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BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015

1. President calls the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Invocation – Pastor Eric Baldwin of River City Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Michael Alder
4. Roll Call- D. Petrarca – here, P. Gionta – here, J. Grose – here, M. Alder – here, M. Stanton – here, M. Busch – here, D. Schwartzwelder – here. (D. Rapp arrived at 7:10 pm.)
5. Public Comment
 - a. Margaret Garland – 7541 Calumet St – Vacant Lot at 7543 Calumet Street has grass waist high; property owner lives out of state and does not maintain. Code Enforcement process explained and assurance of follow up by department.
6. Motion to approve *Regular Council Meeting* held on May 6, 2015 and the *Agenda Meeting* held on May 27, 2015, by D. Petrarca, second by M. Alder. Motion carried.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Motion by M. Stanton to approve **RESOLUTION 15-05** – AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM. Second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
 - 2) Motion P. Gionta to approve **RESOLUTION 15-06** - AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CREDIT CARD PROCESSING AGREEMENT WITH TRANS FIRST AND FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK. Second by M. Stanton. Motion carried.
 - 3) Motion by D. Petrarca to approve 10 year lease with Wilkins School Community Center effective June 1, 2015 with option for ten-year renewal. Second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.

- 4) Motion by D. Petrarca to approve Franchise Agreement with Comcast for a term of ten years. Second by M. Stanton. Motion carried

8. Finance Report – Motion by M. Stanton to approve:
 - Paid Bills as of **May 31, 2015** in the amount of **\$272, 339.94**.
 - Unpaid Bills as of **May 31, 2015** in the amount of **\$87,331.04**. Second by M. Alder. Motion carried.

9. Police Report – P. Gionta – Report on file in Borough Manager’s office.

10. Code and Fire Report – M. Stanton
 - a. Motion to approve hiring of Francis Kip Deleonibus as Assistant Fire Chief. Discussion followed the hiring policies and procedures used. Roll call vote: D. Petrarca – yes; M. Stanton – yes; P. Gionta – yes; M. Busch – yes; J. Grose – no; D. Rapp – no. Motion carried.

11. Public Works Report – D. Petrarca
 - a. No written report
 - b. Street Sweeper out for repairs – Replace brushes and replace water pump.
 - c. Candidates for position of Director of Public Works to be interviewed on 6/4/15. Discussion followed.

12. Economics and Development Report – J. Grose
 - a. EDAC did not meet this month
 - b. Enterprise Zone met to discuss the Vacant Property program

13. CONNECT Report – D. Rapp
 - a. Sewer regionalization project
 - b. Hiring of Blight Attorney

14. Outstanding Complaints Report
 - a. Contact the Water Authority about Monongahela and Whipple Street resurfacing due to the water main break this past winter.
 - b. Raucci House issue still unresolved.

15. Recreation Committee Report – M. Alder
 - a. Ordinances in process of updates

16. C.O.G. Report – D. Rapp
 - a. Land Bank meeting with participating foundations

17. President’s Remarks – President M. Busch
 - a. Summer is here, kids out of school, caution safety.

18. Mayor’s Report – Mayor D. Swartzwelder
 - a. Newsletter is ready for distribution
 - b. Farmer’s Market weekly on Saturday mornings.
 - c. 78 volunteers for Cleanup day, thanks to Young Live students who participate weekly.
 - d. Community days – June 26 and 27 – Dickson Field
 - e. Canine Walk to support Police Dog program in Swissvale – June 27.

19. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.
 - a. Two water breaks in Swissvale, both repaired.
20. Planning Commission – Veryl Lawson – No Report
21. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan
 - a. Lease with Wilkins School Community Center has been approved and signed.
22. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau
 - a. Alcosan proposal – maximizing the effort of local communities in maintaining sewer systems.
 - b. Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments – Bids for the demolition of three sites, 7701 and 7705 Jeremias Street and 7728 Stanton Ave. One bid received – Eveready Contracting in the amount of up to @ 21,990 in CD funding. Motion to accept bid from Eveready Contracting by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
 - c. Propose to resubmit the Commonwealth financing grant application for the improvements to the Collingwood Avenue playground. \$100,000 grant with the Borough responsible for 15%. If awarded, would not be in this year's budget.
23. Borough Manager Report – C. Wilhelm – Report on File
 - a. 2216-2218 South Braddock Ave acquired for \$13,000 at sheriff's sale.
 - b. Reports given on qualifications of Assistant Fire Chief hire Francis Kip Deleonibus.

(Council met in Executive session on May 27 for Personnel and Legal matters and will meet again tonight for Personnel and Legal matters.)

24. Unfinished Business- None
25. New Business
 - a. Rotary to thank Borough management for use of Memorial Park for *Wings over Swissvale* yearly fundraiser on September 12, 2015.
 - b. D. Rapp reported on presentation at Rand Corporation on Police Community relations. Documents to be made available to Council.
26. Motion to adjourn meeting by M. Stanton, second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
27. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.