



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**MARCH 4, 2020**

1. Meeting called to order at 7pm.
  2. Invocation – Dave Swanson of Pittsburgh Mennonite Church
  3. Pledge of Allegiance – Michele Stanton
  4. Roll Call – C. Ansell- here; W. Scales- here; M. Stanton- here; W. Price- here; D. Petrarca- here; Mayor Swatzwelder- here; President A. Salisbury- here
  5. Public Comment
    - a. Paul Yesko- Address unknown
      - i. Expressed concern about speeding problem on Evans Street. 15 MPH sign is tuned in wrong direction.
        1. Council agreed that the sign can be fixed
        2. Chief Watson stated that patrols will be put in the area to enforce the speed limit and explained that the problem will go away once the school is closed.
    - b. Bonnie Spoales of Oak Grove
      - i. Would like to see Whipple Street patched.
      - ii. Spoke against proposal to sell existing Borough building to a gas station.
      - iii. Has voter registration forms if anyone needs one.
      - iv. Stated that there are trash cans in the middle of the street by the row houses near Aurelius.
    - c. Bob Soderberg of 2210 Milligan
      - i. Would like to be considered for the Recreation Advisory Committee.
  6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2020 Agenda meeting and the February 5, 2020 Council meeting- M. Stanton, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Petrarca. All ayes. Motion carries.
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7. Agenda Items:

- a. Motion to approve **Resolution 20-03**, approving the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license belonging to High Rollers Corporation from Homestead Borough into Swissvale Borough to be located at 1814 South Braddock Avenue. Motion by C. Ansell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Scales.

Roll Call Vote: C. Ansell- yes; W. Scales- yes; M. Stanton- no; W. Price- yes; D. Petrarca- no; A. Salisbury- yes. Motion carries.

- b. Motion to approve **Resolution 20-04** Authorizing signatories on Borough Accounts at First Commonwealth Bank- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.

- c. Motion to approve **Ordinance 20-01**, authorizing and directing the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$850,000 with First Commonwealth Bank for the purchase (including reimbursement of the General Reserve Fund in the amount of \$350,000 toward the cost of the building) and renovation of the property located at 1919-29 McCague Street for the Public Works Garage. Motion by M. Stanton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ansell.

Roll call vote: C. Ansell- yes, W. Scales- yes; M. Stanton- yes; W. Price- yes; D. Petrarca- yes; A. Salisbury- yes. Motion carries.

- d. Motion to accept the resignation of Julie Grose as a member of Council effective March 4, 2020- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Price. All ayes. Motion carries.

- e. Motion to accept the resignation of Clyde Wilhelm as Borough Manager effective March 31, 2020- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.

- f. Motion to appoint Assistant Manager Greg Bachy as Interim Borough Manager effective April 1, 2020- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.

- g. Motion to appoint Michael Zentner to the position of Working Foreman in the Department of Public Works- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.

- h. Motion to reappoint David Nickel to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2024- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Petrarca. All ayes. Motion carries.

- i. Motion to reappoint Michael Georger to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2024- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.

- j. Motion to reappoint Dan Mulholland to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 year term ending on January 1, 2025- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.
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- k. Motion to reappoint Mike Takas to the Shade Tree Committee for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2023- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.
- l. Motion to reappoint Kurt Summersgill to the Shade Tree Committee for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2023- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.
- m. Motion to reappoint Michael Alder to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2024- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.
  - i. Motion to appoint Bob Soderberg to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2023- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.
- n. Motion to reappoint Blaz Bravar to the Civil Service Commission for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2023- Motion by M. Stanton to table the matter. 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion to table carries.
- o. Motion to reappoint Clyde Wilhelm as the Emergency Management Coordinator and David Miller and Michael Volpe as Deputies- D. Petrarca; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.
- p. Motion to appoint Jeremy Brake-Zacherl to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2024- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.
- q. Motion to appoint Laura Kuster to the Planning Commission for a 1 year term ending January 1, 2021- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.
- r. Motion to appoint Cynthia Pagesh to the Shade Tree Committee for a 1 year term ending January 1, 2021- M. Stanton; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Motion Dave Petrarca

- Paid Bills as of **February 29, 2020** in the amount of **\$446,337.79**
- Unpaid Bills as of **February 29, 2020** in the amount of **\$83,400.66**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Stanton. All ayes. Motion carries.

9. Police Report – Chief Watson

- a. Police Report is on file in the Borough manager's office.

10. Code and Fire Report – Chief Wilhelm

- a. Code and Fire Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
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- b. Chief Wilhelm, David Miller and Michael Volpe have been working on plans to prepare for the Coronavirus.

#### 11. Public Works Report – Dave Petrarca

- a. Public Works Report is on file in the Borough manager's office.
- b. Clean Up Day is on April 18, 2020.
  - i. Unlike last year, trash will not be taken to the field. It is just a day to clean up around Swissvale.
  - ii. Volunteers are needed and will be provided with lunch and prizes.
- c. Street sweeping begins on April 1, 2020 and continues through October 30, 2020.
  - i. Cars not moved between 8am and noon will be ticketed.
- d. Plavchak construction began work on phase 2B of the Streetscape Project last week.
  - i. The work is occurring on Noble, Waverly and Washington Streets and includes installing an additional 15 light posts and associated conduit and wiring.
- e. 2 pending projects are budgeted for 2020.
  - i. Replacement of all traffic signals at the intersection of South Braddock Avenue and Waverly.
    - 1. The project is funded through the Automated Red-Light Enforcement Program which covers all associated costs of the project.
    - 2. This project will bid in March and Council will vote to award the contract in April.
  - ii. Sanitary sewer line replacement on Agnes, Burton and Denniston Streets.
    - 1. Funded solely through the Borough Sewer Fund to replace aging and failing sanitary sewer lines on these streets.
    - 2. Project will be bid in March and Council will award the contract at the first April council meeting.

#### 12. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales

- a. No Report. Meeting could not be held due to lack of quorum.
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13. President's Remarks

- a. New applicants for the Civil Service Commission should present themselves at the next meeting.
- b. Anyone interested in ordering food from the Fish Fry should call early- ie. order around lunch time for dinner, as they expect to sell out quickly.

14. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. MVI and SEDCO hosted very successful open house last Thursday at the School House Condos on McClure.
- b. Don't forget to Spring Forward this weekend and set clocks ahead one hour.
- c. Egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 11, 2020 at Memorial Park at noon.

15. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

- a. Water Authority Report is on file in the Borough manager's office.

16. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. No report.

17. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. The Borough is challenging a lawsuit for its policy of contributing to retiree hospitalization.
  - i. Judgement was made in favor of the Borough.
  - ii. Mr. McTiernan will keep us posted on the 30-day appeal period.

18. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. No report.

19. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. A tour of Dickson School has been set up for March 19, 2020 at 7pm.
- b. Mr. Bachy has emailed Council about the ALOM conference.

20. Unfinished Business- None

21. New Business

- a. Councilman Price expressed concern about the safety of pedestrians crossing South Braddock Avenue in the area near Roundz Lounge.
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- i. Mr. Bachy stated that the cheapest easiest way to improve visibility is to add overhead street lights, but it will be 2 to 3 months before they can be installed.
- ii. Motion to add street lighting- W. Price. 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Stanton. All ayes.  
Motion carries.

**22. Commemoration**

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Mr. John “Jay” Kennedy, former member of Council who recently passed away.

23. Motion to adjourn- M. Santon. 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.

24. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

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