



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 2, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.
2. Invocation – Deacon Ron Demblowski
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Tim Ward
4. Roll Call – P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Rapp – here, T. Ward – here, A. Salisbury – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Stanton – here.
5. Public Comment
 1. Steven Visconti: 7541 Ellesmere Street
 - i. Wants to know who he needs to contact in order to get a handicap parking space in front of his house. Mr. Bachy commented that if Mr. Visconti brings in a copy of the handicap placard and ID card to the administrative offices, they can get that sign installed. Ms. Grose wanted to know what's done when a handicap sign is no longer needed. Mr. Bachy responded that the residents who no longer need a handicap sign contact the borough and then public works goes out and takes down the signs.
 - ii. Wants to know who to contact when street lights go out around the borough. When he contacted the borough through the website he was told to contact Duquesne Light himself. Mr. Bachy asked Mr. Visconti to email him the addresses where the lights are out.
 - iii. Wants to know who is responsible for trimming trees that are growing into his yard that come from his neighbor's yard. Mr. Wilhelm has informed Mr. Visconti that he is allowed to cut away anything that has started to encroach on his property. Mr. Wilhelm also stated that the borough could send out code enforcement to determine if the trees are causing damage.

6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the Agenda Meeting on November 28, 2018 and the Regular Council Meeting on December 5, 2018. Motion by P. Gionta, second by D. Petrarca. Roll Call: P. Gionta – aye, D. Petrarca – aye, J. Grose – aye, A. M. Stanton – aye, A. Salisbury – aye, T. Ward – aye, D. Rapp – nay. With 6 ayes and 1 nay the motion carries.
7. Agenda Items –
 1. Motion to approve **RESOLUTION 19-01**, approving three conditional use requests from Extenet, Inc. to install DAS Nodes on utility poles located at 70 Lilmont Drive, 2124 Lloyd Avenue and 2260 Lehigh Street, and adopting the findings of fact as part of this resolution. Motion by P. Gionta, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 2. Motion to reappoint George Petty to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2023. Motion by P. Gionta, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
 3. Motion to reappoint Veryl Lawson to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2023. Motion by P. Gionta, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 4. Motion to reappoint Mike Alder to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 5 year term ending January 1, 2024. Motion by T. Ward, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 5. Motion to reappoint Gib Miller to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2022. Motion by T. Ward, second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
 6. Motion to reappoint Kurt Summersgill to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2022. Motion by D. Rapp, second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 7. Motion to reappoint Terry Ward to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2022. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Motion to reappoint James Welsh to the Civil Service Commission for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2022. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 9. Motion to reappoint Christopher Casavale to the Steel Valley Authority for a 5 year term ending January 1, 2024. Motion by T. Ward, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 10. Motion to reappoint John McFarland to the Recreation Advisory Committee for 4 year term ending January 1, 2023. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 11. Motion to reappoint John Oravic to the IPMC (International Property Maintenance Code) Board of Appeals for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2022. Motion by P. Gionta, second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 12. Motion to reappoint Clyde Wilhelm as emergency management coordinator and David Miller and Mike Volpe deputy emergency management coordinators. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
8. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward
 - Paid Bills as of **December 31st, 2018** in the amount of \$685,443.60.
 - Unpaid Bills as of **December 31st, 2018** in the amount of \$0.
 - Motion made by T. Ward, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 9. Police Report
 1. Report is on file in the Manager’s Office
 2. Police Chief Watson compared crime and crime reporting statistics to similar records from five years ago and seven years ago and showed that they are on a downward trend.
 3. Police Chief Watson supplied council with a list of trainings that the police received in 2018.
 10. Code and Fire Report
 1. Report on File in the Manager’s Office
 11. Public Works Report
 1. Report is on File in the Borough Manager’s Office

2. Christmas tree collection began December 31st and will continue through January 18th. The public works employees may not collect them at the same time as the rest of the trash but they will collect them on the same day as your regular trash day.
3. Recycling has undergone some other changes. The plant can no longer take certain items including pizza boxes, plastic bags, and contaminated food containers that have leftover food in them. Residents are instructed to set their recycling out in the bins provided. If recycling is put into plastic bags the public works employees will leave it behind. They have also been instructed to try to leave behind any materials that are contaminated.

12. Outstanding Complaints – none

13. C.O.G Report – Tim Ward

1. Nothing to report

14. President's Remarks

1. President Stanton would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

15. Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Swartzwelder would also like to wish everyone a Happy New Year
2. Dates have been set for upcoming community events in 2019
 - i. Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday April 20th at noon at memorial park.
 - ii. Parkway flower planting will take place Saturday May 4th at 9am
 - iii. Community Days is tentatively set to take place June 14th and 15th.

16. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

1. The Water Authority is getting permission from the homeowners on Woodstock Terrace to begin resurfacing and repaving of the road.

17. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

1. Nothing to report

18. Solicitor's Report – Robert McTiernan

1. Nothing to report

19. Engineer's Report –

1. At last month's agenda meeting there were some questions that arose regarding issues with Regionalization, and Alcosan. Mr. Zischkau has made an attempt to clarify the issues in this month's engineer's report.
2. There were no meetings for 3 Rivers Wet Weather or Alcosan during the month of December.
3. An ALCOSAN meeting is set to take place here in Swissvale on January 22nd at 6pm here in Swissvale. The meeting will address the Regionalization Transfer Agreement. Representatives are coming from Alcosan are coming to the borough on Friday to determine the location of the meeting.

20. Borough Manager's Report – Clyde Wilhelm

1. There were a few thank you letters from senior citizens who attended the borough funded Christmas Luncheon that was held at the Senior Center. Every year the borough sets aside funds for the Senior Center and this year 65 senior citizens were able to attend the luncheon. They all expressed gratitude for the event.
2. Allegheny County Borough's Association (ACBA) is hosting their annual banquet on Saturday February 2nd from 5:30-9pm. If anyone is interested in attending the deadline is January 22nd
3. The ALOM Conference will take place April 4th-7th at Seven Springs. Council should anticipate an email from Mr. Bachy to start making reservations.
4. Resident Cody Gill came to the administrative offices to discuss paying the borough to use the vacant lot on Edgewood Avenue to park his commercial vehicle. Council has decided that it is not appropriate for the borough to enter into this sort of agreement.
5. Mr. Wilhelm has requested to meet with council in executive session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.
6. Councilwoman Salisbury asked Mr. Wilhelm for an update about the house renumbering issue. Mr. Wilhelm believes they will start on this soon.
7. Councilwoman Salisbury asked Mr. Wilhelm for an update about contacting Senator Costa's office for a community meeting with the railroad company. Mr. Wilhelm has not yet heard back from Senator Costa's office.

21. Unfinished Business – none

22. New Business – none

23. Council met in executive session on December 5th, 2018 regarding legal and personnel issues.

24. Motion to Adjourn by P. Gionta, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

25. Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 PM.