



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 5, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.
 2. Invocation – Synthia Sweptson-Brown
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Patricia Gionta
 4. Roll Call: P. Gionta – absent, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Rapp – here, T. Ward – here, A. Salisbury – here, S. Stanton, D. Swartzwelder – here.
 5. Public Comment:
 - a. Amy Kennedy: 7460 Schoyer Avenue
 - i. Amy Kennedy is present to follow up about the plans to contact Senator Costa regarding Norfolk Southern’s plans to make changes to the railroads in the area. Mr. Wilhelm contacted Senator Costa and aides from Senator Costa’s office have started to reach out to the railroad company to set up a community meeting.
 6. AGENDA ITEMS:
 - a. Motion to approve the advertisement of proposed ordinance amending Section 20 (“SOLID WASTE”) of the Borough of Swissvale Code of Ordinances to update and revise the description of fees therein. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - b. Motion to approve the advertisement of proposed ordinance pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, which adopts an agreement between the Borough of Chalfant and the Borough of Swissvale, which agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Borough of Swissvale will provide refuse collection services for the Borough of Chalfant. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
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- c. Motion to approve the advertisement of proposed ordinance setting the tax rate for the fiscal year 2019 for general purposes at 8.0 mills. Motion by T. Ward, second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
- d. Motion to advertise the proposed 2019 Borough Budget for adoption on December 19, 2018. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
- e. Motion to advertise the meeting dates for Council Meetings for the year 2019 as prepared by the Manager. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- f. Motion to approve Resolution 18-21, that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number 235-B-291 would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Motion by T. Ward, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
- g. Discussion on Board and Committee appointments for 2019.
 - i. After discussion, council has decided to contact current members of various boards and committees and determine if they would like to be reappointed to their current positions. For those who do not want to continue on in their positions, the board or committee positions will be advertised.

7. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward

- Paid bills as of **November 30th, 2018** in the amount of: **\$558,004.30**
- Unpaid Bills as of **November 30th, 2018** in the amount of: **\$ 72,364.43**
- Motion by T. Ward, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta

- a. Chief Watson has presented a memorandum of understanding provided by TCV COG that is related to active shooter training. It explains that Swissvale Borough will provide Justin Keenan as a trainer and also send other officers to participate in the training when it becomes available. The training will either take place at a training facility used by Monroeville Police Department or at St. Coleman School. The training is consistent with what was used during the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting and will be a great asset to the police department. Chief Watson would like to entertain a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Swissvale Police Department and the other municipalities in this agreement. Motion made by T. Ward, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
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- b. The police department is once again giving out Christmas presents to kids in the neighborhood. If you know a kid who might want a Christmas present please reach out to the Police with the name and age of the child in question.
- c. The new k-9 officer will be formally introduced to council at the next meeting.

9. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton

- a. Report on File
- b. The next CPR Class will be held Saturday, January 5th, 2019 at the Fire Department. To register call the fire department
- c. The Fire Department changed their medical command from Allegheny Health Network to UPMC. This change will help us provide better EMS service.
- d. The Fire Department is partnering with Edgewood Fire Department to host Toys for Tots drop-off locations. To participate, drop off unwrapped, unopened Christmas presents to either fire department.

10. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca

- a. Report on file
- b. Leaf Collection is set to end Friday December 7th but it will be extended a few days in order to pick up the last of the leaves that weren't collected due to snow
- c. Trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day the week of Christmas and one day the week of new years

11. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

12. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Darrell Rapp

- a. Allegheny County sent representatives to the COG meeting to discuss a future feasibility study regarding trails from Carrie Furnace to Trafford. Starting in the spring the county would like to have a steering committee and they are looking for members.
- b. An audit was performed for the COG and it is available for review

13. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. none

14. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. The mayor would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to or participate in Swissvale's Night of Lights.
- b. Members of SEDCO will be outside the Boomerang Bar during their Sausage Day event on Saturday December 8th. They will be selling luminary kits at \$10/kit.

15. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins

- a. The 2019 budget was passed
- b. Approved authorization to prepare specs and a bid for a contract for Mansion Place
- c. Vandalism was reported in Braddock Hills. Their water tanks were found with bullet holes

16. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. The Commission met on November 15th to discuss 3 conditional use requests from Extenet to place distributed antenna systems at 3 locations around the borough. The committee chose to table the vote due to inconsistencies in the reports about expected radiation exposure. Additional information was sent into Mr. Bachy just before the meeting and the commission will review the information in time for their meeting Thursday, December 19th at 7pm

17. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. Judge Luty signed an order to remove all liens against the “Frankie’s Property” located at 1820/1822 South Braddock Ave. It is now owned by the borough

18. Engineer Report – David Gilliland

- a. Report is on file
- b. Mr. Bachy provided an update that work is ongoing at the intersection of South Braddock and Sanders. There is some cement that will need to be taken out and replaced and the lights will need to be installed and wired.

19. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Council and other borough employees are invited to the annual Christmas Luncheon that will take place in council chambers, December 21st
- b. Council will meet in executive session following this meeting to discuss legal matters.

20. Unfinished Business

21. New Business

- a. Councilwoman Salisbury is having another Small Business workshop Tuesday December 11th, 2018 at 10am at the Fire Station.

22. Motion to adjourn by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

23. Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.
