



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 3, 2016**

1. Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Stanton.
  2. Invocation – Deacon Ron Demblowski, Madonna Del & Word of God Church
  3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Tim Ward
  4. Roll Call: P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, D. Rapp – here, T. Ward – here, M. Busch – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Stanton – here. J Grose – absent.
  5. Public Comment
    - a. Margaret Poindexter 7809 Westmoreland Ave
      - i. Garbage collection from Elm Alley was missed the previous week
    - b. Dawn Brubaker (2101 Hazeltine Way):
      - i. Street name is spelled wrong on the street sign
    - c. Gibb Miller (1810 Hanover St)
      - i. Tree vitalize grant needs to be submitted by March and the Shade Tree Commission would like to offer any additional support necessary during the application process.
  6. Approval of Minutes – Motion by P. Gionta to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* held on November 28, 2015, the *Regular Meeting* held on December 2, 2015, the *Special Meeting* on December 30, 2015 and the *Reorganization Meeting* held on January 4, 2016. M. Busch as second. All ayes, the motion carries.
  7. Council President Stanton has made note that there was an executive session on 1/20/2016 to discuss legal matters.
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8. Agenda Items:

1. Motion by P. Gionta to approve **Resolution 16-02** authorizing the submission of an application to the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund for grant funding to complete Phase 2-B of the Streetscape Project. M. Busch as second. All ayes, motion carries.
2. Motion by P. Gionta to authorize the Manager and Solicitor to do necessary actions required to obtain a Capital Improvement Loan from First Commonwealth Bank in the amount of \$1.5 million for a ten year term at a fixed interest rate of 2.15%. D. Petrarca as second. All ayes, motion carries.
3. Motion by D. Petrarca to appoint Diane Turley as Treasurer. M. Busch as second. All ayes, motion carries.
4. Motion by P. Gionta to approve the purchase of a MAKO Breathing Air Compressor, Fill Station and Cascade System from Premier Safety through the Pennsylvania CO-STARs Purchasing Contract in the amount of \$36,435.00. D. Rapp as second. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch made the motion with D. Petrarca as second. All ayes, motion carries.

- Paid Bills as of **January 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 151,186.65**
- Unpaid Bills as of **January 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 49,985.42**

10. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta

- a. Motion by P Gionta to hire Robert Gowens as a part time police officer. M. Busch as second. All ayes, motion carries.
- b. Police report is on file in the Manager's Office
- c. There was a robbery outside of Citizens Bank and the police are investigating the incident.

11. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton (Asst Chief Deleonibus)

- a. Began annual fire/safety inspections. Crews will be going through the community looking for fire/safety hazards across the borough.
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- b. Monday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> CPR class for Child Interplay so that they can meet the state CPR requirements for child safety. D. Rapp mentions that there is a second business in the area that might benefit from this CPR certification class.
- c. Community CPR will be Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm.
- d. Fish Fry starts February 10, 2016

12. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca

- a. Snow Event: Public Works has been working efficiently and Councilman D. Petrarca
- b. 381 plowing and salting not on overtime as guys have been working staggered shifts.
- c. On January 6, 2016 all of the public works employees participated in a garbage truck training session conducted by East Coast Risk Management.
- d. Garbage collection began on January 11 and as of January 27 bringing it in house has saved roughly \$11,100. If there is any missed trash it should be reported within a day to ensure that it is not left for any longer than necessary. Call (412) 351-0350.
- e. Make sure to put out the garbage out no earlier than 6pm the night before.
- f. Director Bachy will write up a draft of costs and charges for commercial garbage pickup.
- g. Clean-Up Day will be May 21, 2016.

13. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. Land Bank: four school districts and fifteen municipalities will be participating.
  - b. Vector Program will begin in the next couple of months. Still waiting to receive the agreement documents.
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15. President's Remarks – President Stanton
  16. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
    - a. Submissions for the newsletter deadline is February 4, 2016 for publication on March 1
    - b. Easter Egg Hunt is March 26, 2016 at 12pm at Memorial Park.
  17. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr. – no report
  18. Planning Commission –
    - a. Draft will be complete by the end of the month for review
  19. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan – no report
  20. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau
    - a. Commonwealth Financing Grant Application that was submitted last June has been postponed until March.
    - b. Bid documents have been submitted for Turtle Creek COG for 7319 and 7321 Agnes St.
  21. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm
    - a. Has been working with the borough for six years and would like to thank council for the opportunity.
  22. Unfinished Business – none
  23. New Business – none
  24. Motion to adjourn by D. Petrarca and seconded by P. Gionta
  25. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.
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