



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 4, 2016**

1. Mayor Swartzwelder calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
  2. Invocation – Pastor Eric Baldwin, River City Church
  3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Darrell Rapp
  4. Roll Call: P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Rapp – here, T. Ward – here, M. Stanton – here, M. Busch. All present.
  5. Nomination and election of President.
    - a. M. Busch nominates M. Stanton with P. Gionta second. All ayes, motion carried.
  6. Nomination and election of Vice President
    - a. M. Stanton nominates D. Petrarca with P. Gionta second. All ayes, motion carried.
  7. President Stanton assumes charge of meeting.
  8. Public Comment
    - a. Megan Vrcic would like to thank the borough, specifically the fire department, for their assistance with the luminary sales during the Christmas season. They were able to raise money to donate to a local food bank.
  9. Agenda Items:
    1. Motion by P. Gionta to approve **Resolution 16-01** reappointing Benjamin Davidson to a 5 year term ending on January 1, 2021 and appointing Michael Alder to a three year term ending on January 1,
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2019 to the Zoning Hearing Board. M. Busch as second. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by P. Gionta to appoint the following members to the Recreation Board:

Nick Hansen,	Term Expiring:	01/01/2018
Thomas Ramsey	Term Expiring	01/01/2018
John McFarland	Term Expiring:	01/01/2019
Sara Benson	Term Expiring:	01/01/2019
Chris Ansel	Term Expiring:	01/01/2020
Michael Alder	Term Expiring:	01/01/2020

J. Grose as second. All ayes, motion carries.

3. Motion by P. Gionta to reappoint David Nickel and Daria Wiswell to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending January 1, 2020. M. Busch second. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion by P. Gionta to reappoint John Oravic to the IMPC Board of Appeals for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2019. M. Busch second. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Motion by P. Gionta to reappoint James Welsh to the Civil Service Commission for a 3 year term ending January 1, 2019. D. Petrarca as second. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by P. Gionta to reappoint Amy Sterrett to the Steel Valley Authority for a 5 year term ending January 1, 2021. J. Grose as second. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by P. Gionta to reappoint Clyde Wilhelm as the Emergency Management Coordinator and David Miller and Francis Deleonibus as Deputies. M. Busch as second. All ayes, motion carried.

#### 10. Finance Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton

- Paid Bills as of **December 31, 2015** in the amount of **\$749,453.81**
- Unpaid Bills as of **December 31, 2015** in the amount of **\$ - 0 –**
- Motion by P. Gionta and M. Busch as second. All ayes, motion carried.

#### 11. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta

- a. Report on file.
  - b. Chief Geppert has nothing to add.
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12. Code and Fire Report – Assistant Chief Deleonibus:

- a. The first CPR class went well.
- b. 3 firefighters will begin training to become qualified fire inspectors
- c. There will also be Firefighter One Training.

13. Public Works Report – DPW Director Greg Bachy

- a. Three new people have been hired to run the garbage trucks. They started on January 4 for a week of training before garbage pickup begins on January 11.
- b. All the trucks are officially ready and will go out for the first garbage pickup on January 11.
- c. While it has been a fairly mild winter the borough had its first incident with snow and ice. Everything was handled and the salt trucks went out without issue.

14. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

15. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Darrell Rapp

- a. There is to be an annual dinner held sometime late January. Details will be made available shortly.

16. President's Remarks –

- a. Newly elected president M. Stanton would like to thank everyone on council for the position and says she looks forward to the coming year.

17. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder would like to publicly thank Mr. Mike Alder for his service as an interim member of council and has awarded him with a certificate of appreciation for his time in office.

18. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr. - Absent

19. Planning Commission –

- a. The zoning board has almost completed the update to the zoning ordinance; the draft should be made available in the next 45-60 days.

20. Solicitor Report – Homer Walton – Nothing to add

21. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau - Absent

22. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Received word that the application for the CITF grant was declined
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- b. We received a resignation from Frank Caputo, who has been hired by Pittsburgh Fire Department.
  - c. I would ask council to approval to hire Derek Price as a firefighter/paramedic to replace Mr. Caputo. Motioned by P. Gionta and seconded by M. Busch to hire Derek Price as a part-time firefighter. With all ayes the motion carries.
23. Unfinished Business – Nothing to report
24. New Business
- a. Gilbert Miller of 1810 Hannover St. - Discussion regarding ordinance and creation of the Shade Tree Comission.
25. Motion by D. Petrarca to adjourn with P. Gionta as second. All ayes, motion carried.
26. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
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