



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 3, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7 PM by President Stanton.
 2. Invocation – Pastor Robert Tedder
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman David Petrarca
 4. Roll Call - P. Gionta – here, M. Busch – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, and D. Petrarca – here. J. Grose – here, M. Stanton – here, T. Ward – absent, D. Rapp – absent.
 5. Public Comment
 - a. Pastor Robert Tedder - Union Baptist Church and the YMCA have partnered to do a summer camp for kids ages 6-12 which concludes on Friday, 8/5/16. The camp would like to do a basketball tournament. They are requesting the Borough consider putting the basketball hoops up at Collingwood Park from 9 AM - 12 PM. Council was in favor. DPW will install the hoops.
 - b. Thomas Barr – There is a key way on lower Hanover that is causing issues for cars going across. Sewage is seeping into the sewer and is creating a terrible smell. DPW will take care of the issues.
 - c. Nilesch Vadalia, owner of BP gas station, inquired of the possibility to buy a portion of land from the Borough that has been leased to the BP for some years. Currently paying about \$4000 a year in lease payments. Solicitor McTiernan will look into it. He believes it is actually a Borough right of way. The council will consider and reach out to Mr. Vadalia at a future date.
 6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on June 29, 2016, and the *Regular Meeting* on July 6, 2016. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 7. Agenda Items:
 1. Motion to retain the services of Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc (CEC) to perform the traffic engineering for the South Braddock Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project. The \$69,000 in
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pre-construction costs will be split evenly between Swissvale and Edgewood Boroughs. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

2. Motion to authorize the purchase of ballistic body armor for the police department and the fire department in the approximate amount of \$12,000, to be purchased thru CoStars and paid for from the Capital Projects Fund. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
3. Motion to approve a contract with CAMO Kennels to provide animal control services for the Borough. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
4. Motion to approve Resolution 16-13 authorizing the Borough to enter into a tax exempt lease purchase agreement with Community Leasing Partners for a F-550 Dump Truck and a Ford Interceptor Police Vehicle. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
5. Motion pursuant to Chapter 1, subsection 1-141 of the Borough of Swissvale Code of Ordinances to continue the employment of Robert Soderberg as a Swissvale Firefighter. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **July 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 294,210.30**
- Unpaid Bills as of **July 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 32,683.51**
- Motion to accept the finance report by M. Busch. Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Chief Geppert

- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.
 - b. Overall the summer has been very good. Chief Geppert reminds citizens to lock their cars.
 - c. There have been a few burglaries in the McClure, Schoyer, Tonette area. Extra officers have been put on duty in the area. SPD are close to making at least one arrest. Chief Geppert reminds citizens to call 9-1-1 when they observe something. Close and lock first floor windows.
 - d. The Swissvale Crime Watch Facebook page is not an official Borough page and should not be used as a source of information or to contact police.
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10. Code and Fire Report – Assistant Chief Kip Deleonibus

- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. Code enforcement is finding many companies doing work on structures without work permits.
- c. July 20th – Responded to assist at the large fire in Duquesne.
- d. Reminder – Saturday, Aug 6th is CPR class at the fire station.

11. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca

- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. DPW is very busy trying to maintain numerous vacant lots and pot hole patching.
- c. Three streets scheduled to be paved next week which will complete the 2016 paving project. Line stripping started Wednesday, Aug 3. Striping crews are working through the evening when the traffic is lighter.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report

- a. None

13. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Darrell Rapp (absent)

- a. none

14. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. none

15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Newsletter deadline is Aug 10th for Fall newsletter.
- b. Sedco -
 - i. Saturday Clean-up is scheduled for August 13th at 9:00 AM meeting at Goodfellas.
 - ii. Make Swissvale Home Event, Sept 11 @ 2:00 PM - home tours of available houses in the borough.
- c. Farmer's Market is open on Saturdays through October, 9 AM – 1 PM.

16. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.

- a. Two water main breaks last month - Monongahela and McCague. Hot weather is causing increase in number of breaks.

17. Planning Commission

- a. none

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. none

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. none

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. Grant was obtained for Collingwood Playground with scope of work already dictated within. Recommend starting the work in the Spring. The Borough has up to 2 years to complete the work.
- c. Report from KU Resources regarding the Krohmaly's Printing property. Contaminants were found in the soil on Roslyn that leached out of the sewer line from the wash machines. Phase 2 environmental study was not able to be completed. Retaining KU's services to prepare some remediation plans. Soliciting help from Allegheny County Economic Development. Working closely with Krohmaly's.
- d. Waiting on title searches for 12 properties for potential demolition.
- e. Thanks to Solicitor Robert McTiernan and Associates for the \$500 contribution toward the employee picnic.

21. Unfinished Business

- a. Bingo machine for senior citizens has been ordered.

22. New Business

- a. none

23. Motion to adjourn – Moved by P. Gionta. Second by J. Grose. All ayes – motion carries.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.
