



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 2, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation – Tracey Crombie-Collins
3. Pledge of Allegiance – J. Grose
4. Roll Call – P. Gionta – absent, 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. Agenda Items:
 - a. Motion to adopt **Resolution 18-13** approving a Vacant Property Recovery Program Application for a vacant structure and lot located at 2441 Waverly Street known as Parcel 235-N-276. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - b. Motion to adopt **Resolution 18-14** in support of legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission. Moved by D. Rapp, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - c. Motion to hire Casey Hindman as a part-time police officer at the contractual rate of \$16.75 per hour. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - d. Discussion regarding the award of bid for Sanders & South Braddock Avenue Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvements.
 - i. The project was rebid and one bid was received. \$92,000 of this project is being funded by grant money.
 - ii. Motion to award the bid as stated to Folino, excluding items #9530401 and #901001 for a total amount of \$160,420. Moved by T. Ward, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

7. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward

- Paid Bills as of **April 30, 2018** in the amount of **\$204,185.28**.
- Unpaid Bills as of **April 30, 2018** in the amount of **\$6,842.27**.
- Motion to accept the financial report by T. Ward, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Chief Watson

- a. Chief Watson has been attending the Woodland Hills Commission on Youth Development and Learning. They are looking at ways to improve the districts relationship with its communities and the student body. There was an article in the Post Gazette about potentially removing resource officers from schools. This was not part of the discussion of the commission.

9. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton, Chief Wilhelm

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. The fire department is completing commercial fire inspections on over 200 properties. The process should be completed by June 1.
- c. Title searches will be ordered for the proposed demolitions over the summer.
- d. The fire department assisted in a structure fire in Braddock Hills on Ivy Street.
- e. Mr. Wilhelm instructed the fire inspectors to follow up on complaints about the Dollar General. The regional manager was contacted and informed of the existing violations. They have 7 days to clean up the store or receive a fine of \$1,000 a day.

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

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
 - b. Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 19th. Volunteers are needed to help clean up various areas in the borough.
 - c. Road repairs are being made. Main streets will be addressed first.
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- d. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will be providing workers for 9 weeks throughout the summer. The program gives the students valuable work experience. There is no cost to the borough.

11. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. No report.

13. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. Churchill Borough sent invitations to council for the Woodland Hills Municipalities Meeting on May 10th.

14. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. The Rotary Spaghetti Dinner from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 3rd at Swissvale Presbyterian Church.
- b. There will be a tree planting on May 5th at the corner of Church St. and S. Braddock Avenue.
- c. Saturday, May 5th at 9 a.m. is the parkway flower planting.
- d. The farmers market opens the first week of June in the new location of the borough municipal parking lot.

15. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. There were 2 breaks on Woodstock Avenue and 1 break on Church Street.
- c. The Water Authority has finished the replacement of the water lines on Church Street and Whipple Street. Road restoration will be completed in the coming weeks.

16. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. No report.
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17. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. The solicitor's office is filing a petition to exonerate all taxes from the Collingwood Playground property.
- b. Offers of just compensation were made for the three Braddock Avenue Properties at the corner of Church Street to finalize ownership. The solicitor's office will apply for tax exempt status for these properties as well.

18. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. The paving project on Woodlawn and Prospect Street was completed. Mr. Zischkau will be inspecting the work.
- c. The demolition of the GAR Home at 2622 Woodstock was completed. The final grading of topsoil and seeding is underway. Final inspection is pending.
- d. Information was received from ALCOSAN to proceed with the Grow Grant Application for the M48 Site Project which is due in July.

19. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. The borough administration is working with the Civil Service Commission to get letter out for those who tested for the Civil Service police list through the TCVCOG. They are establishing an interview panel.
- b. Western PA School for the Deaf sent a thank you letter for the borough's sponsorship of "An Evening in Edgewood."
- c. Paul Costa called to inform the borough that the CITF grant that was originally stated as \$150,000 is actually \$100,000.
- d. Mr. Wilhelm thanks the Rotary for their work in landscaping the corner of Church Street and S. Braddock Avenue. Several local business owners are contributing additional funds and work to the location.

20. Unfinished Business

- a. None.
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21. New Business

- a. Mayor Swartzwelder mentioned that Senator Jay Costa is hosting a shredding event on May 12th at Dickson School.
- b. SEDCO is planning a clothing drive at St. Vincent de Paul.

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

23. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.
