



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 2, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation – Dai Morgan
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Tim Ward
4. Roll Call - P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Busch – here, T. Ward – here, M. Stanton – here, D. Rapp – absent
5. Public Comment
 - 1) Tracey Crombie Collins – Placed a letter in council’s packet submitting her official application for placement on the water authority board. She is very active in many aspects of the community.
 - 2) Swissvale Mile – Sarah Ansell, Monica Fletcher and Megan Vrcic presented the proceeds check from the 2017 Swissvale Mile to Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder. The check totaled \$5,756.92 and will go into the Borough’s Community Enrichment Fund. They extended a special “thank you” to the department of public works, police department, fire department and council for all of their help and support.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on June 28, 2017 and the *Regular Meeting* on July 5, 2017. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Motion to advertise a public hearing for the adoption of the SALDO Ordinance. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2) Motion to advertise proposed Ordinance 17-05 adopting the SALDO Ordinance. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 3) Motion to advertise proposed Ordinance 17-06 condemning the properties at 1820, 1822 and 1824 South Braddock Avenue for the purpose of establishing a public park. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

- 4) Motion to approve a contract with Civil and Environmental Consultants in the amount of \$5,500.00 to conduct a traffic study to determine the feasibility of creating one-way traffic flow on Schoyer Avenue between South Braddock Avenue and Monongahela Avenue. Moved by T. Ward, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 5) Motion to ratify a contract with Matthews Wall Anchor Service in the amount of \$10,500.00 to stabilize the brick fascia on the Borough Building. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 6) Motion to approve the Chief of Police request to attend FOP Convention. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 7) Motion to hire Robert Fry as a part-time firefighter at the contractual rate of 13.65 per hour. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 8) Motion to hire Joshua Carlini as a part-time firefighter at the contractual rate of 13.65 per hour. Moved by T. Ward, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **July 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$724,326.88**.
- Unpaid Bills as of **July 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$11,125.94**.
- Moved by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta

- 1) Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- 2) Mayor Swartzwelder and Chief Geppert have been conducting interviews for part-time officers. Motion to hire Matthew Feldmeier, Corey Holmes, Dion Tallie and Kyle Pierce pending background checks. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch.
- 3) Chief Geppert received a letter from the Woodland Hills School District stating their interest in eliminating the School Resource Officer at the intermediate school. Council is unanimously opposed to eliminating the position. Chief Geppert and Mr. Wilhelm will meet with the school district to communicate the council's position and discuss further actions.
- 4) Mr. Wilhelm is still waiting to receive official correspondence regarding the employment of the school crossing guards.

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

- 1) The fire department received a request to go to Metro Community Health Center (1789 S. Braddock Ave) for some training on emergency situation scenarios.

Asst. Chief Watson, Det. Corrado and Asst. Chief Deleonibus put on an hour of training on July 17th.

- 2) Fire Department attended training by Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety titled "Joint Public Safety Response to Active Shooting." The presentation included the most current studies on active shooting situations.
- 3) Fire Department is going through its ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. The last rating was in 2013 and was a rating of Class 3. It entails an audit of the efficiency of the department. The ISO rating affects insurance premiums. The department's goal is to achieve a rating of Class 1. There are only five Class 1 departments in the state.

11. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca

- 1) Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- 2) The paving project continues. All new storm sewers and the jointly owned Edgewood and Swissvale storm sewer have been installed. All bricks and cobble stone has been removed from Lacrosse Street. The stone is now available for purchase by borough residents only for \$1.50 a piece in the borough office.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- 1) There was a land bank meeting on July 13th to demonstrate a new software package.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- 1) Ms. Stanton received a request to contact County Executive Rich Fitzgerald's office. Mr. Fitzgerald received the Council's letter in regard to disincorporation. He assured Ms. Stanton that there is no push for any of the recommended boroughs to disincorporate.
- 2) Council received correspondence in their packets from the joint municipalities of the Woodland Hills School District that was presented to the school board at the May meeting.

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- 1) No report

16. Water Authority Report –

- 1) Council is working to solicit any residents who are interested in being the borough's representative to the water authority. Interested residents should submit a letter by August 11th.

17. Planning Commission – Mr. Greg Bachy

- 1) The planning commission met to review one application.
- 2) Waiting to hear back from the county on the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance. The hearing meeting will be August 30th.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- 1) Judge O’Riley signed the order on the Collingwood property. The Borough will become owners as of August 28th.

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- 1) Requesting council schedule a public meeting for the purpose of discussing a pollution prevention plan required under the MS4 regulations. The Borough is required to file a notice of intent to file for a permit. The application is due Sept 19th. Motion to advertise and approve a hearing pm August 30th. Moved by D. Petrarca, second by M. Busch.

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- 1) August 30th – there will be 3 public meetings (demolition clearance hearing for LGAR Home, SALDO Ordinance hearing, MS4 hearing) starting at 7:00 pm before the agenda setting meeting.
- 2) The Borough received the annual dividend check from EMC insurance of about \$5,000 compared to \$42,000 last year. The direct impact is from claims filed last year.
- 3) The date has been scheduled for the 2nd annual employee appreciation picnic, Sept 9th from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Les Getz Memorial Field.
- 4) There are several organizations that are unhappy about the event permit ordinance passed by council. There will be a meeting at the county executive’ office with Mr. Wilhelm, Ms. Stanton, Mr. Petrarca and several other representatives of various organizations regarding the event permit ordinance.

21. Unfinished Business

22. New Business

- 1) August 12th – SEDCO monthly clean up.
- 2) SEDCO is considering applying for a Rivers of Steel grant regarding recreation. The grant application is due August 30th.

23. Motion to adjourn. Moved by P Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.