



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

September 6, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.
2. Invocation – Pastor Dave Swanson
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Darrell Rapp
4. Roll Call P. Gionta – absent, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Busch – here, T. Ward – here, M. Stanton – here, Rapp – here
5. Public Comment
 - 1) Margaret Poindexter (7809 Westmoreland) – 1) Following up on previous request for signs to be replaced on Braddock Ave directing trucks to the parkway and away from Edgewood Avenue. Mr. Bachy reported that the signs have been ordered and should be arriving soon. Two new signs will replace four current signs. 2) There is a hole in Columbia Avenue at West Moreland. Mr. Bachy will look at the intersection make arrangements if more cold patch is needed.
 - 2) Johnny Grandizio (7909 Lloyd Ave) – 1) Owns property on Woodstock Terrace. He is unhappy with the condition of the road. Mr. Bachy is aware of the problem. DPW has previously patched the street and will patch again later this year. The issue was referred to the Public Works Committee for further investigation. 2) Complained about the condition of “Building 6” on the same street which seems to be vacant and has an abandoned car in front. Wants the property to be added to the vacant property list and for DPW to take over maintenance. Asst. Chief Watson made note of the abandoned vehicle and will investigate.
 - 3) John Potter – Property owner on Roslyn and Cannon St. Asked about the lack of stops signs at the intersection of Roslyn and Milligan. He is concerned about the number of near accidents he has witnessed there. Mr. Bachy will have the traffic engineer look at the intersection and make a recommendation.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on July 26, 2017 and the *Regular Meeting* on August 2, 2017. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries. Abstained – D. Rapp.

7. Agenda Items:

- 1) Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-05 condemning the properties at 1820, 1822 and 1824 South Braddock Avenue for the purpose of establishing a public park. Moved by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 2) Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-06 formally accepting the dedication of a portion of land along the 2600 block of South Braddock Avenue for use as public road right-of-way from PTV, XXIII, LLC. Moved by J. Grose, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 3) Motion to approve Resolution 17-11 formalizing the participation of Swissvale Borough in an MS4 Working Group with the Boroughs of Edgewood and Wilkesburg and the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association in order to help fulfill the requirements of the Minimum Control Measures #1, #2 and #6 in the MS4 permits. Moved by T. Ward, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
- 4) Motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to submit a Notice of Intent for the MS4 Permit and draft Pollution Reduction Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the period of March 9, 2018 through March 9, 2023. Moved by J. Grose, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 5) Motion to declare the structure at 2622 Woodstock Avenue as a dangerous structure in accordance with Ordinance 90-08 and ordering its demolition. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 6) Motion to award a contract for the demolition of 2622 Woodstock Avenue to Continental Excavation and Demolition in the amount of \$225,000.00 pending a reference check by the Borough Engineer. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 7) Motion to reject all bids received for the reconstruction of the Collingwood Playground. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - i. There was significant inconsistency in the bids. The specifications for the bids were not specific enough to clarify the scope of work. The borough engineer recommends rebidding the project after adding more details. The Collingwood grant is available until 2019.
- 8) Motion to approve Resolution 17-12 approving a Vacant Property Recovery Program application for Block and Lot 178-L-230 known as 7320 Schley Avenue. Moved by T. Ward, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 9) Motion to approve Resolution 17-13 approving a Vacant Property Recovery Program application for Block and Lot 235-B-46 known as 2350 Delaware Avenue. Moved by T. Ward, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

- 10) Motion to authorize the sale of a 2011 Chevrolet Caprice to Wallingford Buick GMC in the amount of \$7,951.00. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 11) Motion to authorize the sale of a 2012 Chevrolet Caprice to Dennis Nolan in the amount of \$8,101.00. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 12) Motion to authorize the sale of four HD Signature Autobahn Wheels and tires to Larry Youngblood in the amount of \$750.00. Moved by M. Busch, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
- 13) Motion to authorize the sale of four HD Signature Autobahn Wheels and tires to Wallingford Buick GMC in the amount of \$551.00. Moved by M. Busch, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **August 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$905,667.06**.
- Unpaid Bills as of **August 31, 2017** in the amount of **\$35,398.66**.
- Motion to approve the financial report by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- Mr. Busch reported that the finance committee and administration is working on the 2018 budget.

9. Police Report – Asst. Chief Ellis Watson

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

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

- 1) The Annual Corn Roast and Car Cruise fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Department in partnership with Busch Brother's Tires will be on Saturday, September 16th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 2) August 31st – The fire department was dispatched to Harvard Street for a cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, the house was locked and responders could not get in. The actual situation turned out to be a fire in an upstairs bedroom in addition to the cardiac arrest. The cardiac victim had passed several hours before. The incident is under further investigation.
- 3) Motion to ratify the hiring of Thomas Martin as a part-time firefighter/paramedic. Moved by J. Grose, Second by M. Busch.

11. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca

- 1) Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- 2) Street Sweeper was out of service for routine maintenance and is now back. Street Sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Monday, Sept 11th.
- 3) Duquesne Light has hired Nelson Tree Service to prune trees throughout the borough for the next 6-8 weeks.
- 4) Belgian Blocks are still available to purchase at Memorial Field for \$1.50 each. Must be purchased in advance. Delivery is not available.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- 1) No meeting this month.

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- 1) Ms. Stanton brought it to the attention of council that Mr. Rapp has been attending meetings at the Carrie Furnace as a representative of Swissvale. Ms. Stanton reminded Mr. Rapp that he does not represent the Borough of Swissvale at these meetings.
- 2) The Dollar General is now open.

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- 1) Sedco's monthly clean up is scheduled on September 9th at 10 a.m. starting at GoodFella's Restaurant.
- 2) Sedco is organizing a business forum on Monday, Sept 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station.
- 3) The Farmer's Market continues through the end of October from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be a special flea market on Sept 23rd.

16. Water Authority Report -

17. Planning Commission – Mr. Greg Bachy

- 1) The August meeting was cancelled because of lack of a quorum. Sept 21st is the next meeting. The subject of the meeting is final revisions to the SALDO as requested by the county.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- 1) The Solicitor will be moving to court to file a petition to finalize the process for Ordinance 17-05.

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- 1) Nothing further to report.

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- 1) Four letters have been received from candidates who expressed interest in appointment to the Water Authority. Candidates will be invited to the next agenda meeting to give a brief interview before council. Candidates under consideration are Carmine Russo, Tracey Crombie Collins, Mike Alder and Martin Busch.
- 2) Employee picnic is this Saturday, Sept 9th.

21. Unfinished Business

22. New Business

23. Motion to adjourn. Moved by J. Grose, Second by T. Ward.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.