



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 5, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation – Pastor Dennis Handley
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Patricia Gionta
4. Roll Call - D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, M. Busch – here, T. Ward – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Stanton – here, P. Gionta – here, D. Rapp – here
5. Public Comment
 - 1) Ted Donald – Developer of Dollar General extends his thanks to the borough council and especially Mr. Bachy and Mr. Wilhelm for their help and the professionalism and effectiveness with which they have worked.
 - 2) Joylette Portlock (7334 Burton) – Available if council has any questions about Resolution 17-06.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on February 22, 2017 and the *Regular Meeting* on March 1, 2017. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Motion to approve RESOLUTION 17-04 approving a lease purchase agreement for Borough Police and Fire Vehicles and DPW Equipment. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2) Motion to approve RESOLUTION 17-05 to approve the submission of a multi-modal grant application to Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Sanders and South Braddock Avenue Crosswalk Improvements and Phase 2B of the Noble Street Streetscape Project. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 3) Motion to approve RESOLUTION 17-06 to recognize Communitopia as a service organization under the small games of chance license. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose All ayes, motion carries.

- 4) Motion to approve the subdivision/consolidation of lots submitted by PennTex Ventures for the new Dollar General Store in the 2600 block of Woodstock Avenue. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 5) Motion to enter into an agreement with KU Resources for the removal of hazardous waste from the old Hohman's Cleaners Building on Noble Street not to exceed \$25,000. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 6) Motion to award the asbestos survey for the Ladies GAR home located at 2622 Woodstock Avenue to InterTek PSI in the amount of \$1,980. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 7) Motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Mercurio from the Shade Tree Advisory Committee. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 8) Motion to appoint Kirsten Raether to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 9) Motion to appoint William Price to the Planning Commission. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 10) Motion to renew the Vactor Agreement with the Turtle Creek COG for 2017. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
- 11) Motion to approve the request from Wilkins School Community Center to install "Global Minds Mural" on an exterior wall. Motion tabled.
 - i. D. Petrarca asked if any feedback had been received from residents.
 - ii. Jason and Kelly Lewis (1325 Milton) – expressed concern about the mural. They are concerned about additional traffic/parking issues that it may cause, the ascetics of the mural and the potential to bring down property values.
 - iii. D. Petrarca suggests tabling the motion to allow for further comment.
- 12) Motion to approve the request from the Carnegie Library of Swissvale to proclaim April 9-15, 2017 National Library Week. Moved by T. Ward, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
- 13) Motion to exercise the second option year of the contract with Cargill, Inc. to supply rock salt for the 2017-2018 winter season at an estimated cost of \$71.16 per ton. Moved by M. Busch, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
- 14) Motion to ratify the renewal of the borough's professional, property, liability and fleet auto insurance package with Duncan Financial Group in the amount of \$89,394. Moved by J. Grose, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **March 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$ 353,134.61**.
- Unpaid Bills as of **March 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$ 359,301.88**.
- Motion to accept the financial report by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Lt. Matt Lisovich

- 1) Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.

10. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton, Chief Clyde Wilhelm

- 1) It's been a busy month. There were a number of structure fires. Three of the fires were intentionally set and are under investigation by SPD and Allegheny County Fire Marshall's office. Seems to be juveniles involved in all separate unrelated incidents.
- 2) There has been a large amount of building permits applications and occupancy inspections. Looking for more code and building inspectors to keep up with the heavy work load.

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

- 1) The DPW responded to 5 call-outs for snow and ice in March. Total incidents were 23 for the winter of 2016-17. Approximately 800 tons of salt were used and 33.5 hrs of over time. There was only 1 accident, down from 54 separate accidents 3 years ago. Safety programs and training have made a huge difference in lower incidents and decreasing insurance cost. Mr. Petrarca thanks Mr. Bachy and his department for bringing about these improvements and the DPW employees for their excellent service.
- 2) The 2017 paving project will begin on April 17th on Lacrosse Street first. New storm sewers and handicap curb cuts will be installed prior to paving. All other streets will be beginning after the completion of Lacrosse Street. The entirety of work should take about 6 weeks to complete.
- 3) Full report is on file in Borough Manager's office.
- 4) Street Sweeping began on April 3, 2017. Ticketing will begin on April 15th. The posted "No Parking" hours are between 8 a.m. and noon.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- 1) March 23rd meeting was cancelled.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- 1) Saturday, April 8th – Sedco monthly clean up day. Meet at Goodfellas at 9:00 am.
- 2) Saturday, April 15th – Easter Egg hunt at noon at Memorial Park.

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

17. Planning Commission – Mr. Greg Bachy

- 1) Met on March 16th and reviewed Dollar General Subdivision consolidation plan.
- 2) Resident at 2220 Palmer asked about whether a medical marijuana facility is allowable in that district. They are planning to submit an application to the state. It is allowable as a conditional use under the current zoning ordinance and state law.
- 3) Subdivision land development ordinance was completed; there were a number of changes suggested. The team will be meeting again on April 20th to discussion changes. A recommendation will be brought to council.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- 1) Mr. McTiernan was consulted on the question of zoning and medical marijuana facility. The state laws govern it directly.

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- 1) Bids were received for the M48 Green Infrastructure Demonstration Project. The project is required under the interim consent order and must be completed on or before June 30th. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$160-190,000. A total of six bids were received:
 - i. R & B Contracting - \$98,500 – requested to withdraw bid due to a clerical error.
 - ii. Lawson Excavating - \$173,280
 - iii. Soli Construction - \$197,500
 - iv. Lutterman Excavating - \$207,500
 - v. Vigliotii Contracting - \$253,644.81
 - vi. Mele & Mele - \$346,907.47
- 2) Mr. Zischkau recommends awarding to Lawson Excavating for \$173,280.
- 3) Motion to allow R & B Contracting to withdraw their bid. Moved by D. Rapp, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

- 4) Motion to award contract to Lawson Excavating for \$173,280. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- 1) There has been a significant reduction in accidents through the borough's efforts in forming a safety committee and meeting with a safety consultant from East Coast Risk Management monthly. This has resulted in a significant reduction in accidents claims and worker's comp claims, saving the borough between \$60-80,000 a year and increased rebates by \$42,000.
- 2) Memorandum from the Recreation Board regarding the improvements to Collingwood Playground. Those present included President Stanton, Mr. Wilhelm, Mayor Swartzwelder, Swissvale Recreation Board members and community residents. After consideration, the Recreation Board recommends that the borough moves ahead with improvements as stated in the grant including several suggestions for improving safety. The engineer will advertise for bids to commence with work.
- 3) Swissvale was awarded four awards by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs in the 2017 Borough News Communication Contest.
 - i. 1st place in Social Media category.
 - ii. 1st place in Special Recognitions category for the "Welcome to Swissvale" brochure.
 - iii. Honorable mention in Website category.
 - iv. Honorable mention in Newsletter category.
- 4) Reminds council members to attend a budget workshop on April 6th with the Woodland Hills School Board. Mr. Wilhelm circulated a letter to send to state and local officials opposing the tax mil increase.
- 5) Swissvale received the designation of an ALOM 2017 Banner community.
- 6) ALOM conference this weekend.

21. Unfinished Business

- 1) none

22. New Business

23. Motion to adjourn. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.