



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

November 2, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Stanton.
 2. Invocation – Pastor Chris Ansell, City Reach Church - Swissvale
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Darrell Rapp
 4. Moment of Silence in honor of the passing of Robert Turley, husband of Borough Finance Director Diane Turley and Janet Castiglione, mother of Councilwoman Patricia Gionta.
 5. 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.
 6. Public Comment
 - a. Rick Schroeder, location manager for the television series, “Mindhunter” – They have entered into contract with local business owner, William Price, to use an empty store front on Noble Street between Washington Street and Waverly Street on November 11, 2016. Shooting will take place between 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They are seeking permission to close the street for half of a day, use parking lots, etc. Mr. Schroeder passed out maps of the requested area.
 - i. Assistant Chief Watson will work with the studio around logistical matters. Alternative parking situation will need to be addressed for residents with parking permits as well as rerouting of Port Authority transit.
 - b. Gigi – 7430 Duquesne Ave. House was inspected by Charles Cornely of AEK Engineers on Oct 18th. She is waiting to see a copy of the report.
 - i. Mr. Bachy responded that this property is not currently under discussion. A full inspection was not completed as Mr. Cornely was not able to see behind the exterior sheeting or the interior plaster to determine the structural stability of the building from either the outside or the inside. Mr. Cornely has also not provided the cost estimate that was part of his contract. The borough has an incomplete document which is not ready for release.
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7. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on September 28, 2016, and the *Regular Meeting* on October 5, 2016. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 8. Presentation of the proceeds in the amount of \$1,623 from the annual Car Cruise sponsored by Busch Brother's Tire by Marty Busch to Mayor Swartzwelder and Chief Geppert.
 9. Agenda Items:
 - 1.) Motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Borough of Swissvale and the Swissvale School Crossing Guards and Teamsters Local 205 for the period of September 1, 2016 thru August 31, 2019. Moved by T. Ward, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Jacob Smith 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.
 - 3.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Stephen Kester 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.
 - 4.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Joseph Susalla and Timothy Christian as Part Time Police Officers at the contractual rate of \$15.50 per hour, pending background checks. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 10. Finance Report – Councilman Martin Busch
 - Paid Bills as of **October 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$1,395,780.65**
 - Unpaid Bills as of **October 31, 2016** in the amount of **\$175,901.72**
 - Motion to accept the finance report by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2017 Budget is in the works. Next Agenda meeting will be at the Fire Department and the budget will be presented to the public.
 11. Police Report – Chief Greg Geppert
 - a. Thanks to Marty Busch for the generous donation to the K-9 unit.
 - b. Half of department was updated with CPR and First Aid thanks to Asst. Chief Kip Deleonibus.
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- c. Det. Corrado has made an arrest that solved 7 burglaries and recovered materials for break-ins in the Monongahela/Schoyer/McClure Area.
- d. The police department has been operating short of staff. New part-time hires will help fill in gaps.

12. Code and Fire Report – Asst. Chief Kip Deleonibus

- a. 1624 Miriam St – The borough worked with the owner to have the building demolished. There was no cost to the borough.
- b. Fall Fish Fryday on Nov 4th, benefits the Volunteer Fire Department.

13. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca, Mr. Greg Bachy

- a. Report on file in the Borough Manager's Office.
- b. Leaf Collection began on Monday, October 31, 2016 – Leaves must be pushed to the curb by 7:00 AM. Leaves put out late may not be collected. DPW will try to collect later in the week if possible. DPW cannot collect leaves that contain garbage, grass clippings or branches. This is regulated by the DEP.
- c. New Recycling Agreement – Discussing new agreement with Waste Management. They are discontinuing a flat fee for all single-stream recycling that they have been charging and are moving to a fee structure based upon the types and volumes of materials that each municipality recycles. WM has been analyzing the borough's loads for the past 2 weeks and will provide a proposed rate.
 - i. Mr. Bachy has reached out to a competing facility in Hazelwood. This facility is much closer and would be more convenient and save time if the price is right.

14. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

15. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Tim Ward

- a. Oct 27th – A draft budget was distributed and will be voted on at the next meeting. The land bank advisory committee will meet on Dec 8th.

16. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. none
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17. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Halloween parade was a HUGE success with over 200 participants. Thanks to the police and fire department closing streets and keeping everyone safe. Special thanks also to City Reach Church – Swissvale for setting up games and provided extra activities for the kids.
- b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Nov 6th – Daylight Savings time ends.
 - ii. Nov 8th – Election Day.
 - iii. Nov 10th – (December, January, February edition) Newsletter deadline. Submit to: Swissvalenewsletter@gmail.com
 - iv. Dec 3rd – Night of Lights celebration at 6:00 PM at the fire station.
 - v. Dec 10th – Polar Plunge at noon to benefit the Special Olympics.

18. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr., absent

- a. None

19. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. On behalf of the Planning Commission, Mr. Bachy presented the draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be December 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.
- b. Mr. Bachy explained the process for advertising, soliciting public input and adoption. Mr. Bachy also explained the highlights of the ordinance and informed council that the lead consultant from HRG will be present at the Public Hearing to present the plan and answer any questions.

20. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan

- a. Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. McTiernan drafted a response to the Swissvale Police Officers Association's proposal. Should be meeting to finalize the contract shortly. The current contract expires at the end of 2016.

21. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. No Report.

22. Borough Manager Report – Mr. Bachy

- a. Budget is being prepared. The Finance Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss the proposed budget.
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- b. Demolition bids had to be postponed since the company that performed the asbestos survey of the South Braddock Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue properties has not yet sent the report to the Borough. This could cause a significant increase in the bid price if the bidders are unsure of what type of asbestos abatement is necessary. Bid date will be changed to late in November and will be an agenda item in December.

23. Unfinished Business

- a. None

24. New Business

- a. None

25. Motion to adjourn – Moved by M. Busch, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

26. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.
