



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 2, 2018**

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Swartzwelder at 6:35 pm.
  2. Invocation – Pastor Chris Ansell
  3. Pledge of Allegiance – J. Grose
  4. Roll Call – P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, M. Stanton – here, A. Salisbury – here, T. Ward – here, D. Rapp – here, D. Swartzwelder – here
  5. Nomination and election of President.
    - a. Motion to elect M. Stanton as President by J. Grose, Second by P. Gionta.
      - i. P. Gionta – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, M. Stanton – yes, A. Salisbury – yes, T. Ward – yes, D. Rapp – yes. Motion carries.
  6. Nomination and election of Vice President
    - a. Motion to elect J. Grose as Vice President by T. Ward, Second by D. Rapp.
      - i. P. Gionta – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, M. Stanton – yes, A. Salisbury – yes, T. Ward – yes, D. Rapp – yes. Motion carries.
  7. President Stanton assumes charge of meeting.
  8. Public Comment
    - a. None.
  9. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on November 29, 2017 and the *Regular Meeting* on December 6, 2017. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
  10. Agenda Items:
    - 1.) Motion to reappoint Lisa Whitney to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2022. Moved by J. Grose, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
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- a. D. Rapp wishes it to be noted in the minutes that he votes “no” on all of the appointments because he disagrees with the procedure of how the candidates are appointed.
  - 2.) Motion to reappoint Gib Miller to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 year term ending on January 1, 2023. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
  - 3.) Motion to reappoint Kirsten Raether to the Shade Tree Committee for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2021. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
  - 4.) Motion to reappoint Pamela Schmidbauer to the Civil Service Commission for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2021. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
  - 5.) Motion to reappoint Jeffrey Schaffer to the Steel Valley Authority for a 5 year term ending on January 1, 2023. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
  - 6.) Motion to reappoint Clyde Wilhelm as the Emergency Management Coordinator and David Miller and Francis Deleonibus as Deputies. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
  - 7.) Motion to reappoint Lamar Lawrence to the Recreation Board for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2022. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
  - 8.) Motion to reappoint Erik Fritzberg to the IPMC Board of Appeals for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2021. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by T. Ward. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
  - 9.) Motion to reappoint Tracey Crombie-Collins to the Water Authority Board for a 5 year term ending on January 1, 2023. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes except D. Rapp – no. Motion carries.
11. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward
- Paid Bills as of **December 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$685,301.55**.
  - Unpaid Bills as of **December 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$ 0**.
  - Moved by T. Ward, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
12. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Asst. Chief Watson
- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager’s Office.
13. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton, Chief Wilhelm
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- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's Office.
- b. The Swissvale Fire Department assisted North Braddock with a structure fire on January 2<sup>nd</sup> in Braddock Hills. There were no injuries.

14. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca, Mr. Greg Bachy

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's Office.
- b. The Public Works Department will be collecting and chipping live Christmas Trees into mulch from January 2 through January 19, 2018. Trees should be placed with weekly trash and will be collected later. All trees must be free of ornaments, tinsel and stands in order to be collected. Anyone who wants mulch from the trees may call 412-271-0350 to make arrangements.
- c. The Collingwood Playground will be re-advertised for bids on January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup>. The bid opening will be held at 11 a.m. on January 30, 2018.
- d. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) approached the borough about placing two high school students in the Department of Public Works for the remainder of the school year. Each of the students would work one day per week and undertake basic tasks such as cleaning, snow shoveling, salting, grass cutting and similar tasks. The purpose of this program is to help these students acclimate to the working world. Both students are seniors at Woodland Hills High School and will work until their graduation. The borough had several students work through this program last summer. This will be a continuation of that program. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will reimburse the borough for all costs associated with these students.
- e. Trash collection for 2017 was completed under budget with improved service to residents.

15. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

16. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Tim Ward

- a. New officials were elected at the last meeting.
- b. Tim Bridge is no longer president of the C.O.G.

17. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. President Stanton presented the new council committee assignments. Committee assignments are on file in the Borough Manager's Office.

18. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. The mayor welcomed new councilwoman Abigail Salisbury and looks forward to working together.

19. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

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- a. There was no December meeting. The 2018 budget was approved with no increase in water fee.

20. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. An application was received for a conditional use request for 2033 Noble St. by Joshua Miller to operate a micro distillery.
- b. Motion to advertise a conditional use public hearing for February 7<sup>th</sup>. Moved by J. Grose, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

21. Solicitor Report – David Mongillo

- a. The solicitor's office recently filed a declaration to condemn both S. Braddock parcels at the old Frankie's location.
- b. The solicitor's office is working to exonerate the Collingwood playground property taxes.

22. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's Office.

23. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. There is an open spot on the Zoning Board and on the Recreation Board. Anyone interested is invited to apply.
- b. The borough concluded 2017 with another budget surplus of \$228,621.30.

24. Unfinished Business

- a. None.

25. New Business

- a. None.

26. Motion to adjourn by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.

27. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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