



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 4, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
 2. Invocation – Pastor Eric Baldwin
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Darrell Rapp
 4. Roll Call – P. Gionta – here, M. Busch – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, M. Stanton – here, T. Ward – here, D. Rapp – here
 5. Public Comment
 - a. none
 6. Agenda Items:
 - 1.) Chris Ansell, Chairman of Recreation Board to address Council regarding an inactive member.
 - a. Mr. Ansell requests that Tom Ramsey be removed from the Swissvale Recreation Board and replaced with Lamar Lawrence to fill the remainder of the 4 year term ending in 2020. Moved by J. Grose, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2.) Motion to appoint John Wilson to the Recreation Board for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2021. Moved by P. Gionta Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 3.) Motion to reappoint James Carroll to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 year term ending on January 1, 2022. Moved by T. Ward, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 4.) Motion to reappoint Kenneth Luttinger to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2021. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 5.) Motion to reappoint William McVicker to the IMPC Board of Appeals for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2020. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
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- 6.) Motion to reappoint Blaz Bravar to the Civil Service Commission for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2019. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 7.) Motion to reappoint Mike Epitropoulos as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2019. Moved by P Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 8.) Motion to reappoint Heather Lyle to the Shade Tree Committee for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2020. Moved by D. Rapp, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 9.) Motion to reappoint Clyde Wilhelm as the Emergency Management Coordinator and David Miller and Francis Deleonibus as Deputies. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch
- Paid Bills as of **December 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 951,136.93**.
 - Unpaid Bills as of **December 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 0**.
 - Motion to accept the financial report moved by M. Busch, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
8. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta
- a. Report on file in Borough Manager’s Office.
9. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton
- a. Reports that the Fire Department closed 2016 with 1,472 emergency calls. There were 141 calls in the month of December.
 - b. A new code enforcement officer/firefighter began on Monday. He is helping the department move toward a paperless system.
 - c. Saturday, January 7th from 10 am – 4 pm is a free Community CPR Class at the fire station. RSVP is needed by Friday, January 6th.
10. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca
- a. Report on file in Borough Manager’s Office.
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- b. There were seven (7) snow/ice events in the month of December 2016. The week before Christmas was especially busy with two (2) prolonged ice events. Employees worked approximately 115 hours of overtime. The supply of salt is good and DPW is in good shape for up-coming storms. Five (5) trucks are currently outfitted with salt spreaders and plows.
- c. Waste Management had cancelled recycling contract to renegotiate fees. They have not responded yet with a new price. Mr. Bachy has been looking into a new plant called Recycle Source in Hazelwood. Current contract with Waste Management ends January 22, 2017. Mr. Bachy will come back to council with a recommendation once bids come in.
- d. Chalfant Collection will begin on Friday, January 6, 2017.
- e. DPW is collecting Christmas trees on the regular garbage schedule. The trees will be mulched at Memorial field.
- f. DPW is collecting TVs left on the curb and will dispose of them.
- g. Keystone Community Grant Application for the demolition of the former LGAR home at 2622 Woodstock Ave was submitted to the state and Senator Costa's office. The total project cost is \$239,000.
- h. The total savings to the Borough since taking over garbage collection from Big's Sanitation is over \$75,000 and residents have a better service.

11. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. There was a meeting on Dec 8th of the combined municipal and school district advisory committees to develop the tri-C.O.G. land bank. Determined ground rules for the election of a board of directors which will consist of nine members. Elections will take place January 12th.
- b. Annual C.O.G. dinner is January 27th at 5:30 PM. Any elected official interested must RSVP this week.

13. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. Wishes everyone a happy 2017!
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14. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. No report

15. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr., absent

16. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. The Zoning Ordinance is being advertised for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting on Feb 1st.
- b. Mr. Wilhelm – There is an open seat on the planning commission due to C.J. Angelo being in poor health. Anyone in the community interested in participating should submit a letter for council consideration.

17. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. Working out details of the Chalfant garbage collection contract.

18. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. Report is available in council packets.

19. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Camo Kennels was sold to another party. Will be working to set up a new contract.

20. Unfinished Business

- a. None

21. New Business

- a. None

22. Motion to adjourn – P. Gionta, D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

23. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.
