



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 1, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
2. Invocation – Pastor Chris Ansell
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman David Petrarca
4. Roll Call – D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Rapp – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Stanton – here.
P. Gionta – absent, T. Ward – absent, A. Salisbury –absent.
5. Public Comment
 1. Shawn Alfonso Wells (7454 Schoyer)
 - i. Wanted to follow up with Mr. Bachy about when the garbage can will be replaced in front of the Swissvale Library. Mr. Bachy has replied that he hasn't yet ordered a new one but that he will be ordering them soon.
 2. Miranda Crotsley (7930 St. Lawrence)
 - i. Wants to express opposition to the presentation of a sales agreement to the owner(s) of the McCague Street Property. Ms. Crotsley believes that this is wrong because it displaces a business owner.
 - ii. Wants to express concern for a post that was made on Facebook this afternoon warning residents to call the police if anyone knocking on your front door that's unknown to you. Ms Crotsley believes that it is an irresponsible statement that can cause harm and it should be removed from the Borough's Facebook page.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes from the Agenda meeting on March 27, 2019 and the Regular Meeting on April 3, 2019. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items –
 1. Motion to approve **Resolution 19-08** to submit a traffic signal application to PennDOT for the installation of new pedestrian signals and a speed timing device along South Braddock Avenue. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

2. Motion to approve **Resolution 19-09** to authorize the submission of an application to the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund for upgrades to the Swissvale Library. Motion by D. Rapp, second by D. Petrarca All ayes, motion carries.
 3. Motion to present a sales agreement to the owners of 1919-1929 McCague Street for the potential purchase of those premises by Swissvale Borough. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. Roll Call: D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, D. Rapp – no, M. Stanton – yes. Motion carries.
 4. Motion to appoint Michael Takacs to fill the vacancy on the Shade Tree Advisory Committee. Motion by D. Rapp, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
8. Finance Report – Councilwoman Julie Grose
- Paid bills as of **April 30, 2019** in the amount of \$ 569,441.07.
 - Unpaid bills as of **April 30, 2019** in the amount of \$ 14,032.85.
 - Motion by J. Grose, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
9. Police Report
1. Several burglaries have been reported on the hill. Two burglaries were reported, one on Columbia Avenue and one on Saint Lawrence. The perpetrator is knocking on doors during the day and if people are not home they are breaking in the front door and leaving out the back door. The investigation is ongoing and the police advise residents to be cautious. Police are working with police from other municipalities where the perpetrator also committed burglaries.
 2. First session of the Citizen’s Police Academy took place on Sunday April 28th. The Chief was pleased with the session and looks forward to the progression of the program.
 3. May 15th is Police Officers Memorial Day. There will be a memorial service at the Allegheny County Police Memorial at noon on May 4th to honor police in Allegheny County who lost their lives in the line of duty.
10. Code and Fire Report
1. Report is on file in the Manager’s office
 2. Code Enforcement has been assigned to write the parking ticket violations for cars blocking the street sweeper this summer.
 3. 112 property maintenance violations were issued from Code Enforcement
 4. Community CPR Class Saturday May 11th 9-2
 5. Companywide training set to take place in May at the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire’s Fire Academy on Washington Boulevard
 6. The dates were chosen for the Citizen’s Fire Academy
11. Public Works Report
1. The public works report in on file in the Manager’s Office
 2. Clean Up Day is Saturday May 18th starting at 9:30. Residents can take their hard to recycle items to Memorial Park from 9:30am – 1:30pm. The borough is looking for volunteers to come help clean

up the business district. Volunteers will be given the necessary supplies for clean up and should come to the borough building at 9:30. Residents can also participate in Project Dump and drop off any unused drugs that they have in their homes. Police Officers will be present at the borough building to collect said drugs from 9am-12pm on May 18th.

3. This is the last year for the five year salt contract between South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) and Cargill. The contract will go out for bids in the near future. This will need to be ratified by council in the next few months.
4. Over the past two months staff has submitted grant applications to the CITF and the GEDF of Allegheny County for the development of trails. These two programs were put on hold as a result of legal action from Representative Mike Turzai who has said that the county does not have the authority to administer these funds after changes to legislation. No grants will be funded until the legal action is resolved.

12. Outstanding Complaints – none

13. C.O.G Report – none

14. President's Remarks

1. The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) has awarded Mr. Wilhelm with a distinguished service award. It will be presented to him at the PSAB Conference in Hershey, PA.
2. A Representative from Savvy Citizens will be present at the next agenda meeting to give a presentation on the app that can be used to better communicate with residents in emergency situations. Borough staff will have access to an App on their phones that allows them to send out updates from anywhere.

15. Mayor's Report

1. Saturday May 4, 2019 the mayor and others will be out planting flowers at the Parkway Planting Site at the bottom of South Braddock Avenue. Planting will start at 9am
2. Thursday May 9, 2019 will be the Swissvale Rotary Baked Pasta Dinner. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. It will be held in the basement of the Swissvale Presbyterian Church from 4-7pm.
3. Community Days will be June 14 -15 with a new location at Memorial Field.
4. Quantum Theatre is hosting a free community viewing of their production of King Lear on Thursday May 9th, 2019 at Carrie Furnace. Visit their website for details.

16. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

1. Woodstock Terrace Update: Executive Director Nick Bianchi spoke with Mr. Grandizio and was able to explain the direction of the project. The water authority is still prepared to make the necessary repairs to the street.
2. A Report from the Water Authority is on file in the borough manager's office

3. Carrie Furnace water loop project was funded and is set to start soon
 4. There were 20 water main breaks since the last report and one of those was in Swissvale on Church Street
17. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy
1. The planning Commission did not meet in April
 2. They did receive plans today for the Carrie Furnace Development for the expansion of the access road, raising the site above the floodplain, and utilities. There is a lot to review and Mr. Bachy is not sure if they will be able to meet in May.
18. Solicitor's Report – Robert McTiernan
1. The solicitor will be advising council to advertise an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Homestead Borough
 2. The Solicitor's office will start preparing documents for the agreement with Braddock Hills Borough regarding police
19. Engineer's Report –
1. Received the deficiency repair list for the M47 9 Mile Run Storm Shed from Alcosan. There is a meeting next week that will explain the problem areas in more detail.
 2. No new information on the Consent Order
20. Borough Manager's Report – Clyde Wilhelm
1. Presented to council is an ordinance for the intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Homestead Borough for potential adoption in June.
 2. Presented to council is an ordinance for the restatement of the Police Pension reflecting the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment). A copy has been presented to the Swissvale Police Officers Association for review. If there are no issues this can be adopted in June.
 3. Public Works started installing electrical conduits down at Memorial Field for Community Days. This should all be completed before the next meeting.
21. Unfinished Business
1. none
22. New Business
1. none
23. Motion to Adjourn – D. Petrarca, second J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
24. Meeting Adjourned at 7:25.