



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 7, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
 2. Invocation – Tracey Crombie Collins
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman David Petrarca
 4. Moment of Silence in honor of the passing of Mary Ventura, grandmother of Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder.
 5. Roll Call – P. Gionta – here, D. Swartzwelder – absent, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, M. Stanton – here, T. Ward – here, D. Rapp – here
 - a. M. Busch – arrived 7:23 p.m.
 6. Public Comment
 - a. Bruce Adkins – Brought suggestions that may encourage residents to properly dispose of electronics devices rather than leaving them on the curb.
 7. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* on October 26, 2016, and the *Regular Meeting* on November 2, 2016. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 8. Agenda Items:
 - 1.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Robert Murphy as a Part Time Firefighter at the contractual rate of \$13.32 per hour. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Benjamin Rudd as a Part Time Firefighter at the contractual rate of \$13.32 per hour. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 3.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Daniel Grossman as a Part Time Firefighter at the contractual rate of \$13.32 per hour. Moved by T. Ward, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 4.) Motion to ratify the hiring of Robert Brannigan as a Part Time Firefighter at the contractual rate of \$13.32 per hour. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
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- 5.) Motion to award bid to Eveready Contracting for the demolition of the following ten structures in the amount \$98,150:

7522 Center Street

2220 Hawthorne Avenue

7810 Lloyd Avenue

7720 Saint Lawrence

1820, 1822 and 1824 South Braddock Avenue

7327 and 7329 Woodlawn Avenue

2218 Woodstock Avenue

Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

- 6.) Motion to schedule a special legislative meeting on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 for general business. Moved by D. Rapp, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 7.) Motion to advertise the proposed 2017 Borough Budget for adoption on December 28, 2016. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 8.) Motion to approve the advertisement of **Ordinance 16-05**, setting the tax rate for fiscal year 2017 for General Purposes at 8.0 mills. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
- 9.) Motion to approve the advertisement of **Ordinance 16-06** revising the Borough's Sanitary Sewer Rate Structure to charge a flat fee of \$14.51 per quarter plus an additional fee of \$10.41 for each 1,000 gallons of water usage for each meter in the Borough. Moved by T. Ward, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 10.) Motion to approve the advertisement of **Ordinance 16-07** allowing for an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between the Borough of Swissvale and the Borough of Chalfant for Solid Waste Collection. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.
- 11.) Motion to approve the advertisement of **Ordinance 16-08** amending Chapter 24, Part 7 of the Swissvale Borough Code. Adopting a schedule of attorney fees in connection with the collection of taxes, tax claims, tax liens, municipal claims and municipal liens and adopting a schedule of charges, expenses and fees. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
- 12.) Motion to authorize advertisement for a public meeting for Wednesday, December 28, 2016 regarding a Keystone Communities Program Grant
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Application for seeking funding for the demolition of property at 2622 Woodstock Ave. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

9. Finance Report – Councilman Tim Ward

- Paid Bills as of **November 30, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 835,527.67**
- Unpaid Bills as of **November 30, 2016** in the amount of **\$ 2,700.00**
- Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.

10. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta, Asst. Chief Watson

- a. Report on file in Borough Manager's Office.
- b. Congratulations to Detective Corrado, who was successful in arresting an individual responsible for 10-12 burglaries within the Borough. Recovered a significant amount of property and the individual is being prosecuted.
- c. SPD is partnering with Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League to distribute toys to Swissvale kids in need again this Christmas.

11. Code and Fire Report – Asst. Chief Deleonibus

- a. Reminds residents to be aware of home fire prevention practices during the winter months.
- b. January 7th is the next community CPR training for residents.
- c. Mr. Petrarca commends the SFD for their fast response time to the fire in Rankin which prevented additional loss of property.

12. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca, Mr. Bachy

- a. Report on file in Borough Manager's Office
 - b. Leaf collection is finished at the end of this week so that the DPW can transition to preparations for winter road maintenance.
 - c. New truck is being delivered and 4 trucks will be ready for salt disbursement immediately.
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- d. The TAP Grant for South Braddock Avenue received by the Borough is for the improvement of existing crosswalks and roadways only. The Regent Square Civic Association is continuing to request a crosswalk at Sanders. The Boroughs of Swissvale and Edgewood together have heard the concerns of their residents and propose to hire a traffic engineer to do an intersection study at Sanders. The boroughs will seek further grant funding based on the recommendations of the engineer to make future improvements. The cost will be split with Edgewood Borough.

13. Outstanding Complaints Report – None

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

- a. The C.O.G is working on their budget.

15. President's Remarks – President Stanton

- a. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy Holidays to our residents!
- b. Special thanks to the Administrative Offices, the Fire Department, the Police Department, Public Works Department and our Borough Manager and Assistant Manager for all their hard work. Thanks to the residents who take time out of their busy schedules to attend council meetings.
- c. Boomerang Bar has their Sausage fest this Saturday to raise money for the Children's Hospital.

16. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder, absent

17. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.

- a. Two water main breaks; one on Church St and one on South Braddock Ave. Both were fixed and repaved.
- b. The Water Authority has adopted a \$24 million budget for 2017 with no rate increase.

18. Planning Commission – Greg Bachy

- a. The Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing was held Wednesday, November 30th. The deadline for comments on the proposed ordinance is Tuesday, December 13th. Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, December
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15, 2016 to consider any public comments. The PC recommends that council move toward adoption of the ordinance.

- b. A site plan for the Dollar General on Woodstock Avenue will also be discussed at the December 15th meeting.

19. Solicitor Report – David Mongillo

- a. No Report

20. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau

- a. Submitted a progress report to the DEP as required under current consent order.
- b. Has tentatively selected a site for a green infrastructure project to satisfy the combined sewer requirements, determining what could be done with a source flow reduction project to satisfy the sanitary requirements.

21. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm

- a. Will be advertising the council meetings for 2017. The only change recommended is that we advertise the legislative session for the last December meeting.

22. Unfinished Business

- a. Mr. Petrarca recognizes and thanks Mr. Wilhelm for his work in obtaining the funding to demolition the GAR home.

23. New Business

- a. Mr. Busch requests a moment of silence to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

24. Motion to adjourn by D. Petrarca, Second by J. Grose. All ayes, motion carries.

25. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
