



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 5, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Stanton.
 2. Invocation – Pastor Dennis Handley
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
 4. Roll Call - P. Gionta – absent, M. Busch – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, D. Petrarca – here. J. Grose – here, M. Stanton – here, T. Ward – here
 - a. D. Rapp – (7:05 PM).
 5. Public Comment
 - a. Margaret Poindexter (7809 Westmoreland) – Following up about traffic signs directing traffic to 376.
 - i. Mr. Bachy has recommendations from Southwestern PA Commission and will be ordering signs.
 - b. Gigi (7430 Duquesne Ave) – Following up on the demolition hearing concerning 7430 Duquesne Ave. She has a work order for work to be done on the roofing of the house. Requesting additional time to make improvements to the property. Expresses an intention to fix the property. Requests the property be taken off the demolition list.
 - i. Mr. Wilhelm will make arrangements to have a 3rd party engineer to do a structural inspection of the building. Gigi agreed to allow a structural engineer hired by the Borough to enter the property for the assessment. The council will table the vote on the property (7430 Duquesne Ave) until the engineer's report can be taken into consideration when determining if the property should be demolished. Report to be submitted by next council meeting, including a cost estimate of required work.
 - c. Paul Heckbert (104 Washington St) – Mr. Heckbert is a member of a committee that has been looking at pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic in the Regent Square area. Submitted a map of the Regent Square area with information regarding current proposed changes. Pointed to Squirrel Hill as an example of a successful business district. Requests that plans be reviewed and a crosswalk added at Sanders.
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- d. Alina Keebler (Regent Square Civic Association) – Ms. Keebler is the Chairperson of the committee created after someone was badly injured on Braddock Ave. The goal of the committee is to get traffic to move more slowly through the Regent Square Area. The committee would like to be part of the discussion while plans are being made. Submitted a packet of information for council to consider.
 - i. Mr. Wilhelm explained why a cross walk at Sanders is not in the current plan. The current plan and grant application was based off of the SPC engineer's road and safety audit which does not include the addition of such a crosswalk. The Borough is limited in the scope of work that can be done with the solicited funding. A crosswalk at Sanders could be part of a Phase 2 project.
 - e. John McCann (Principal of Environmental Charter School) – Strongly requests a crossing at Sanders for the safety of students and parents.
 - f. Leland Scales – Creator of Swissvale Community Garden. Thanks council for their support and for the success of the garden. Would like to expand to a bigger space and requests the use of one of the vacant Borough properties to be able to solicit grant funds.
6. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on August 31, 2016, and the *Regular Meeting* on September 7, 2016. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries. One abstention (Rapp).
7. Agenda Items:
- 1.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Kevin Persichetti, Jr as a Part Time Police Officer at the contractual rate of \$15.50 per hour. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2.) Motion to approve the renewal of the Borough Employees Health Insurance with Municipal Benefit Services for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 at an increase of 7.83%. Moved by M. Busch, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 3.) Motion to approve entering into contract with Drnach Environmental to provide three flow meters, monitoring of flow meters and analysis of storm water flows in the M48 Combined Sewer area for a period of up to 3 months at a cost of \$3,382.00 per month. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 4.) Motion to approve the sale of the 2003 Ford F550 Dump truck to Regina Fitzhenry in the amount of \$6,200.00. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 5.) Motion to award bid to A. R. Bobick, Inc. for various casual as needed contracted services for excavation equipment and labor for the period
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beginning October 6, 2016 through December 31, 2018 at the rates specified in the bid with hourly rates ranging from \$95.00/hour to \$200.00/hr. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

- 6.) Motion to award bid to F.M. Meraldo Concrete for various casual as needed contracted services for concrete repair and replacement labor for the period beginning October 6, 2016 through December 31, 2018 at the rates specified in the bid with hourly rates ranging from \$60.00 to \$280.00 per hour. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 7.) Motion to approve Resolution 16-15 authorizing a Community Development Block Grant application to the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments in the amount of \$20,000.00 for reconstruction of Prospect Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue. Moved by M. Busch, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 8.) Motion to approve the demolition of the structure located at 7522 Center Street pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by T. Ward, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 9.) Motion to table the approval of the demolition of the structure located at 7430 Duquesne Avenue pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by D. Rapp, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion tabled until further review.
 - 10.) Motion to approve the demolition of the structure located at 2220 Hawthorne Avenue pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 11.) Motion to approve the demolition of the structure located at 7810 Lloyd Avenue pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by T. Ward, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 12.) Motion to approve the demolition of the structure located at 1624 Miriam Street pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 13.) Motion to approve the demolition of the structure located at 7720 Saint Lawrence pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 14.) Motion to approve the demolition of the structures located at 1820, 1822 and 1824 South Braddock Avenue pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 15.) Motion to approve the demolition of the structures located at 7327 and 7329 Woodlawn Avenue pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
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- 16.) Motion to approve the demolition of the structure located at 2218 Woodstock Avenue pursuant to Chapter 10 Part 1 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 17.) Motion to approve required asbestos surveys in accordance to Allegheny County Health Department Regulations for the demolition of the properties located at 1820, 1822 and 1824 South Braddock Avenue and 7327 and 7329 Woodlawn Avenue to be conducted by Professional Service Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$4,460.00. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 18.) Motion to approve the advertisement for sealed bids for the demolition of the aforementioned properties. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
8. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch
- Paid Bills as of **September 30, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 481,655.44**.
 - Unpaid Bills as of **September 30, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 482,856.90**.
 - Motion to accept the finance report by M. Busch. Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
9. Police Report – Councilman David Petrarca
- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager’s office.
10. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton, Asst Chief Deleonibus
- a. The Swissvale Fire Department conducted fire safety education classes at two childcare facilities. Reviewed fire safety plans, evacuation procedures, fire extinguisher use, and smoke detector operations.
 - b. SFD is having free flu shots Tuesday, Oct 18 from 1PM -5PM and Saturday, Oct 22nd 1PM – 4PM
11. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca, Mr. Bachy
- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager’s Office.
 - b. The County Health Department conducted a surprise audit of the M48 combined sewer overflow systems in September. The inspector was extremely pleased with the inspection. All paperwork was in order and facilities were very clean and well maintained.
 - c. Allegheny County Weights and Measures came to check all 107 parking meters. 7 were sent out for repairs, the rest were recertified for 5 years.
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- d. Street Sweeping ends Oct 28th, resumes April 2017. Leaf Collection begins Oct 31st following street sweeping schedule. Leaves must be on the edge of the street by 7 AM to insure pick up.
 - e. Putting in an order for 125 tons of salt for the winter. The borough will have 300 tons in stock.
 - f. The new dump truck cab and chassis is being delivered tomorrow, Oct 6th. The bed, snow plow, and hydraulic system will be installed in the next few weeks and ready for winter.
 - g. Waste Management sent notification that they are terminating their contract as of January 2017. They want to renegotiate their contract. Mr. Bachy will be looking at other options and will bring recommendations to council.
12. Outstanding Complaints Report – None
13. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Tim Ward
- a. Next board meeting is Thursday, October 27th.
14. President's Remarks – President Stanton
- a. No report
15. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
- a. Annual Halloween Parade is Saturday, Oct 29th at noon. Woodland Hills Marching Band will lead the way. Residents are encouraged to line the streets and cheer on all the kids.
 - b. Oct 29th is the last day of the Farmer's Market.
 - c. Trick-or-Treat is Oct 31st from 6 PM – 8 PM.
 - d. Oct 22nd at 10:00 AM is the Grand Opening of The Habitat for Humanity Restore in the Swissvale Shopping Center.
 - e. Requesting council's approval to bring in a new TNR (trap, neuter, release) program for stray cats in the area. Meeting with representatives from animal rescue league. Ms. Swartzwelder will investigate various programs and bring a recommendation to council.
 - f. Clean Up day – This Saturday, October 8th at 9:00 AM at Goodfella's.
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16. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.

- a. Three water main breaks last month – Commercial, Pocono, and Nevada. Paving crew will be coming in to mill and pave.

17. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. The proposed zoning ordinance is at the point of adoption. Mr. Bachy submitted a proposed adoption timeline. The time line includes: sending the ordinance to Allegheny County for review on October 6th. The borough cannot hold a public hearing until 45 days after it is sent to the county. The ordinance will be presented to council on October 26th or November 2nd. Advertisements will be made for the public hearing and the proposed ordinance on November 3rd and November 17th. Public hearing will take place on December 7th and the ordinance will be adopted at the December 28th regular council meeting. The adopted ordinance will be sent to the county prior to January 28, 2017.

18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. No report

19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. No report

20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Fire Department Fish Fry this Friday, October 7th.
- b. Mr. Wilhelm received an email from Kate Brennamen that they will not submit the keystone grant for the elevator project this year. He is following up for more information.
- c. Council agrees to have a budget workshop, open to the public, at the agenda meeting in November. It will take place at the Fire Department.
- d. Motion to appoint Keystone Collection Services as the Borough's delinquent tax collection agency. Motion by D. Petrarca. Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.

21. Unfinished Business

- a. David Petrarca presented a framed gift to the council as a thank you for keeping the Senior Center open.
 - b. Mr. Rapp asked for an update on the Kenmawr Bridge. There is no update. The project is progressing under PennDot's direction.
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22. New Business

a. None

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

24. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.
