



BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m by President Stanton.
2. Invocation – Pastor Eric Baldwin, River City Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Martin Busch
4. Roll Call: P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Rapp – here, T. Ward – here, M. Busch – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, and M. Stanton – here.
5. Public Comment - None
6. Agenda Items:
 1. Motion by D. Petrarca to adopt Ordinance 16-04 amending Section 20 (Solid Waste) of the Borough of Swissvale Code of Ordinances to provide optional Borough provided solid waste collection services for non-residential establishments within Swissvale. Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 2. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve Resolution 16-08 adopting a fee schedule for non-residential trash collection. All ayes, motion carries.
 3. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve Resolution 16-09 authorizing the destruction of certain records in accordance with the PA Municipal Records Act. Second by P. Gionta. Question on the Motion by Mr. Rapp- he suggested not destroying records and asked for more clarification on what documents would be destroyed. The list was provided to all of council along with the Resolution.

Roll Call: P. Gionta – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, D. Rapp – no, T. Ward –yes, M. Busch – yes, M. Stanton –yes. 6 ayes, 1 nay; motion carries.

4. Motion by D. Petrarca to award the 2016 Street Paving Contract to Victor Paving in the amount of \$500,787.80. Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 5. Motion by D. Petrarca to hire Jeff Mellon and Tim Bagwell as Seasonal Summer Employees in the Department of Public Works at the rate of \$10.00 per hour. P. Gionta as second. Roll Call: P. Gionta – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, J. Grose – yes, D. Rapp – yes, T. Ward –yes, M. Busch – yes, M. Stanton –yes. All ayes, motion carries.
 6. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch
 - Paid Bills as of **April 30, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 298,708.53**
 - Unpaid Bills as of **April 30, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 12,414.87**
 - Motion to accept the finance report by M. Busch. Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 7. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta & Asst Chief Watson
 - a. Officers from Swissvale will participate in a Jr. Police Academy. Students from Woodland Hills School District along with other students are getting together with current police officers from around the area.
 - b. There was a robbery reported on Ormond street that is currently being investigated by police.
 8. Code and Fire Report – Assistant Chief Deleonibus
 - a. The fire department is going around the borough on their yearly inspection of vacant properties.
 - b. Some of the firefighters completed a course at the school for the deaf to learn sign language.
 - c. April CPR class was a success. There will be two more classes scheduled so far this year: on June 12 from 9-2 and August 9th from 9-2.
 - d. A large number of Code Violation notices were sent out this past month.
 9. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca
 - a. Councilman Petrarca spoke with Mr. Bachy about the public comment from last week's meeting. They discussed the stop signs and also addressed the letter that had been sent to council regarding the street sweeping schedule on Woodstock.
 - i. The crosswalk at McClure will be a part of the streetscape initiative that will begin next year in 2017. It will, along with the rest of the crosswalks in that area, be upgraded. In the meantime in the next couple of weeks, DPW will go out and re-paint the lines.
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- ii. Signs leading to the parkway are all PennDot signs and Mr. Bachy has contacted them in the past.
 - iii. In order to change the street sweeping schedule on Woodstock would require an entire change to that area of Swissvale. This would require at least 3 months of work (e.g. getting signs made, changing the signs, notifying the residents of the changes, etc.) and as the season has already started this would be nearly impossible to implement.
- b. We have notified Cargill that we are interested in renewing the salt contract with them. So far there has been no response. Cargill has the option of dropping the contract or renewing it.
 - c. Clean up day is scheduled for Saturday May 21st they will be starting at 9am. The DPW is still looking for volunteers to help out. The elderly can call to offer pick-ups. There will be a luncheon after the clean-up is completed.

10. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. Talks regarding interest in training for incoming police officers
- b. The community development block grants had been audited by the county with no issues detected.

12. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. Happy Spring!

13. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Rotary Spaghetti Dinner is this Friday night
- b. First farmers market will take place this Saturday in the lot behind Dickson School. Hours are 9am-1pm. IT will continue on through November.
- c. Flower planting will take place on Mother's Day Sunday May 15, 2016 starting at 9am with a breakfast to follow after for all volunteers.

14. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.

15. Planning Commission – None

16. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. None

17. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. None
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18. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. None

19. Unfinished Business

- a. Councilman David Petrarca: Board Meeting with Eastern Area Adult Services regarding issues with the Swissvale Senior Citizen Center.

Seniors are content for now and Mr. Petrarca would like to offer his thanks to Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. Busch for attending the meeting.

20. New Business

- a. None

21. Motion to adjourn by P. Gionta – Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.

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

COMMEMORATION

Robert E. Zischkau, Sr., Father of Borough Engineer Robert Zischkau

Margaret Von Geis, Sister of Councilman Martin Busch
