



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 4, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. Invocation – Pastor Eric Baldwin
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman David Petrarca
4. Roll Call – S. Alfonso-Wells – 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 –
 - A. Jeremy – South Braddock Avenue
 - i. proposed that the borough introduce a yearly parking permit fee to increase revenue
 - B. Jim Bonacci – 10 Jeremias Street
 - i. Mr. Bonacci was a member of council from 2000-2010 and wanted to congratulate members of council on all of their accomplishments. He also wanted to thank Mr. Wilhelm for all of the improvements he has made around town.
 - C. Rosa Davis – McClure Avenue
 - i. Ms. Davis is the executive director of Power, an organization dedicated to helping women in early recovery. POWER house has been in Swissvale for the past 28 years. They recently purchased some property in Swissvale and Ms. Davis wanted to introduce herself and the organization to council. Ms. Davis said that it will be a 3 to 5 year project to get the funds raised for the new center and finish all renovations.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes from the Agenda meeting on October 30th, 2019 and the regular meeting on November 6th, 2019. Motion by S. Alfonso-Wells, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items –
 - A. Motion to approve a Conditional Use request by Roundz Lounge located at 1814 South Braddock Avenue to operate a Nightclub with the following conditions:

- i. Applicant agrees to lease parking spaces to alleviate parking issues and maintain lease while nightclub is in operation.
 - ii. Applicant agrees to take steps to control noise to ensure that nearby residents are not disturbed and the establishment will close no later than 2:00 am.
 - iii. Applicant agrees to a 60-day monitoring to ensure that noise levels, parking, etc. do not interfere with the character of nearby residential neighborhood.
 - iv. Motion by T. Ward, second by S. Alfonso-Wells. All ayes, motion carries.
 - B. Motion to hire Christopher Ellis as a full-time probationary police officer. Motion by J. Grose, second by S. Alfonso-Wells. Roll Call: S. Alfonso-Wells – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, D. Rapp – abstain, T. Ward – yes, A. Salisbury – yes, M. Stanton – yes. With 6 ayes and one abstention, motion carries.
 - C. Motion to authorize the Manager and Solicitor to prepare documents for a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$850,000 with First Commonwealth Bank for the purchase (including reimbursement of the General Reserve Fund in the amount of \$350,000 toward the cost of the building) and renovation of the property located at 1919-29 McCague Street for the Public Works Garage. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. Roll call: S. Alfonso-Wells – no, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, D. Rapp – no, T. Ward – yes, A. Salisbury – no, M. Stanton – yes. With 4 yes and 3 no, motion carries.
 - D. Motion to approve **Resolution 19-23** for the Vacant Property Recovery Program Side Yard Application for parcel 178-G-160 also known as 7353 Denniston Avenue. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - E. Motion to approve **Resolution 19-24** to submit a traffic signal plan and application for a speed minder in the vicinity of 1636 South Braddock Avenue to PennDOT District 11-0 for review. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - F. Motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 250 expiring December 31, 2024. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - G. Motion to ratify an extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters Local 1680 expiring December 31, 2023. Motion by S. Alfonso-Wells, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
8. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward
- Paid bills as of November 30th, 2019 in the amount of \$ 693,971.13.

- Unpaid bills as of November 30th, 2019 in the amount of \$ 142,445.63.
- Motion by T. Ward, second by S. Alfonso-Wells. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report

A. Before the meeting council interviewed candidates for part-time police officer positions.

i. Motion to hire Daniel Morrow as a part time police officer. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. Roll Call: S. Alfonso-Wells – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, D. Rapp – abstain, T. Ward – yes, A. Salisbury – yes, M. Stanton – yes. With 6 ayes and one abstention, motion carries.

ii. Motion to hire Ignatius Bondi as a part time police officer. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. Roll Call: S. Alfonso-Wells – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, D. Rapp – abstain, T. Ward – abstain, A. Salisbury – yes, M. Stanton – yes. With 5 ayes and two abstentions, motion carries.

B. Chief Watson met with management from Scene 75 to discuss the incident that occurred there a couple weeks ago. Scene 75 is going to make changes to the rules to avoid future problems.

10. Code and Fire Report

A. The next CPR class will be on January 18, 2020 at 9 am.

11. Public Works Report

A. Garbage collection will be delayed on December 25th and January 1st.

B. Leaf collection will end on Friday December 6th. Crews will be out until next week to return to spots that need more attention.

C. Christmas Tree recycling will start on January 2nd and it will continue for two weeks. Trees should be placed with the trash with all lights and ornaments removed. They will be collected on the regular trash day unless inclement weather prohibits collection.

12. Outstanding Complaints – none

13. C.O.G Report –Shawn Alfonso-Wells

A. Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. Bachy attended the C.O.G Manager’s meeting earlier today. There was a representative from Norfolk Southern, the county and a mediator hired by PennDot all there to answer questions related to double stack trains. There are tentative meetings set to take place in the Spring. Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. Bachy asked that a meeting take place in Swissvale but no promises have been made.

14. President’s Remarks

A. The next meeting will be on December 18th at 7 pm.

15. Mayor’s Report

- A. Swissvale Night of Lights is this Friday December 7th at 5:30 pm at the Fire Station. Santa will be there to light the tree at 6 pm and there will be activities for the kids, photos with Santa, and sweet treats.
- 16. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins
 - A. WPJWA finalized the 2020 budget which will include a 5% fee increase for residential customers and a 10% fee increase for large customers. The budget also includes \$275,000 for the distribution line replacement on Mansion Place.
 - B. There were three water main breaks in Swissvale from 10/2 – 11/15 on Columbia, Milton and Buena Vista.
- 17. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy
 - A. No report
- 18. Solicitor’s Report – Robert McTiernan
 - A. No report
- 19. Engineer’s Report – Robert Zischkau
 - A. No report
- 20. Borough Manager’s Report – Clyde Wilhelm
 - A. Mr. Wilhelm is working with the bank to prepare the tax anticipation note. It will be ready for the December 18th meeting and will be voted on as a resolution.
 - B. The schedule for 2020 meetings will be presented at the December 18th meeting and council will vote to approve it at that time.
- 21. New Business - none
- 22. Motion to Adjourn – Motion by D. Petrarca, second by A. Salisbury. All ayes, motion carries.
- 23. Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 PM.