



## BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stanton.
  2. Invocation – Pastor Dennis Handley
  3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Martin Busch
  4. Roll Call – D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Rapp – here, T. Ward – here, M. Busch – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, M. Stanton. P. Gionta - absent
  5. Public Comment
    - a. Sean Locks (7130 Schoyer Ave): Lives in a half a duplex and the other half of the building (7128) is derelict. The two duplexes share a lateral sewer pipe and because it rests under the abandoned property it has now become so damaged that it is clogged and there is no way for the sewage from Mr. Lock's property to drain. He also has an issue with the roof on the other side as it looks like it is about to cave in. Discussion followed amongst Mr. Lock, council and the solicitor. The property is going up for sheriff sale in May. The sewage lateral issue is the responsibility of the homeowner(s).
  6. Approval of Minutes – Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* held on February 24, 2016 and the *Regular Meeting* held on March 2, 2015. Second by M. Busch. Roll Call: D. Petrarca – aye, J. Grose – aye, D. Rapp- abstain, T. Ward – aye, M. Busch – aye, M. Stanton – aye. Five ayes one abstention – motion carried.
  7. Agenda Items:
    1. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve renewal of Vector Agreement with Turtle Creek Valley COG. J. Grose second. All ayes, motion carries.
    2. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve renewal of Parkway Grass Cutting agreement with PENNDOT for a three year term. M. Busch second. All ayes, motion carries.
    3. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the advertisement of Ordinance 16-04, amending Section 20 of the Code of Ordinances to provide optional Solid Waste collection service for Commercial Establishments. T. Ward second. All ayes, motion carries.
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4. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the hiring of Paul Breakwell as a part-time employee of the Department of Public Works at the Hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour. J. Grose second. All ayes, motion carries.
5. Motion by M. Busch to authorize the administration to take necessary actions in accordance with the Municipal Planning Code for the adoption process related to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
6. Motion by D. Petrarca to authorize the advertisement for Bids for the 2016 Road Paving Project. Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
7. Motion by M. Busch to reappoint the following members to the Shade Tree Committee:
 

Heather Lyle	1 Year Term ending on January 1, 2017
Matt Mercurio	2 Year Term Ending on January 1, 2018
Gilbert Miller	3 Year Term ending on January 1, 2019
Kurt Summersgill	4 Year Term ending on January 1, 2020
Terry Ward	5 Year Term ending on January 1, 2021

Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Motion by T. Ward to approve Resolution 16-07, that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number **178-C-158** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
9. Motion by M. Busch to renew Borough's Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance Package with EMC Insurance through Duncan Insurance Group in the amount of \$89,747.00. Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
10. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the hiring of the following seasonal employees for the Department of Public Works at the rate of \$10.00 per hour:

Adam Miller  
Brendon Boyle  
Emmanuel Epitropolis  
Lukas Howard

Second by J. Grose.

Roll Call: D. Petrarca – aye, J. Grose – aye, D. Rapp – abstains, T. Ward – aye, M. Busch – aye, M. Stanton –aye. Five ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **March 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 558,146.94**

- Unpaid Bills as of **March 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 18,573.03**
- Motion by M. Busch to approve the finance report. Second by J. Grose all ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Assistant Chief Watson

- a. Police Report is on file in the administrative office.
- b. The police have addressed the complaints from residents of the borough from the last meeting (parking issues both on Cannon Street and Milligan Street). Both of the people have been notified of the issue and the police are monitoring to ensure that they have understood what they are to do.

10. Code and Fire Report – Assistant Chief Francis “Kip” Deleonibus

- a. The first part of the yearly code
- b. CPR April 16, 2016.
- c. Fire Department was called to Penn Hills to aide them while fighting a fire the week before Easter. There were no reportable injuries from any of the Swissvale Firefighters that were at that fire.
- d. Increase in fires in the area these past few months. Code enforcement is one way to combat these potential issues.
- e. Members of the code/fire committee as well as Chief Wilhelm met before the current council meeting and interviewed an applicant for Part-Time firefighter. Chief Wilhelm requests that council make a motion to hire Adam Kauer as a part-time firefighter. Motion by T. Ward, second by J. Grose. All ayes and no questions, motion carries.
- f. Automatic Mutual Aid from the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire has been put into effect. It has been a great asset to the community and going further will be able to provide residents with better service in the event of an emergency situation.

11. Public Works Report – Director Greg Bachy

- a. If trucks are needed they are ready with salt in the event of snow over the weekend.
  - b. Spring/Summer road improvements will begin next week now that the repaving schedule has been approved. There are approximately thirty projects that need to be completed between now and October.
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- c. Street sweeping will begin next week. The first two weeks officers will issue warnings to residents who have not removed their cars from the street. After those two weeks, starting April 25 police will be giving tickets to residents who do not move their cars on street sweeping day.
- d. One of the Public Works employees fell approximately 10 ft from a ladder. Due to the nature of his fall he was sent to the hospital to ensure that there was no internal damage. He was placed on light duty

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. Nothing to Report

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. Nothing to Report

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Deadline for submissions for the summer newsletter covering June, July, and August is April 13, 2016.
- b. The rotary spaghetti dinner is Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$8/adult and \$5/child.

16. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.

- a. Absent

17. Planning Commission – Veryl Lawson

- a. Noting to report

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. City development wanted judge O'Riley to overturn the ruling against the sheriff sale but the Judge dismissed their request.
  - b. Councilman David Petrarca would like to offer his congratulations to Mr. McTiernan. There was an article written in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Wall Street Journal about the top lawyers in the country. Solicitor Robert McTiernan was listed as one of the top lawyers in labor and employment law and lawyer of the year in Municipal Law.
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19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. PUC meeting for Kenmawr Bridge. All parties were present including the county, the municipalities involved, the railroad company, the utility companies, etc. There was a long, difficult discussion regarding who will hold responsibility for the design of the bridge and the upkeep of the bridge once it is built.

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Everything has been covered thus far in the meeting.
- b. Manager Wilhelm will need to meet with members of council after the regular council meeting to discuss legal matters.

21. Unfinished Business

- a. Most recent audit is available for members of council to review.
- b. Councilman David Petrarca (Senior Citizens Center): Has tried to meet with the president of Eastern Area Adult Services (EAAS). Some seniors have said that they want to come to the EAAS board meeting as well to show Councilman Petrarca support.

22. New Business - None

23. Motion by D. Petrarca to adjourn –

- a. M. Busch as second. All ayes, motion carries.

24. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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