



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 2, 2020**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.
  2. Roll Call – W. Price – here, D. Petrarca – here, S. Alfonso Wells – here, C. Ansell – here, M. Stanton – here, W. Scales – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, A. Salisbury – here.
  3. Public Comment - none
  4. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes from the Agenda Meeting on October 28, 2020 and Regular Monthly Meeting on November 4, 2020. Motion by S. Alfonso Wells, second by M. Stanton. All ayes, motion carries.
  5. Agenda Items:
    - a. Motion to approve a contract with \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to perform a study of the existing Borough Building.  
Motion to table the approval of a contract by M. Stanton, second by S. Alfonso Wells. All ayes, motion carries.
    - b. Motion to approve the Cable Franchise Agreement Renewal between Swissvale Borough and Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC.  
Motion by D. Petrarca, second by S. Alfonso Wells. All ayes, motion carries.
    - c. Motion to approve an indemnification agreement between Swissvale Borough and the owner of 2005 Locust Street.  
Motion by M. Stanton, second by S. Alfonso Wells. All ayes, motion carries.
  6. Finance Report – David Petrarca
    - Paid Bills as of **November 30, 2020** in the amount of **\$ 230,381.68**.
    - Unpaid Bills as of **November 30, 2020** in the amount of **\$6,349.84**.
    - Motion by D. Petrarca, second by S. Alfonso Wells. All ayes, motion carries.
  7. Police Report – Chief Watson
    - a. Body cameras are now in service and the officers have started wearing them.
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8. Code and Fire Report – Chief Wilhelm

- a. The code and fire report is on file in the Manager's Office.
- b. There are pending building permits on Locust Street and Trevanion Avenue.

9. Public Works Report – Greg Bachy

- a. Leaf collection will be extended until Dec. 11th if not into the next week as weather permits.

10. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales

- a. The COG met on November 19<sup>th</sup> and discussed police regionalization, the vector truck, Comcast contract renewals, and the annual dinner.

11. CONNECT Report – Shawn Alfonso-Wells

- a. Ms. Alfonso Wells has been attending the executive meetings.
- b. Ms. Alfonso Wells met with Joylette Portlock of Sustainable Pittsburgh to determine ways to make the Borough more sustainable.
- c. Chief Wilhelm spoke with CONNECT and GSPIA for a study on the future of fire departments in the region.

12. President's Remarks – Abigail Salisbury

- a. Ms. Salisbury expressed three personal goals for the Borough in the next year: Safety, Service, and Success.

13. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Craft kits will be available on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> for children to decorate the Borough Christmas tree.
- b. An elf-search has been organized for children of the borough. Children who participate will be eligible to win prizes.

14. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

- a. The Water Authority report is on file in the Borough Manager's Office.

15. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet in January for a zoning variance hearing. If that is approved it will go to the Planning Commission for a subdivision approval.

16. Solicitors Report – Robert McTiernan

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- a. Mr. McTiernan asked council to vote on a motion for the advertisement of the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). Motion by D. Petrarca, second by M. Stanton. All ayes, motion carries.
- b. Mr. McTiernan has been in contact with the residents of Trevanion Avenue and their legal counsel to reach a resolution.

17. Engineers Report – none

18. Borough Manager Report – Katie Malsch

- a. The budget was advertised on the website and made available to the public for review on request. It will be voted on at the December 30<sup>th</sup> meeting along with the Tax Millage resolution.
- b. Ms. Malsch would like to thank everyone that reached out and she appreciates the warm welcome.

19. Unfinished Business – none

20. New Business

- a. 412 Food Rescue reached out to Ms. Salisbury to ask to park vehicles behind the Borough Building.
- b. Ms. Alfonso Wells wants to a focus on a new community center in the coming year.
- c. Mr. Price mentioned that other communities have Craigslist Safe Spaces and wants to know if Swissvale would benefit from something similar.

21. Motion to adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by S. Alfonso Wells, second by M. Stanton. All ayes, motion carries.
  - b. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.
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