



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 19, 2018**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:42 PM.
2. ROLL CALL: P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Rapp – here, A. Salisbury – here, M. Stanton – here. Absent: T. Ward and D. Swartzwelder.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
4. AGENDA ITEMS:
  - a. Motion to approve **Ordinance 18-04** 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 P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
  - b. Motion to approve **Ordinance 18-05** 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 P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
  - c. Motion to approve **Ordinance 18-06** setting the tax rate for the fiscal year 2019 for general purposes at 8.0 mills. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
  - d. Motion to approve **Resolution 18-22** adopting the Budget for 2019. Motion by P. Gionta, second by D. Petrarca. Roll Call: P. Gionta – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, D. Rapp – no, A. Salisbury – yes. Motion carries.
  - e. Motion to approve **Resolution 18-23** approving the 2019 Tax Anticipation Note with First Commonwealth Bank in the amount of \$600,000. Motion by P. Gionta, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
  - f. Motion to approve **Resolution 18-24** approving the Borough Fee Schedule for 2019. Motion by P. Gionta, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

- g. Motion to approve a one-year agreement with Recycle Source, LLC for the disposal of recyclable materials at a cost of \$18.50 per ton. Motion by P. Gionta, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
- h. Motion to approve the low bid of \$1,463,610.20 by Pugliano Construction for the South Braddock Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project. Motion by Patty, second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
- i. Motion to approve a Conditional Use request by Extenet, Inc. to install and operate a Distributed Antenna System node on an existing utility pole located adjacent to 70 Lilmont Drive with the condition that the DAS nodes must be installed in accordance with the approved MEP compliance report submitted for this site and that any modifications that cause the site to be out of compliance with the approved report will require a new conditional use approval by Swissvale Borough. Motion tabled until 1/2/19
- j. Motion to approve a Conditional Use request by Extenet, Inc. to install and operate a Distributed Antenna System node on an existing utility pole located adjacent to 2260 Lehigh Street with the condition that the DAS nodes must be installed in accordance with the approved MEP compliance report submitted for this site and that any modifications that cause the site to be out of compliance with the approved report will require a new conditional use approval by Swissvale Borough. Motion tabled until 1/2/2019
- k. Motion to approve a Conditional Use request by Extenet, Inc. to install and operate a Distributed Antenna System node on an existing utility pole located adjacent to 2124 Lloyd Avenue with the condition that the DAS nodes must be installed in accordance with the approved MEP compliance report submitted for this site and that any modifications that cause the site to be out of compliance with the approved report will require a new conditional use approval by Swissvale Borough. Motion tabled until 1/2/2019

5. POLICE REPORT – COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA GIONTA, CHIEF WATSON

- a. Report is on file

6. CODE AND FIRE REPORT – CHIEF WILHELM

- a. none

7. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – COUNCILMAN DAVID PETRARCA

- a. Christmas Tree Disposal will start on December 31<sup>st</sup> and will continue for 3 weeks. Public Works will make every attempt to pick up the trees on the same day as garbage pickup but there may be delays if there is inclement weather. The trees are picked up separately from the garbage and are not trash. After collection, they will be chipped and used for mulch.

#### 8. BOROUGH MANAGER – CLYDE WILHELM

- a. The contract for the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund (CITF) Demolition Grant has been signed and all the specifications have been reviewed. The plan going forward is to advertise in January and have bids open by January 28th.
- b. Mr. Wilhelm spoke with Senator Costa about grant opportunities available for Swissvale and the plan is to apply for a CFA Multi Modal Grant for 2019. This could allow Swissvale to continue work on the Streetscape project, make updates to the Municipal parking lot, and the borough will also seek grant funding to develop trails and greenways.
- c. The administrative assistant has been reaching out the current members of the various committees, commissions, and boards to determine who would like to renew their terms for the coming year. Once all those responses have been received, an email will be sent to council and a description of the vacant position(s) will be written and added to the newsletter.
- d. In January or February there may be presentation of a municipal lease purchase agreement for new computers.

#### 9. SOLICITOR REPORT – GAVIN ROBB

- a. Requesting a motion from council to change the agreement between the Borough of Swissvale and Tom Barr the tax collector to lower the tax collector's commission from 2.5% to 2.15% to keep the compensation level in relation to the increase in the fee. Motion by P. Gionta, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN – Motion by J. Grose, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED 8:03 PM.