

## MINUTES

### JUNE 4, 2014 WORKSHOP MEETING

#### LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The June 4, 2014 Workshop Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice President Jon G. Wilt. Vice President Wilt called for the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call was taken with the following officials in attendance:

- Jon G. Wilt, Vice President
- Laddie J. Springer, Secretary
- Michael J. Davies, Commissioner
- Dominic D. DiFrancesco II, Commissioner
- Samuel Monticello, Township Manager
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Richard D. Brandt, Police Chief
- Robert S. Greene, Planning and Zoning Coordinator
- Jeffrey D. Sipe, Acting Public Works Director
- Daniel L. Wagner, Road Foreman
- Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

Excused:

- Thomas L. Mehaffie III, President

Residents and visitors in attendance:

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Vice President Wilt opened the floor for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department – Chief DeHart – reported that the Department responded to 28 calls in May, with the yearly total thus far at 224 responses. This is usually a quite period, but things seem to

be getting busier and busier. The next Sunday Dinner is scheduled for June 15 (11:00 A.M. until sold out) and will be baked chicken. The next Sunday Breakfast is scheduled for June 22 (7:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.). Chief DeHart called the Board's attention to a PowerPoint print out regarding the Pennsylvania Intrastate Mutual Aid System. Along with this is a draft letter of acknowledgment by the Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Department and Lower Swatara Township for participation in Pennsylvania Intrastate Mutual Aid, Act 93 of 2008. He asked that Solicitor Henninger review this for Board action at the June 18 legislative meeting. Solicitor Henninger suggested that Chief DeHart proceed with preparing the letter on Fire Department letterhead for the Board's June agenda. Chief DeHart then updated the Board on the Fire Department's "live-in" volunteers. There are three at this time. Most are back home for the summer and will return in the fall. The new rescue has been lettered, and the equipment will be mounted starting next week. Engine 591 is set to return from the factory on Sunday.

Police Department – Chief Brandt – referenced the monthly report, and noted that there were 862 calls for service, 61 cases, 34 arrests, 16 DUI's, and 63 traffic citations. One of the new vehicles is here and ready to go. Chief Brandt updated the Board on two recent cases. The case with the robbery last month at the Hollywood Hotel is still being actively pursued, so no further information can be disclosed. Another case occurred on May 15, when Officer Smith got into a slow pursuit of a vehicle being driven erratically on Route 230. The pursuit ultimately resulted in Officer Smith apprehending the suspect with a taser. The suspect was booked and released on bail and charged with DUI. A few days later, a call was received from the New York City Police Department asking about the suspect, who was wanted for murder. The suspect's hearing on the DUI was today. He did show up for it, and the New York City Police Department arrested him for this other crime in Judge Smith's parking lot. Chief Brandt noted that this is a dangerous individual who is accused of a very violent murder in New York City. It shows the unknown dangers officers face anytime they pull someone over. Chief Brandt also referenced a complaint today from a resident of North Union Street regarding trucks. This was discussed with Vice President Wilt at the Police Committee meeting earlier this evening, and a plan of action is being worked on to address this issue.

Public Works Department – Jeffrey Sipe -- reported that projects to be completed in June include repairing an inlet on Hollywood/Longview Drive, straightening and repairing signs, spraying weed control and grub control in parks, spraying guide rails, painting speed lines for the Police

Department, beginning road repairs where needed, and installing an AC unit in the office. Mr. Sipe noted that the minor paving projects will be pushed back to July due to a manpower shortage. He also noted that a contract has been finalized for the salt shed and door at the old firehouse. Recent jobs completed include finishing of the hazard mitigation lots which are now waiting on the grass to grow, weekly mowing in the parks, repair of the sinkhole on Kreider Drive, repair of the inlet on Spring Garden Drive, mowing shoulders along the roads, replacing three lights at Memorial Field at Little Hollywood Park (thanks to the Middletown Fire Department for use of its ladder truck), completing of mulching at all parks, grooming fields weekly when weather permitted, replacing batteries in the alarms system, and repairing and inspecting equipment. The dumpster will be available to residents on June 7, from 8:00 A.M. to noon.

Commissioner DiFrancesco referenced work by Verizon in the Township, and asked how extensive this will be. Mr. Sipe stated that Verizon has indicated that it will not be digging up the roadway, except in the few instances where there are gas lines involved. From his understanding, the work will be focused in the Twelve Oaks development.

Planning and Zoning Report – Robert Greene – reported that recent plan reviews include the new Middletown Area High School, the new Sheetz Store on Route 230, a new warehouse at 140 Fulling Mill Road, and plumbing alterations at Mack Truck (2800 Commerce Drive). There was as complaint regarding Karen's Catering, 1500 Fulling Mill Road. Alterations were being done to the farm house without a permit, and a stop work order was given. Staff is working with the owner to get this under permit. Mr. Greene referenced a list of various job sites visited, and also called the Board's attention to a report of permits issued monthly. This was generated with the Code Department's new software program. Mr. Greene advised the Board and public that once again, there were no new plan submissions or action needed by the Planning Commission, so the June meeting has been cancelled. He also provided an update on the recent actions of the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board met on May 28 on a continued hearing from April 9, 2014, Zoning Hearing Docket # 2014-03 from Capital Valley Business Park, Building "C" property for the following: (a) a variance to permit the flare of the curb return radius for the western driveway outside of the right-of-way; (b) a variance from the required 30 foot front yard buffer yard; (c) a variance to allow parking in the front yard landscape buffer. The subject property is located at the intersection Fulling Mill Road and Oberlin Road; project site is on Kreider Drive located in

the Industrial Park Limited (IL-P) District. The Zoning Hearing Board approved all three requests. The Board had a second hearing the same evening, May 28, on Zoning Hearing Docket # 2014-05 from Scannell Properties, FedEx Ground Harrisburg East, for a variance to allow construction of a 12' high sound barrier wall (with option for future 12' additional height) to be constructed along the eastern curb line of the site extending the sound barrier wall 35 feet into the 50 foot rear yard setback. Property is located at 111 Fulling Mill Road in the split Industrial (I) and Conservation (C) District. The Zoning Hearing Board also approved this variance request. At this time, there are no new applications in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Greene updated the Board on several miscellaneous items. The DEP planning module mailer for the Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for MRPI, 140 Fulling Mill Road, was submitted to DEP on May 22. The planning module mailer for the Final Land Development Plan for Middletown Area High School was also submitted to DEP on May 22. Mr. Greene noted that he had attended a preconstruction meeting for the Middletown Area High School building project on May 27, and attended a preconstruction meeting for the Stormwater Management construction project on May 28. The Stormwater Management Plan and O&M Agreement for Pratt & Whitney, 181 Fulling Mill Road, have been recorded. A copy of a letter was received to PennDOT from the Dauphin County Conservation District regarding compliance to DEP Rules & Regulations pertaining to Erosion Control measures for stockpile areas 1, 2 & 3 for the SR283 highway project.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Monticello noted that he had provided the Board with a bulleted document regarding administrative and personnel matters, and requested an executive session immediately upon conclusion of this evening's meeting to discuss this.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Henninger reported that items he has been working with include the Susquehanna Regional Airport Authority (SARAA) sewage module, and the O&M Agreement and Security Agreement for the MRPI project at 140 Fulling Mill Road. He added that the issues pertaining to the Gina Lane connection have been resolved between the property owners, and things should move along very promptly. Solicitor Henninger informed the Board that the

annual audit letter went out today for the Township's 2013 audit; he gave a clean opinion letter effective December 31, 2013. He also advised the Board that as Solicitor for both the Central Association and the State Association, he will be attending the PA State Association of Township Commissioners annual educational conference at Willow Valley next Thursday thru Sunday. There appears to be some interesting items on the agenda for this conference.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Monticello referenced the report provided by Erin Letavic of HRG. The report provides a schedule for the Greenfield Well project. There are no real updates on the Richardson Road Bridge Funding and the Park Improvements.

FINAL COMMENTS:       None

ADJOURN AND CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner DiFrancesco, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

