



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2021**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:03 PM.
2. ROLL CALL
 - a. W. Price –here, D. Petrarca – here, S. Alfonso Wells – here, C. Ansell – here, M. Stanton – here, W. Scales – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, A. Salisbury – here.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Frank Berry - Recognized the late former chief of police Jim Ohrman.
4. Finance Report – Cameron Caputi
 - a. Mr. Caputi presented council with a year to date update on Borough Finances.
 - b. Bill List – April 1st – April 30th, 2021
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the Borough of Swissvale paid bills in the amount of \$241,248.51.
 - ii. Motion by C. Ansell, second by S. Alfonso Wells. All ayes, motion carries.
5. Business Agenda Items:
 - i. Approval of Minutes –
 1. MOTION: I move to approve the March 31st and April 7th meeting minutes.
 - a. Mr. Ansell has the following edits before approving the minutes:
 - i. Item 7c from the 3/31/2021 minutes – change March 5th to April 5th
 - ii. Item 5c from the 4/7/2021 minutes will now read – the finance committee will make a recommendation to the rest of council on a plan to spend the Rescue Funds.

- b. Motion by S. Alfonso Wells, second by W. Price. All ayes, motion carries.

ii. Recycling in Homestead Borough –

1. MOTION: I move to amend the services provided in the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Homestead Borough to include providing bulk recycling collection.

- a. Motion to table the motion by S. Alfonso Wells, second by W. Scales. All ayes, motion carries.

iii. Approval of Work from Home Capabilities and Infrastructure –

1. MOTION: I move to approve the purchase order from Dell Technologies at a cost of \$4,288.37 to purchase laptops and virtual meeting hardware to allow for remote work.

- a. Motion by S. Alfonso Wells, second by W. Scales. All ayes, motion carries.

2. MOTION: I move to approve the purchase and implementation of an updated Borough-wide Comcast phone system at a cost of \$14.95/seat per month, and an initial cost of \$915.80 for installation.

- a. Motion by C. Ansell, second by S. Alfonso Wells. All ayes, motion carries.

iv. Borough Agenda Management Solution –

1. MOTION: I move to approve the purchase and implementation of an agenda management software solution, CivicClerk, at the initial cost of \$13,898.00.

- a. Motion by C. Ansell, second by S. Alfonso Wells. All ayes, motion carries.

v. Dedicating the Name of Collingwood Park Basketball Court –

1. MOTION: I move to approve the naming of the Collingwood Park basketball court in honor of Darin Poindexter.

- a. Motion by M. Stanton, second by W. Scales. All ayes, motion carries.

- b. Mayor Swartzwelder suggested that a dedication ceremony be organized to take place sometime in June.

vi. Extension of Trash Collection Fees –

1. MOTION: I move to approve the extension of the 2021 Garbage Fee Collection deadline without penalty to July 15th, 2021.

- a. Motion by S. Alfonso Wells, second by C. Ansell. All ayes, motion carries.

vii. Approval of VPRP Resolution–

1. MOTION: I move to approve **Resolution 21-06** approving a Vacant Property Recovery Program application at a property adjacent to 2219 Lehigh Street and known as Tax Parcel ID # 234-K-21.

a. Motion by M. Stanton, second by W. Scales. All ayes, motion carries.

viii. Approval of Declaration of Unsafe Structures –

1. MOTION: I move to approve the declaration of the following structures as dangerous and nuisance structures and authorize their demolition and removal:

- 7311 Florence Avenue
- 2520 South Braddock Avenue
- 2521 Woodstock Avenue
- 7528-7530 Short Street

i. Motion by M. Stanton, second by W. Price. All ayes, motion carries.

6. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales

a. The COG met on April 22nd. They discussed bid openings, a police training course, and approved a conflict of interest policy.

7. CONNECT Report – Shawn Alfonso-Wells

a. The LEAD program is in its final stages. They are working on training programs and choosing social workers.

b. Ms. Alfonso Wells will attend a meeting regarding Port Authority.

8. President's Report– Abigail Salisbury

a. Kenmawr Bridge will be closed from May 17th through July 1st.

b. DIC Committee – Ms. Scales

i. Juneteenth Youth Essay Contest and Local Artist Competition. Submissions due May 21st

c. DPW Committee – Ms. Stanton

i. The DPW committee met on Monday to discuss street sweeping changes. The schedule will change for Schoyer Avenue, Macon Avenue and Laclair Street. Residents will be notified in advance and the street signs will be replaced. Once the changes go into effect, the committee recommends having the usual 2-week warning period and resuming Borough-wide ticketing by Monday, June 14th.

ii. Mr. Bachy needs to hire a Temporary CDL driver following the retirement of a driver last fall and a current CDL driver out on injury.

- iii. A resident asked the Borough to determine if Oak Grove is an Avenue or a Street. Mr. Bachy confirmed that it is an Avenue and new signs were ordered.
- iv. The no turn on red signs at the intersection of Schoyer Avenue and Monongahela Avenue are there as requested by Council and are required by Borough ordinance.

9. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. On Saturday May 8th the mayor and other volunteers will be planting flowers at the parkway underpass on South Braddock Avenue starting at 9 am.
- b. SEDCO will host their next monthly clean-up on Saturday, May 15th. They will start on McCague Street.
- c. The Swissvale Farmer's Market starts June 5th and will run through October. They are looking for volunteers.
- d. Community Days will take place on June 18th and 19th. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or having a booth can reach out to the mayor for more information.
- e. The Enterprise Zone closed on their first business loan with the Dari Delite in Swissvale.

10. Borough Engineer's Report – Bob Zischkau

- a. Report on file

11. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

- a. Report on file

12. Solicitors Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. None

13. Chief Watson asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Police Officers Memorial Day on Saturday, May 15th.

14. Motion to adjourn by S. Alfonso Wells, W. Scales. All ayes, motion carries

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.