



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

February 1, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Invocation – Pastor Dai Morgan
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Julie Grose
4. Roll Call – D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, M. Busch – here, T. Ward – here, D. Rapp – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Stanton – here
 - a. P. Gionta – absent
5. Public Comment
 - a. None
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on November 30, 2016, the *Regular Meeting* on December 7, 2016, the *Special Meeting* on December 28, 2016, and the *Regular Meeting* on January 4, 2017. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1.) Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-01 repealing and replacing in their entirety all current provisions of Chapter 27 – Zoning of the Borough of Swissvale Code of Ordinances and replacing the same with a new Zoning Ordinance and maps. Moved by T. Ward, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2.) Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-02 fixing the compensation of the elected tax collector of the Borough of Swissvale for the period beginning January 2, 2018 and ending December 31, 2021 at nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$9,600) per annum. Moved by M. Busch, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

- 3.) Motion to approve a resolution to apply for grant funding through the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund (CITF) for the construction of the DPW garage. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 4.) Motion to award the 2017 Street Paving Contract to A. Folino Construction, Inc in the amount of \$503,903.50 with \$170,640.50 to be reimbursed by Edgewood Borough. Awarding of paving contract is contingent on Edgewood Borough's concurrence. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **January 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$183,370.53**.
- Unpaid Bills as of **January 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$254,484.83**.
- Moved by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Asst. Chief Ellis Watson

- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. Working with Chief Wilhelm to issue NARCAN to all patrol cars. Police will be able to respond more quickly to overdose situations.
- c. Allegheny County Sheriff's department will have a drug drop off event in connection with Clean-Up Day on May 20th from 1-4 PM at the borough building.

10. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton, Asst. Chief Kip Deleonibus

- a. Code enforcement brought on a second code enforcement officer. Many occupancy inspections are being conducted.
- b. Fish Fry Fridays start on Ash Wednesday (March 1) and every Friday through lent.
- c. Structure fire at 2245 Lehigh Street. Department of Public Works employees working on the street saw smoke and alerted the fire department. The fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal. Special thanks to the DPW employees.

11. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca, Mr. Bachy

- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. There were 5 bids received for the proposed 2017 paving project. The prices that came in were very satisfactory. Water and gas companies have been notified and will do work on certain streets before paving commences. DPW will be rehabbing storm inlets before paving as well.

- c. Winter maintenance is continuing. There were 7 snow/ice events in January. One vehicle had a major electrical issue and will be out of service to 3-4 weeks.
- d. DPW sanitation began Chalfant trash collection January 6th. Residents are extremely satisfied with the service according to Chalfant council president.
- e. Public hearing for TAP grant. Feb 23rd at 6 PM – council members only. 7 PM the public is invited. 7:30 PM – presentation with comments following.
- f. May 20th – Clean-Up day.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. Annual dinner meeting was Friday, January 27th.
- b. Land bank meeting is Feb 9th.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. Reminds everyone of Feb 15th school board meeting on the Denniston school property.

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. No report.

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

17. Planning Commission – Mr. Greg Bachy

- a. The Zoning ordinance that passed tonight will be submitted to the county. It is now enforced.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. No report.

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. Demolitions within the borough are moving along.
- b. Update on Duquesne St property. Engineer is at the limit of what he can do. He cannot determine structural integrity from what is visible. Mr. Wilhelm will submit the report to council for review.

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Information in council's packet on the ALOM conference 2017. Deadline to register is March 1st.

- b. Transition for delinquent tax collector is going smoothly.
- c. Received a cost estimate for a routine audit of the tax office of \$1,800 for audit of the annual property tax collection and \$2,200 of garbage fees collection. Motion to perform an audit of the tax collector's office. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward.
- d. Received a letter from Swissvale Cares. They are taking over the management of the food pantry, previously part of the Swissvale United Methodist Church. Swissvale Cares is a 501(C)(3) working with funding through donations, serving approximately 155 families. All staff are volunteers. They are seeking a contribution to assist with expenses for rent and utilities. The solicitor will look into the borough code. Motion to provide up to \$500 per quarter to Swissvale Cares contingent on the approval of the solicitor. Moved by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

21. Unfinished Business

- a. None

22. New Business

- a. None

23. Motion to adjourn D. Petrarca, second by T. Ward.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.