



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7 pm.
 2. Invocation – Pastor Dai Morgan
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – D. Rapp
 4. Roll Call – P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, A. Salisbury – here, T. Ward – here, M. Stanton – here, D. Rapp – here
 5. Public Comment
 - a. None
 6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on February 28, 2018 and the *Regular Council Meeting* on March 7, 2018. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. D. Rapp – No. Motion carries.
 - a. D. Rapp questioned the motion and stated that there are two places where he felt the summarizing changed some meaning and what transpired at the meeting.
 - i. He expressed dissatisfaction that the community and council did not have more input into the renovations and expansion plans at Dickson School and the minutes left out “and council”.
 - ii. The agenda meeting minutes did not include that the staff recommended final approval of the plans without preliminary approval of the site plan.

President Stanton duly noted Mr. Rapp’s comments and continued with the motion made as the motioner and seconder did not amend their motion.
 7. Agenda Items:
 - a. Motion to approve the renewal of the Borough’s Property, Casualty, Liability and Vehicle Insurance Policies with Duncan Financial Group in the amount of \$87,251. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - b. Motion to approve **Resolution 18-11** authorizing the lease purchase of three new police vehicles and one new plow truck and the entering into a master
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equipment lease purchase agreement with Community First National Bank. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.

- c. Motion to adopt **Resolution 18-12** approving a Vacant Property Recovery Program Application for a vacant lot located at 2304 Manor Avenue know as Parcel 235-E-193. Moved by J. Grose, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- d. Motion to approve the Conditional Use Application for 7365 Denniston by H&K Denniston, LLC for a Catering Hall/Event Venue with all of the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
- e. Motion to reject the single bid received for the South Braddock Avenue and Sanders Street Pedestrian Safety Upgrades Project and authorize the re-advertisement and solicitation of bids for the project. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Gross. All ayes, motion carries.
- f. Motion to hire Todd Cappetta as a Part Time Police Officer at the contractual rate of \$16.75 per hour, pending background check. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward

- Paid Bills as of ***March 31, 2018*** in the amount of **\$736,368.95**.
- Unpaid Bills as of ***March 31, 2018*** in the amount of **\$30,047.89**.
- Motion to accept the financial report by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Chief Watson

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
 - b. On April 21st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sgt. Corrado and Sgt. Hahn will take part in a multi-community child seat safety check at the Forest Hills municipal building.
 - c. On May 19th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. the Allegheny County Sheriffs' Office will be in the lobby of the borough building to collect unused medication as part of the Swissvale Clean Up day.
 - d. There was a shooting on the 2400 block of Woodstock Avenue on April 1st. It is currently under investigation by the Swissvale Police Department and the Allegheny County Homicide Unit.
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10. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton, Asst. Chief Deleonibus

- a. Thanks to everyone who came and bought fish and volunteered at the SVFD fish fry.
- b. Saturday, April 7th is the next community CPR class.

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

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. The annual clean-up day will be Saturday, May 19th. The required DEP permit has been filed.
- c. Street Sweeping begins Monday, April 9th and continues through November 2nd.
- d. Street repairs and pothole patching will begin shortly. Main roads will be patched first, followed by neighborhood roads. Alleys will be addressed after other roadways are fixed.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. There was a bid on Thursday, March 22nd opening for emergency demolitions in E. Pittsburgh, Wilmerding, N. Braddock and Wall. There was discussion about the additional costs due to the asbestos abatement required by Allegheny County. There was another bid opening for the 4th Avenue water line replacement in N. Braddock by the Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority.
- b. The director's report mentioned the Vactor program begins the week of April 23rd.
- c. TCVCOG leads all county COGs in CDBG administration. They maintain 12% of the total budget and expect their grants to increase.
- d. The COG has been working with KU Resources, the borough and the land bank regarding the former Hohman's Cleaners building.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. Commercial/Forward Ave is closed indefinitely due to mud slides. Mr. Bachy received a request from Pittsburgh DPW to place detour signs in the borough.
- b. Thursday at 6 p.m. there is a public meeting at the Rankin Christian Center hosted by Paul Costa and community leaders regarding the Bus Rapid Transit. Residents can give input at this meeting. A letter was sent on behalf of the borough opposing the elimination of several bus lines.

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped with the egg hunt. There were between 85 and 100 participants.
- b. April 14th is the monthly SEDCO clean up day. Volunteers are needed.
- c. May 5th is the parkway planting at S. Braddock Avenue and the parkway.
- d. Rotary is also hosting a tree planting on May 5th at the corner of S. Braddock Avenue and Church Street.
- e. Council is invited to the Grand Re-Opening of Swissvale Food Bank at their new location on April 4th at 8 p.m.
- f. The Rotary Spaghetti Dinner is Thursday, May 3rd at Swissvale Presbyterian Church.

16. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. There were 25 water main breaks between the February and March meetings.
- c. The board met in executive session for matters of labor and administration.

17. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. No report.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. No report.
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19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

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

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. The Civil Service Commission met April 3rd to authorize the advertisement and use of the TCVCOG test to establish an eligibility list for the hiring of full-time police officers.
- b. The solicitor is preparing a draft ordinance to add a late fee to parking tickets not paid within a certain period of time.
- c. A draft agreement was created for Reach Up by the solicitor's office and will be submitted to Pastor Tedder for their summer program.
- d. Paperwork has been filed for the S. Braddock Avenue and Collingwood properties for tax exemption.

21. Unfinished Business

22. New Business

- a. D. Petrarca commented on the poor condition of the Dollar General in the Swissvale Shopping Center. The store is dirty and disorganized. Mr. Petrarca asked the solicitor about writing a letter to the corporate headquarters. Code enforcement and the fire department will check the location for code and safety violations.

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

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.
