear on the January legislative agenda include several previously tabled plans, including the Preliminary Plan for the Colony of Old Reliance.

The Borough of Highspire will be sending out a letter to Lower Swatara Township residents whose properties adjoin the Highspire Reservoir area. For many years, there has been discussion about doing something to enhance the area with a walkway around the reservoir. Mr. Paul noted that the rear properties along Lakeside Drive abut right up against the Highspire Borough line. The Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners and the affected residents are being invited to attend the Highspire Borough Council meeting on January 19, at 7:00 P.M., to hear discussion on this subject.

Mr. Paul also referenced a letter from the Dauphin County Commissioners inviting the Board to a local government forum on January 14.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Ronald J. Paul,  
Manager/Secretary