



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**November 7, 2018**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00PM
  2. Invocation – Pastor Dai Morgan
  3. Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Patricia Gionta
  4. Roll Call – P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, T. Ward – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, A. Salisbury – here, M. Stanton – here, D. Rapp – here
  5. Public Comment – none
  6. Proclamation by Mayor Swartzwelder recognizing Vincent Kaschauer for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and recognizing his project of constructing drop boxes for retired United States flags.
  7. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on September 26, 2018 and the *Regular Council Meeting* on October 3, 2018. Moved by P. Gionta and second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
  8. AGENDA ITEMS:
    - a. Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-03 repealing and replacing in its entirety Chapter 26 of the Swissvale Borough Code entitled Storm Water Management. Moved by T. Ward, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
    - b. Motion to ratify the hiring of Tyler A. Coles as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Operator in the DPW at the contractual rate of \$16.74/hour. Moved by D. Petrarca, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
    - c. Motion to ratify the hiring of Brandon R. Sepesy as a temporary laborer in the DPW at the contractual rate of \$16.64/hour. Moved by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
    - d. Motion to approve the purchase of a K-9 for the Police Department from Shallow Creek Kennels in the amount of \$12,500.00. Moved by P. Gionta, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
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- e. Motion to adopt **Resolution 18-19** approving a Vacant Property Recovery Program application for a vacant lot on Stanton Avenue known as Parcel 178-D-085. Moved by D. Petrarca, second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- f. Motion to adopt **Resolution 18-20** approving a Vacant Property Recovery Program application for a vacant lot on Collingwood Avenue known as Parcel 178-L-190. Moved by T. Ward, second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward

- Paid Bills as of **October 31, 2018** in the amount of **\$412,788.79**
- Unpaid Bills as of **October 31, 2018** in the amount of **\$84,640.86**
- Motion to approve the financial report by T. Ward, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

10. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta

- a. Report on File
- b. Following the incident at the Tree of Life Synagogue there is an increased push for active shooter training that is set to start in December. This class will include officers from the surrounding area so that they all have similar protocols for the same issues. In the past police have done similar drills with the municipalities in the area to deal with active shooters situations at the schools in the school district.
- c. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate) Training will be offered to the Ministerium. Detective Corrado is certified to hold these trainings.
- d. Councilwoman Salisbury has questions regarding procedures for the average traffic stop and what residents should expect.

11. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton

- a. On file

12. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca

- a. On file
  - b. Leaf Collection started on November 1<sup>st</sup> and will end December 7<sup>th</sup>. Have leaves on edge of curb by 7am and make sure they aren't contaminated with other yard debris. Leaf collection will not take place November 12<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, or 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.
  - c. The DPW is ready for winter. In the event that we do get snow, it would be helpful if people could move their cars from the main roads and push in their mirrors in places where moving the car is not an option.
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- d. Trash and recycling will not be on a delay due to Veterans Day. On Thanksgiving trash will not be collected and will be delayed by 1 day. This means Thursday's trash will be collected Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday's trash will be collected Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Conversation about moving the ending dates of street sweeping and the start of leaf collection.

13. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a.

15. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. Happy Thanksgiving

16. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Thanks to all who participated in or were present at the annual Halloween Parade. It is a great time for all the children from the area. Thanks to the Woodland Hills Marching Band which also participated.
- b. The mayor would like to that Public Works for clearing flowers from parkway site
- c. Saturday November 24, 2018 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holiday stroll that will also coincide with Small Business Saturday. Those interested residents will be given a map of all participating small businesses and have the opportunity to visit them and give support. Home-based businesses will be located in the noble street parking lot.
- d. December 1, 2018 is light up night. It will take place at the Fire Department
- e. Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving.

17. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

- a. Report on file

18. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. Meeting will take place November 15, 2018 at 7pm. 3 items on the agenda related to cellular nodes to allow for 5G coverage.
- b. At the next Council meeting there will be a request for a public hearing.

19. Solicitor Report – David Mongillo

- a. Working on the amendment to the solid waste ordinance to include recycling and clarify the language (collection VS collection and disposal)
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- b. Wilkins School Community Center sent in a request to revise the rental agreement allowing them to sub-let some of the space available in the center
- c. Still working on the ownership transfer of Woodstock Terrace

20. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. On File

21. Borough Manager Report – Greg Bachy

- a. Budget Hearing November 28<sup>th</sup> at Fire Department with a regular meeting to follow. The proposed budget will be balanced with no proposed tax increases excluding the increase to garbage fees.
- b. The Tax Collector is currently paid at 2.2% of what he collects. When the proposed increase to the garbage fee the collector's wages are set to increase significantly. It is advisable to reduce the commission for garbage collection to keep it similar to what it is now.
- c. Vacant Property Recovery Program application that was just approved for the lot on Collingwood Ave is used for the community garden.
- d. Mr. Bachy has been working with Mr. Mongillo to create a new intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Chalfant Borough for trash collection. Chalfant is currently billed at \$118/unit and going forward this will increase to \$125/unit
- e. TAP project has been advertized for bid by PennDot. Bids open December 6<sup>th</sup> and construction can tentatively begin in March.
- f. Mr. Bachy would like to thank council for the approval to hire two new employees in the Public Works department. There is an employee who is out on short term disability and having the extra people around has been a great help.
- g. The contractors working on the construction at Sanders and South Braddock contacted Mr. Bachy to suggest changes to paving. They have not given a definitive finish date
- h. Mr. Wilhelm, Mr. Bachy, and Councilman Rapp attended a meeting to determine why the borough was denied the Green Infrastructure Grant. It was determined that the project wasn't working as intended

22. Unfinished Business – none

23. New Business-

- a. Leland Scales: as a representative of the Swissvale Community Garden would like to thank the Borough of Swissvale for their help in obtaining the land through the vacant property recovery program
  - b. President Stanton requests a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue.
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24. Motion to adjourn by P. Gionta. Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

25. Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.

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