



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
COUNCIL MEETING**

June 7, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation – Pastor Les Scales
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Julie Grose
4. Roll Call - P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Swartzwelder – absent, M. Busch – here, T. Ward – absent, M. Stanton – here, D. Rapp – here
5. Public Comment
 - 1) Giselle Hoover (2015 Lafayette Street) – Asked for clarification regarding the letter from WHSD that stated crossing guards would be eliminated.
 - i. The Borough did receive the letter but has not received any further correspondence from the district. The borough will convey any information received to the crossing guard collective bargaining unit.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on April 26, 2017 and the *Regular Meeting* on May 3, 2017. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Swissvale Police Officers Association ending December 31, 2021. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2) Motion to authorize the advertisement of proposed Ordinance 17-03 requiring a permit for certain Special Events. Moved by P. Grose, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.

- 3) Motion to authorize the advertisement of proposed Ordinance (17-05) updating the Borough's SALDO ordinance. Moved by M. Busch, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
- 4) Motion to authorize resolution 17-08 to offer for sale to borough residents and employees surplus Belgian block from the LaCrosse Avenue reconstruction project. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
- 5) Motion to approve an easement and maintenance agreement between the Borough and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for the storm water demonstration project below Memorial Field. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
- 6) Motion to authorize the solicitor to take necessary actions to obtain Borough ownership of the vacant lots located at 1820, 1822 and 1824 S. Braddock Ave. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 7) Motion to accept the resignation of part-time police officer KathyJo Bresnock. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **May 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$255,087.78**.
- Unpaid Bills as of **May 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$43,530.99**.
- Moved by M. Busch, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Chief Greg Geppert

- 1) Report is on file in borough manager's office.
- 2) The department may be looking to hire another part-time officer to cover the resignation of Officer Bresnock.
- 3) Chief Geppert thanks the DPW for removing a stop sign that was placed without the borough's permission up the hill on Roslyn.

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

- 1) SFD assisted with a large fire in North Braddock on Sunday night where three houses were burning. There were no injuries. Penn Hills covered Swissvale during this time.
- 2) Code enforcement is busy. Property complaints are coming in about growing vegetation.
- 3) Next CPR class is Saturday, July 1st. Contact the fire department to sign up.

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

- 1) Report is on file in borough manager's office.
- 2) Paving project on Lacrosse is waiting for the gas company to finish their work.
- 3) Met with Penn Dot on May 16th to discuss phase 2 of TAP grant for pedestrian safety on South Braddock Avenue. PennDot does not feel the need for a public meeting. The project is moving forward. There will be a preliminary submission to PennDot sometime in June. Hoping to have all of the engineering completed by December of this year.
- 4) DPW has work to do on Smokeywood drive ahead of the paving project. Smokeywood will be closed from approximately 8:00 am – 3:00 pm on June 8th. Police/Fire/EMS will be notified.
- 5) Summer help is starting on Monday, June 12. One of their many tasks will be to remove signs from poles throughout the borough.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- 1) There was a meeting with the COG about landbank application around Hohman's Cleaners. Working collectively to get that issue resolved.
- 2) Notification that the COG got a grant to replace the waterline on Church Street between Hanover and Monongahela. The project should happen within the next six months.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- 1) Community Days is June 23 -24. There will be fireworks Saturday at 10:00 p.m.
- 2) Saturday June 24th is the Swissvale Mile at 8:00 a.m.
- 3) Farmer's Market is ongoing through October, every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder, absent

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

17. Planning Commission – Mr. Greg Bachy

- 1) The SALDO will be sent to county. They will bring a recommendation for a public hearing date to next month's meeting.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- 1) No report

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- 1) No report

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- 1) The grant was received for demolition of GAR home. Asks council to make a motion to advertise for clearance hearings for 2622 Woodstock Ave for July 26th at 7:00 p.m. Moved by D. Petrarca, second by M. Busch.
- 2) Workers comp is coming up for renewal. Mr. Wilhelm will be meeting with the insurance representative and should have new premiums for next month. Premiums for volunteer fire fighters are going up, despite modifiers being reduced. Due to the Cancer Presumption Act, private carriers are no longer insuring volunteer fire fighters and the State Workers Insurance Fund is the policy that is increasing.

21. Unfinished Business

- 1) None

22. New Business

- 1) M. Busch – Requested a discussion of creating a dog park. Motion to advertise an amendment to the current ordinance to allow dogs in specified park areas. Motion to advertise by M. Busch, second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 2) Mennonite Church has asked what they can do to help the community.
- 3) Discussion around the landscape and architecture of the empty lot at the corner of S. Braddock Ave and Church Street.

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

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.