



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 5, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation – Deacon Ron Demblowski
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Martin Busch
4. Roll Call - P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Swartzwelder – absent, M. Busch – here, T. Ward – here, M. Stanton – here,
 - 1) D. Rapp – here (7:02 p.m.)
5. Public Comment
 - 1) None
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on May 31, 2017 and the *Regular Meeting* on June 5, 2017. Moved by M. Busch, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Motion to approve Ordinance 17-03 requiring a permit for certain Special Events. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2) Motion to approve Ordinance 17-04 amending Chapter 16 of the Swissvale Borough Code, Section 16-203, entitled “Pets Prohibited.” Moved by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 3) Motion to renew worker’s compensation policies for policy year from 8/1/17 – 7/31/2018 in the amounts of \$176,048 for Borough Employees \$27,625 for Volunteer Firefighters. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

- 4) Motion to authorize the Solicitor and Borough Manager to prepare and advertise an ordinance accepting the road right-of-way in the 2600 block of S. Braddock Ave as part of the Dollar General Development. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 5) Motion to approve Resolution 17-09 establishing the Borough's fee schedule for Special Event Permit Applications. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 6) Motion to approve Resolution 17-10 approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of a parcel of vacant property known as block and lot number 178-L-039 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by D. Rapp. Roll Call Vote - P. Gionta – Yes, D. Petrarca – Yes, J. Grose – Yes, D. Rapp – Yes, T. Ward – Yes, M. Busch – Yes, M. Stanton – Abstained. Motion carries.
 - 7) Motion to authorize the sale of the 2004 Spartan Rescue Pumper to the New Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department for the amount of \$75,000. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch
- Paid Bills as of **June 30, 2017** in the amount of **\$339,538.70**.
 - Unpaid Bills as of **June 30, 2017** in the amount of **\$354,976.54**.
 - Moved by M. Busch, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Asst. Chief Watson
- 1) Report is on file in Borough Manager's office.
 - 2) The Woodland Hills School District has created a Commission on Youth Development and Learning. One important task of the Commission is to assess the District's relationship with local law enforcement. The District requests council's approval to use Assistant Chief Ellis Watson as part of the Commission team.
 - 3) The police department will be participating in car seat safety check on Thursday, July 13th with other municipalities.
10. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton, Asst. Chief Kip Deleonibus
- 1) Report is on file in Borough Manager's office.

- 2) Saturday, July 1st was the last Community CPR class. There were nine people in attendance and the feedback was positive.
- 3) The fire department had a busy June with code enforcement. Code enforcement officers visited 257 properties, enforcing different codes. Posted 50 properties with violation notices and sent 87 violation notices by certified mail.

11. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca

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

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- 1) On summer leave. Nothing new to report.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- 1) Thank you to organizers of The Swissvale Mile and Swissvale Community Days.

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- 1) Thanks everyone involved with Swissvale Community Days. It was the most successful Saturday ever. Thank you to SPD, SFD, Public Works, VFD, Community Days committee, sponsors and attendees. Also thank you to the Swissvale Mile coordinators.
- 2) July 8th – Sedco clean up morning. Meet at 9 a.m. at Goodfella's.
- 3) July 15th from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. is Carrie Furnace 1st annual Community Days. There will be food vendors, tours and activities for kids.
- 4) August 1st – National Night Out from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. – block party requests. Encourages residents to turn on their porch lights, get together with their neighbors and have a great night.

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

17. Planning Commission – Mr. Greg Bachy

- 1) The Commission did not meet in June. No report.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- 1) Nothing in addition to the agenda items.

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

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

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- 1) Former owner of Hohman's Cleaners agreed to sign over the property to the land bank. Mr. Wilhelm will be working closely with the COG and land bank to acquire the property.

21. Unfinished Business

22. New Business

- 1) TribLive.com had an article about disincorporation. Swissvale is listed as under review. Mr. Petrarca asked if any elected officials or administrative staff had any conversations with county representatives regarding this – all said "no". Mr. Petrarca wants the public to know that Swissvale would lose the elected officials, the police department, fire department and public works department if this happened. Council requests a letter be drafted to send expressing the Council's disinterest in disincorporation.

23. Motion to adjourn. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.