



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 4, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation – Pastor Eric Baldwin
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta
4. Roll Call - P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Busch – here, T. Ward – here, Rapp – here, M. Stanton – here
5. Public Comment
 - 1) Martin Busch – Presented the proceeds from the Car Cruise and Corn Roast to Mayor Swartzwelder and Asst. Chief Watson. The total donation to the K-9 unit came to \$1,150.00.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on August 30, 2017 and the *Regular Meeting* on September 6, 2017. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Motion to approve the low bid of \$58,880.25 from El Grande Industries for the paving of Woodlawn Avenue and Prospect Avenue. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2) Motion to approve Resolution 17-14 establishing local agency procedures regarding Heart and Lung Act. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 3) Motion to appoint a representative to WPJWA Board of Directors to fill an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2017.
 - a. Motion to appoint Carmine Russo by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta.
 - i. P. Gionta – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – no, M. Busch – yes, T. Ward – no, M. Stanton – no, D. Rapp – no. Motion defeated.

b. Motion to appoint Tracey Crombie-Collins by T. Ward, Second by J. Grose.

i. P. Gionta – no, D. Petrarca – no, J. Grose – yes, M. Busch – no, T. Ward – yes, M. Stanton – yes, D. Rapp – yes. Motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **September 30, 2017** in the amount of **\$781,257.13**.
- Unpaid Bills as of **September 30, 2017** in the amount of **\$645,973.00**.
- Motion to approve the financial report by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Asst. Chief Watson

- 1) Report on file in Borough Manager's Office.
- 2) Thrival was this weekend. There were over 4,000 attendants on Friday night and 6,000 on Saturday night. Only 7 arrests were made for minor offenses. Chief Watson thanks the administration and everyone who made the event successful and safe for all participants. He thanks council for passing legislation to allow the police to do their jobs safely and effectively.

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

- 1) Friday, October 6th is the Volunteer Fire Department Fall Fish Fryday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 2) Community CPR class is October 14th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Several spaces are still available.
- 3) Flu vaccinations will be available, October 21st (1-5 p.m.) and October 23rd (6-9 p.m.) Free to residents over the age of 18. No appointment necessary, while supplies last.

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

- 1) Report on file in the Borough Manager's Office.
- 2) Street sweeping ends October 27th. Leaf collection begins October 30th and continues through December 8th, following the regular street sweeper schedule. Leaf piles must not be contaminating with anything other than leaves.
- 3) Public Works equipment is being inspected and updated for winter road maintenance. The Borough has 300 tons of rock salt on hand.
- 4) Cobble stones are available for purchase.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- 1) The COG met on September 28th. PA One Call Connect is introducing a “Coordinate PA” software program for municipalities and utility companies to map out and coordinate upcoming projects.
- 2) The COG will begin allowing mayors to be voting members.
- 3) TCVCOG is interested in being a resource for MS4 compliance. Discussions are underway for buying a street sweeper.

14. President’s Remarks – President Stanton

- 1) Ms. Stanton attended Thrival on Saturday night. She thanks the police, fire and EMS for their excellent work of keeping everyone safe.

15. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- 1) Ms. Swartzwelder thanks everyone who attended the business forum hosted by SEDCO. About 40 people attended and the event was very informative and successful.
- 2) The Farmer’s Market ends October 28th.
- 3) The annual Halloween parade is October 28th at noon. The parade ends at Dickson School with treats for all participants. Residents are encouraged to come out and cheer on kids who march.
- 4) Trick-or-Treating is on Tuesday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m.

16. Water Authority Report –

- 1) No Report

17. Planning Commission – Mr. Greg Bachy

- 1) The Planning Commission met on September 21st to review suggestions from the county on the SALDO. The Commission did make changes and sent it back to the county for review. The final revision was accepted. The next step is to schedule a public hearing and advertise the ordinance. Motion to schedule a public hearing on October 25th and advertise the ordinance. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- 1) The Borough received a letter from SPOA about the collective bargaining agreement. There are two minor matters (clarification of wages, revision to collective bargaining agreement). The Solicitor and Borough Manager are

addressing the matter. He hopes these are the final steps and will have a signed agreement soon.

- 2) Mr. McTiernan sent a letter to Allegheny County Department of Development responding to their concerns about the Special Events permit and asking for clarification.

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- 1) Report on file in Borough Manager's office.
- 2) Mr. Zischkau received good references on the contractor for demolition of 2622 Woodstock Ave and is moving forward.
- 3) Mr. Rapp asked for an update on the sewer demonstration projects.
- 4) Mr. Ward asked for an update on the rebid of Collingwood playground. The Engineer is working on the redesign. The work will likely go out for bid in early November and construction in the spring of 2018.

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- 1) Several hundred hours went into the planning for the Thrival concert, especially by the Borough's salaried department heads (Asst. Chief DeLeonibus, Chief Wilhelm and Asst. Chief Watson). There was a good working relationship between the Borough and LiveNation, the producers of the event. Mr. Wilhelm thanks Allegheny County Emergency Services for the use of their resources.
- 2) Friday afternoon, a dump truck's brakes failed and it ran into a town house. Fortunately no one was home. Public works was able to assist with a backhoe to dig up the gas line to shut the gas off. Mr. Wilhelm thanks the police, public works and fire crews for their fine work.
- 3) The second and final air quality analysis is being completed on October 5th at the Hohman's Cleaners.
- 4) The Filmet building on Washington Avenue is currently being demolished by the owner.
- 5) Mr. Wilhelm, the administration and the finance council will be working to prepare the 2018 budget.

21. Unfinished Business – none.

22. New Business

- 1) Ms. Grose shared the new EastShore Initiative banners. EastShore is a rebranding of the area (Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin and Swissvale). The

banners will be located in the four communities. Peoples Gas is supplying funding.

- 2) Mr. Rapp received an invitation from PennDot for council to provide input on changing the on ramp to 376E toward Monroeville to allow both right and left turns to enter from Monongahela Ave.

23. Motion to adjourn. Moved by T. Ward, Second by D. Petrarca.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

COMMEMORATION

Alvar "Ollie" R. Erlandson, past Swissvale Council Member and Borough Secretary