



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

March 7, 2018

A public hearing was held for the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license for KEAH, LLC, owner of 7365 Denniston Avenue (aka the old VFW building).

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.
 2. Invocation – Pastor Dennis Handley
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – T. Ward
 4. Roll Call – P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, M. Stanton – here, A. Salisbury – absent, T. Ward – here, D. Rapp – here, D. Swartzwelder – here
 5. Public Comment
 - a. Jodi & Chris Brozio (2341 S. Braddock Ave.) – The Brozio’s are having problems with a neighbor. The husband is handicap and has a handicap space in front of their house. They feel that a neighbor in a rental unit next to theirs is harassing them and threatening to take their spot both in person and via text message. Ms. Brozio wants to know if the borough will put out a sign that is designated for their address. The Brozio’s were advised that anyone with a valid handicapped plate/placard can park in a handicapped spot. Chief Waston will speak to the Brozio’s directly and investigate the issue of harassment.
 - b. Gib Miller (1810 Hanover) – Mr. Miller gave an update from the Shade Tree Advisory Committee. SSTAC received a grant from TreeVitalize Pgh for new trees. There will be a tree planting event at 9:00 a.m. on March 24, meeting at the corner of Nevada and McClure to plant trees on Nevada, Harrison and Whipple.
 6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on January 31, 2018 and the *Regular Council Meeting* on February 7, 2018. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 7. Agenda Items:
 - a. Motion to appoint a candidate to the Recreation Board for a 4-year term ending 1-1-22. Motion by J. Grose to appoint Andrew Bates, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
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- b. Motion to appoint a candidate to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill an unexpired term ending 1-1-21. Motion by T. Ward to appoint Andrew Horowitz, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- c. Motion to appoint a candidate to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending 1-1-20. Motion by P. Gionta to appoint Michael Georger, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- d. Motion to approve/disapprove the Woodland Hills School District Site Plan for the renovation and expansion of Dickson School. Moved by T. Ward, Second by J. Grose. D. Rapp – No. Motion carries. D. Rapp expressed dissatisfaction that the community did not have more input in these renovation/expansion plans. D. Petrarca wanted the public to be aware that the borough is putting no funds into this project and all of the costs are being carried by the school district.
- e. Motion to approve **Resolution 18-06** to submit a traffic signal plan for a pedestrian signal at the intersection of South Braddock Avenue and Sanders Street to PennDOT District 11-0 for review. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- f. Motion to approve **Resolution 18-07** for a Vacant Property Recovery Program Application for parcel 178-L-294 & 178-L-296. Moved by J. Grose, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- g. Motion to approve **Resolution 18-08** for a Vacant Property Recovery Program Application for parcel 235-E-229. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- h. Motion to approve **Resolution 18-09** regarding bank signature cards adding Finance Committee members Tim Ward and Abigail Salisbury. Moved by J. Grose, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
- i. Motion to approve the lease/purchase of three police vehicles totaling \$107,570 under Co-Stars contract 013-157. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- j. Motion to approve the lease/purchase of one dump truck for DPW totaling \$72,998 under Co-Stars contract 025-251 and 010-377. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
- k. Motion to request the Civil Service Commission to administer testing and establish a list for the hiring of full-time police officers. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward

- Paid Bills as of **February 28, 2018** in the amount of **\$467,663.69**.
 - Unpaid Bills as of **February 28, 2018** in the amount of **\$28,940.26**.
 - Motion by T. Ward to accept the financial report, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
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9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Chief Watson

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

10. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton, Asst. Chief Deleonibus

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. The fire department has been working on their annual fire inspection program focused on non-residential and business locations. The inspection includes fire extinguishers, fire exits, electrical equipment, appliances, etc.
- c. The next community CPR class is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 7. The class is free to Swissvale residents but new guidelines dictate that participants must have a valid email to receive the AHA certification.
- d. The fish fry will continue every Friday through March 30.

11. 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 responded to 6 winter storm events in February. The borough has used 1,076 tons of the 1,100 tons of salt that were ordered for the season.
- c. The annual Swissvale Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 19. Swissvale residents can dispose of household waste and hazardous household waste, hard to recycle items such as TVs, electronics, tires, batteries, etc. Volunteers are also needed for trash pickup on this day.
- d. The bid opening for the improvement project at S. Braddock Ave. and Sanders St. will take place on March 26. The project will include a new flashing sign, sidewalk bump outs, storm water management and stamped and dyed crosswalks for increased visibility. Mr. Petrarca specifically thanked Rep. Paul Costa and Sen. Jay Costa for their help in obtaining funding for this project.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. Mr. Ward noted that there are upcoming meetings with the land bank advisory committee and with the C.O.G. and he will provide updates at the next borough council meeting.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. None.
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15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. The annual egg hunt will take place at noon on March 31 at Memorial Park. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event, please email mayorswissvale@aol.com.
- b. SEDCO is hosting a cleanup of the business district on Saturday, March 10. Volunteers can meet at 10 a.m. at Goodfellas.
- c. Renovation has started on the Denniston schoolhouse.
- d. Rotary is holding a spaghetti dinner from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 3 at Swissvale Presbyterian Church. They are seeking placemat sponsors and interested parties may contact the mayor or Tracey Crombie-Collins.
- e. The Rotary will also be hosting a mixer at 6 p.m. on March 13 at Goodfellas for potential new members.
- f. The Wilkins School Community Center is hosting a community forum from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 with many local nonprofits and community organizations.

16. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

- a. There were three breaks in February, two on Woodstock Ave. and one on Columbia Ave. The February Water Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office. Bidding was completed for three water line replacement/repair projects: Church St. (\$233,310, Niando Construction), Whipple St. (\$93,535, Niando Construction), and Woodstock Ave. (\$285,229, Lawson Excavating).

17. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. Nothing to report.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. Mr. McTiernan is continuing working with the Manager, TCVCOG and the Land Bank on the Hohman's Cleaners property.

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

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

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Council needs to act on the approval or disapproval of the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license for KEAH, LLC, owner of 7365 Denniston Avenue to be within the initial 45 day application time-frame. Mr. McTiernan prepared **Resolution 18-10** for either approval or disapproval. J. Grose made a motion to approve the transfer of the liquor license. Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
- b. The Food Bank will be moving into the old Swissvale Market and will be providing a distribution of fresh produce once a month between April and October. They requested permission to close off part of the municipal lot on Noble Street during distribution periods.
- c. The Swissvale Recreation Board met with Pastor Tedder from Reach Up, a local non-profit organization, and recommends changes to the current summer camp program. In the past the camp has been administered by the YMCA. Pastor Tedder recommended that this year, in order to reduce costs, the program be administered directly through Reach Up rather than the YMCA. Council approved the recommendation and directed the solicitor to draw up an agreement between the borough and Reach Up so that funding budgeted for the summer program (\$6,000) could be directed to Reach Up. Motion by D. Petrarca for the borough and the solicitor to work out the details of the agreement with Reach Up to run the summer program, to include an accounting of the tax money spent on the program. Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

21. Unfinished Business

- a. None.

22. New Business

- a. None.

23. Motion to adjourn by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

COMMEMORATION

Domenic Petrarca, Father of Councilman David Petrarca

Raymond Morris, Swissvale Crossing Guard
