



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 3, 2017**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation – Chris Ansell
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta
4. Roll Call - P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – absent, J. Grose – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Busch – here, T. Ward – here, M. Stanton – here, D. Rapp – here
5. Public Comment
  - 1) Tracey Crombie Collins (1720 Tonette St)
    - i. May 4<sup>th</sup> is the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Spaghetti Dinner from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Swissvale Presbyterian Church.
    - ii. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Farmers Market opens May 13<sup>th</sup> behind Dickson School. Hours are 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. during the months of May – October. They are looking for volunteers to help set up and take down.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on March 29, 2017 and the *Regular Meeting* on April 5, 2017. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items:
  - 1) Motion to retain the professional services of CEC, Inc. to complete plans and specifications for Phase 2 of the South Braddock Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Project in the amount of \$78,000.00. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
  - 2) Motion to hire Daniel Fields as a full-time employee in the Department of Public Works. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.

- 3) Motion to adopt **Resolution 17-07** authorizing the Borough to cooperate with Mon Valley Initiative to facilitate the purchase of the Hohman's Cleaner site by a private buyer. Moved by M. Busch, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- 4) Motion to approve sending Asst. Chief Ellis Watson to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) at the School-Justice Partnership Institute from May 21-24 in Garden Grove, California. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 5) Motion to ratify the hiring of Hunter Albea as a part time firefighter/medic. Moved by D. Rapp, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 6) Motion to approve sending Firefighters Michael Volpe, Daniel Glancy and Kevin Morris to attend an IAFF/IAFC Physical Fitness Trainer Program in Plainfield, Illinois from May 21-26, 2017. This was funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant received last year. Moved by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of ***April 30, 2017*** in the amount of **\$ 304,099.38**
- Unpaid Bills as of ***April 30, 2017*** in the amount of **\$ 56,821.15**
- Motion by M. Busch, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta

- 1) Report is on file in the borough manager's office.

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

- 1) Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is a community CPR class. The class is filled. Another date is schedule for July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) Finishing up a Fire Inspector 1 class. Two career members and one volunteer fire fighter will become fire inspectors.

11. Public Works Report – Mr. Greg Bachy

- 1) Report is on file in the borough manager's office.
- 2) People's Gas is working on Whipple, Princeton, Monroe and Aurelius for the next couple of weeks.
- 3) Reminder – Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Dumpsters will be placed at Memorial Field for residents to dump unwanted and hard to recycle items.

Volunteers are asked to report to the DPW garage at 9 a.m. to help clean up the business district. All necessary permits have been obtained from the DEP.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- 1) The C.O.G. met on April 27<sup>th</sup> – A guest speaker from Allegheny County Library Association presented, promoting libraries as assets to the community. Asking boroughs to include libraries on website.
- 2) A big topic of discussion was asbestos abatement for demolitions. This will increase costs by approximately \$10,000 per unit.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- 1) No remarks

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- 1) Rotary Spaghetti Dinner tomorrow, May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Parkway flower planting. Volunteers are asked to report at 9 a.m. All supplies are provided.
- 3) Community Days is schedule for June 23 & 24.

16. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.

- 1) There was a water main break on Church Street by the Swissvale Presbyterian Church in April. It was repaired and is back in service.
- 2) New water line was placed on Delaware extension.

17. Planning Commission – Mr. Greg Bachy

- 1) There was a brief meeting in April covering the subdivision and land development ordinance. Several members were absent and the discussion was tabled. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. on May 18<sup>th</sup>. A recommendation will be brought to council.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- 1) Nothing to report

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- 1) The MS4 program will be included in the report starting next month. Necessary documents are in the works that need to be filed by September. Mapping is substantial complete and the borough is participating with Three Rivers Wet Weather to put a mapping system together.

#### 20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- 1) New police vehicles were delivered and are in service. Old vehicles will be placed on Muncibid in the near future.
- 2) As part of health and wellness initiative, the fire department received a grant from AFG for physical fitness, physicals and vaccinations. HepB vaccinations are being offered to police and DPW employees not as part of the grant.
- 3) Reports coming in from the new delinquent tax collectors are more thorough than our previous ones.
- 4) Mr. Wilhelm investigated the overall current housing situation in the borough.
  - i. Houses that previously sold for \$48-\$77,000 less than 10 years ago are now selling for \$160,000. A house recently sold on McClure Ave for \$5,000 over asking price.
  - ii. Volume of building permits coming in has increased dramatically. The previous average over the last 6 years for the first four months of the year was 25 permits. There have already been 51 permits submitted this year.

#### 21. Unfinished Business

- 1) None

#### 22. New Business

- 1) None

23. Motion to adjourn. Motion by P. Gionta, Second, T. Ward.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.