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BOROUGH COUNCIL

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WILLIAM C. PRICE, JR.

MICHELE STANTON

BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 30, 2020

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:11PM.
2. ROLL CALL- W. Price- here; D. Petrarca- here; S. Alfonso Wells- here; C. Ansell- here; M. Stanton- here; W. Scales- here; Mayor Swartzwelder- here; President Salisbury- here
3. PUBLIC COMMENT- None
4. AGENDA ITEMS:
 - a. Motion to approve **Resolution 2020-16** approving the 2021 budget.
D. Petrarca. 2nd by C. Ansell.
Roll Call Vote: W. Price- yes; D. Petrarca- yes; S. Alfonso Wells- yes; C. Ansell- yes; M. Stanton- yes; W. Scales- yes; President Salisbury- yes. Motion carries.
 - b. Motion to approve **Resolution 2020-17** approving the Tax Millage Rate of 8.0 mills, reflecting no increase, for 2021.
D. Petrarca. 2nd S. Alfonso Wells.
Roll Call Vote: W. Price- yes; D. Petrarca- yes; S. Alfonso Wells- yes; C. Ansell- yes; M. Stanton- yes; W. Scales- yes; President Salisbury- yes. Motion carries.
 - c. Motion to approve **Resolution 2020-18** approving the 2021 TAN Loan with First Commonwealth Bank in the amount of \$600,000.00 at an interest rate of 2.48%.
S. Alfonso Wells. 2nd M. Stanton.
Roll Call Vote: W. Price- yes; D. Petrarca- yes; S. Alfonso Wells- yes; C. Ansell- yes; M. Stanton- yes; W. Scales- yes; President Salisbury- yes. Motion carries.

- d. Motion to approve an agreement with 412 Food Rescue for to allow them to use a portion of the Municipal Building property at 7560 Roslyn Street to store three trucks.

W. Price. 2nd M. Stanton. All ayes. Motion carries.

W. Scales abstained from voting due to her husband's affiliation with 412 Food Rescue.

- e. Motion to approve an agreement with _____ in the amount of _____ to undertake a study of the existing Swissvale Municipal Building.

S. Alfonso Wells. 2nd C. Ansell.

- 1. Subvote to choose Core Engineering to undertake the study in the amount of \$30,900.

W. Price. 2nd C. Ansell. All ayes. Motion carries.

- f. Motion to adopt and advertise the 2021 Meeting Schedule

S. Alfonso Wells. 2nd W. Scales. All ayes. Motion carries.

5. POLICE REPORT – CHIEF WATSON

- a. Mayor Swartzwelder reported that Chief Watson was under the weather and would give his report at the next meeting.

6. CODE AND FIRE REPORT – CHIEF WILHELM

- a. The Borough received a \$25,342 relief grant to help offset our COVID related expenses. This is the 44th grant received under Chief Wilhelm's tenure.

7. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – GREG BACHY

- a. New traffic signals were installed at the intersection of South Braddock Avenue and Waverly by Arbys.
 - i. This project is covered in full by PennDOT funds.
 - ii. Mr. Bachy will get pricing for having these signals retimed to reduce intersection blockages.
- b. Christmas tree collection begins on 1/04/2021 and will continue for three weeks.
 - i. Trees will be collected on garbage collection day, but on a separate truck.
 - ii. Trees must be free of all decoration.
 - iii. Trees will be chipped into mulch. Residents who would like mulch should call 412-271-0350.
- c. Sewer lines are being replaced on Monroe.

- d. Council expressed concerns about the We Buy Houses signs that have been appearing all over the Borough.
 - i. Mr. Bachy has instructed DPW employees to remove the signs when they see them.
 - ii. Chief Wilhelm stated that signing is governed under the zoning ordinance.
 - iii. A stand-alone ordinance would need to be passed to address the We Buy Houses Signs.
 - iv. Mr. McTiernan will work on drafting a stand-alone ordinance for a future meeting.

- e. Mr. Bachy reported that our salt supply is in good shape. There was an issue with the supplier, which Mr. Bachy would like to discuss privately with Council.
 - i. Council and the Mayor commended DPW for doing a wonderful job in keeping the roads clear.

8. BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – KATIE MALSCH

- a. In the 2020 PSAB Communications Contest, the Borough came in 3rd place for our website, 3rd place for our newsletter and was an honoree for our social media.

9. SOLICITOR REPORT – ROBERT McTIERNAN- No report

10. PRESIDENTS REPORT- ABIGAIL SALISBURY

- a. President Salisbury reported that Council met in executive session to do interviews for the Finance Director position.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

W. Price. 2nd S. Alfonso Wells. All ayes. Motion carries.

12. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:54PM.