



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**October 2, 2019**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Invocation – Pastor Dave Swanson
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Julie Grose
4. Roll Call – D. Rapp – here, T. Ward – here, A. Salisbury – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, M. Stanton – here.
5. Public Comment
  - A. Tracey Crombie-Collins/Bill Price/Dai Morgan – Rotary Club
    - i. Members of Swissvale Rotary Club came to present council with a check in the amount of \$5,000. The funds are to be used for the Church Street Parklette.
  - B. Bonnie Spoales – Oak Grove
    - i. Ms. Spoales asked when the road work would be finished on Washington Street and when they would be paving the road.
    - ii. Ms. Spoales would like code enforcement to address the trash problem on Schoyer and Oak Grove.
  - C. Carol Steen – 1201 LaClair
    - i. Ms. Steen is concerned about the number of large trucks that travel along LaClair Street. She would like to know if the borough would consider limiting the size of vehicles that are allowed to travel in the area.
6. Agenda Items –
  - A. Motion to approve **Resolution 19-16** appointing Shawn Alfonso-Wells to fill the vacant Council position for the remainder of the term ending Monday January 6, 2020. Motion by A. Salisbury, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries. Ms. Alfonso-Wells was sworn into office by Mayor D. Swartzwelder.
  - B. Motion to adopt **Ordinance 19-05** accepting the dedication of Woodstock Terrace for use as a public street. Motion by D. Rapp, second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.

- C. Motion to advertise a public hearing on Wednesday October 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM for the Conditional Use application for 1814 South Braddock Avenue for use as a Nightclub in accordance with the Borough Zoning Ordinance. Motion by T. Ward, second by A. Salisbury. All ayes, motion carries.
  - D. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and to provide for Civil Service protection to Chief of Police Charles Ellis Watson. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward
- Paid bills as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the amount of \$1,215,284.38.
  - Unpaid bills as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the amount of \$182,197.71.
  - Motion by T. Ward, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
8. Police Report
- A. The Police Report is on file in the Borough Manager’s Office.
  - B. The Turtle Creek Valley COG Police Chief’s Association has organized an active shooter training that will be available for all municipalities in the area. They are expected to train 160 officers.
9. Code and Fire Report
- A. The Code and Fire Report is on file in the Borough Manager’s Office.
10. Public Works Report
- A. The Public Works Report is on file in the Borough Manager’s Office.
  - B. The paving project is substantially completed with only minor details to complete.
  - C. The Water Authority has finished replacing the waterline on Washington Street. They will be paving Washington Street from Monongahela Avenue to Palmer Street in the next few weeks.
  - D. People’s Natural Gas is still working on replacing the gas lines on South Braddock Avenue in Regent Square. The work is expected to continue for at least another month. They have resurfaced some of the disturbed area and will complete resurfacing when the work on the gas line is finished.
11. Outstanding Complaints – none
12. C.O.G Report – Tim Ward
- A. Mr. Ward has a conflict in his schedule that does not allow him to attend future meetings. He asked if the alternate could attend in his absence.
13. President’s Remarks
- A. None
14. Mayor’s Report

- A. The Halloween Parade will be on Saturday October 26, 2019 at noon. The route is the same; participants will line up at 11:45 am on Woodstock Avenue and continue along to the end at Schoyer Avenue.
  - B. Trick or Treat is Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6-8 pm. Residents that want to pass out candy should leave the porch light on.
  - C. The annual MVI Dinner is on October 17, 2019 at 7pm at the Sunset Room in Elizabeth. Tickets can be purchased from MVI. SEDCO nominated the Friends of the Library for their contributions to the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale.
15. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins
- A. There were five reported water main breaks in Swissvale between August 28 and September 30. In 2018 there were 24 reported breaks in Swissvale.
  - B. Ms. Crombie-Collins will advise the authority to get some markers out on Washington Street and Monongahela Avenue until they can complete paving.
  - C. The water authority completed the Swissvale portion of the project on South Braddock Avenue near Kenmawr Bridge. The Rankin portion of the project has not been started.
  - D. Residents are encouraged to sign up for alerts from the water authority. They can sign up on the water authority’s website.
16. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy
- A. No report
17. Solicitor’s Report – Robert McTiernan
- A. No report
18. Engineer’s Report – Robert Zischkau
- A. The negotiating committee met with representatives from 3 rivers wet weather to discuss the draft consent order. There are still some issues that the committee feels have not been addressed and they are still working on a compromise. At this time it is likely that the consent order will not be ready until next year.
19. Borough Manager’s Report – Greg Bachy
- A. Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. Volpe are away at a training conference for the commonwealth building officials and apologize for missing the meeting.
  - B. The office received an application for the Vacant Property Recovery Program. Mr. Bachy recommends that council make a motion so that the applicant will not have to wait another month. Motion to approve **Resolution 19-17**, that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number 235-F-23 would be in accord with the Borough’s Comprehensive Plan. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.

C. Now that Ms. Gionta has resigned there is a need for another signatory. Motion to approve **Resolution 19-18** making Mr. David Petrarca signatory. Motion by T. Ward, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

20. New Business

A. Mr. Petrarca has received calls from residents that have had issues with broken sewer lines that are costly to repair. Mr. Petrarca wanted to tell them of an opportunity to buy insurance from People's Gas for \$4.75/month.

B. Members of council meet in executive session on September 25, 2019 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

21. Motion to Adjourn – D. Petrarca, second by S. Alfonso-Wells. All ayes.

22. Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 pm.