



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

September 7, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7 PM by President Stanton.
 2. Invocation – Pastor Eric Baldwin, River City Church.
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Tim Ward
 4. Roll Call - P. Gionta – absent, M. Busch – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, D. Petrarca – here. J. Grose – here, M. Stanton – here, T. Ward – here, D. Rapp – here.
 5. Public Comment
 - a. Gigi C. (non-resident) – Owner of 7430 Duquesne Ave which is slated for demolition. She was advised by council that she should attend the demolition hearing scheduled for Sept 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM.
 - b. Francine Vandenberg (915 Savannah Ave), President of Wilkins School Community Center. Thanks the Borough for all the support that they have shown the WSCC. They are having difficulties with the building because of its age (almost 90 years old). Requests review of lease (currently 10 year) to extend to 29-30-years. This term would allow for the solicitation of grant money or loans for capital improvements from various foundations and donors. The Borough is extremely supportive of the WSCC and will do whatever is allowable under the legal code.
 6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on July 27, 2016, and the *Regular Meeting* on August 3, 2016. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 7. Agenda Items:
 - 1.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Daniel Fields as a Temporary Laborer in the DPW effective August 30, 2016 at the contractual rate of \$15.82 per hour. Moved by D Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2.) Motion to approve the hiring of Timothy Bagwell as a Temporary Laborer in the DPW effective September 19, 2016 at the contractual rate of \$15.82 per hour. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
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- 3.) Motion to ratify the appointment of Michael Volpe to the position of Firefighter-in-Charge. Moved by T. Ward, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 4.) Motion to ratify the appointment of Jared Amos to the position of Firefighter-in-Charge. Moved by T. Ward, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 5.) Motion to authorize the sale of a 2003 Ford F-250 pickup truck to John Fetzer in the amount of \$1,400.00. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 6.) Motion to authorize the sale of the two surplus K-9 Police Vehicles, 2006 & 2009 Ford Crown Victorias, to the City of McKeesport in the amount of \$4,000.00. Moved by M. Busch, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- 7.) Motion to approve the promulgation of the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. Moved by T. Ward, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
- 8.) Motion to approve the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief to attend the annual International Association of Fire Chiefs Symposium in Clearwater, FL. Moved by D. Rapp, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- 9.) Motion to approve the scheduling demolition clearance hearings on Wednesday September 28, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the following properties:
 - a. 7522 Center Street
 - b. 7430 Duquesne Avenue
 - c. 2220 Hawthorne Avenue
 - d. 7810 Lloyd Avenue
 - e. 1624 Miriam Street
 - f. 7720 Saint Lawrence Avenue
 - g. 1820 South Braddock Avenue
 - h. 1822 South Braddock Avenue
 - i. 1824 South Braddock Avenue
 - j. 7327 Woodlawn Avenue
 - k. 7329 Woodlawn Avenue
 - l. 2218 Woodstock Avenue

Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch

- Paid Bills as of **August 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 788,184.22**
 - Unpaid Bills as of **August 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 210,113.63**
 - Motion to accept the finance report by M. Busch. Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
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9. Police Report – Assistant Chief Watson

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. Sept 17th – the Swissvale Library will be hosting a health fair on McClure at Monongahela. Police will be present doing community outreach and handing out anti-theft bicycle stickers. There will also be officers from the county available to do finger printing for children. The SPD will be scheduling car seat safety inspection at a separate time.
- c. There have been several thefts from cars and homes where doors and windows are being left unlocked. Residents are reminded to keep car doors, home doors and first floor windows locked.

10. Code and Fire Report – Assistant Chief Deleonibus

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
- b. August 30th – there was a small fire at 7523 Roslyn St which is a building with 2 apartment units. The fire is under investigation with the Allegheny County Fire Marshalls office in cooperation with Swissvale Police Department.
- c. Code enforcement is doing a lot of work with property maintenance. Many people are completing work without first obtaining required permits.
- d. Sept 17th – Annual Corn Roast and Car Cruise with Busch Brother Tires. Lots of cars, good food, live music and more. The Volunteer Fire Department requests closing off part of Monongahela from Schley to the entrance to Swissvale Shopping Center.

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

- a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's office.
 - b. Paving and line striping is complete. Some minor issues and curb damage are being addressed.
 - c. Update was given on the Tap Grant for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on S. Braddock Ave. Mr. Bachy had a meeting with Edgewood Borough and the project engineers. Surveyors were out and have started their work. Their work must be completed by February 3, 2017 with work beginning in April or May.
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- d. Extreme weather caused sewage to back up on Schoyer Ext on Aug 28th. About 10 -11 homes were affected. A catch basin at the corner of Monarch Alley and Aurelius collapsed and allowed some bricks to be dislodged and block part of the sewer at the intersection of Schoyer Ext and Aurelius. DPW removed the bricks, flushed the lines and video inspected the lines. There was no damage to the pipes. They are installing a new inlet. The SFD did an excellent job assisting in pumping out basements. DPW was out most of the night finding the problem and fixing it. The Borough would like to thank Edgewood FD and Whitaker FD for bringing over pumps to assist the SFD.
- e. Mr. Bachy would like to recognize the DPW laborers who have been working above and beyond in high heat and humidity.

12. Outstanding Complaints Report

- a. None

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

- a. The C.O.G has been working on policies and procedures.

14. President’s Remarks – President Stanton

- a. None

15. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Fall newsletters are being printed and will cover the months of September, October, and November.
- b. Sedco’s monthly clean-up day is Saturday, Sept 10th at 9:00 AM meeting at Goodfellas for light breakfast and to receive cleaning materials.
- c. “Make Swisssvale Home” Event-Sunday, Sept 11th from 2-6 pm.
- d. Sedco is selling strip tickets to benefit the Farmer’s Market.

16. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr. (absent)

- a. None

17. Planning Commission

- a. None

18. Solicitor Report – David Mongillo

- a. None
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19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. None

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. The Thrival 2016 Event is occurring the weekend of Sept 23-24. People will be coming from 23 states. Approximately, 6,000 people are expected on Friday night. There will be a large amount of press and is a great showcase for Swissvale. The Borough is negotiating public safety (EMS, Fire, Police) on the site.
- b. 7128 Schoyer Ext sold at Sheriff Sale to Mr. Roman Gluzman. Mr. Gluzman has done an excellent job renovating and restoring properties in the Borough.
- c. Request from Madonna Del Castello for road closures for the Saint Simeon on Oct 9th. Assistant Chief Watson will coordinate with Mr. Petrarca.
- d. Request that council present a motion to authorize the extension of the lease of the Wilkins School to the practical term permitted by law. Moved by M. Busch, D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

21. Unfinished Business

- a. None

22. New Business – President Michelle Stanton

- a. Council met in executive session on August 31, 2016 for matters of personnel litigation.

23. Motion to adjourn – Moved by J. Grose. Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes – motion carries.

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.
