



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 28, 2016

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM WAS HELD.

- No public comment.
 - 1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Stanton
 - 2. Roll Call - P. Gionta – here, M. Busch – here, D. Swartzwelder – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – absent, M. Stanton – here, T. Ward – here, D. Rapp – here.
 - 3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Paul Heckbert – shared a petition from residents for the placement of a crosswalk at Sanders.
 - b. Gigi – asked for an update regarding 7430 Duquesne Ave. Council is still waiting for a cost estimate from the structural engineer. Engineer needs further access to the property to complete the report.
 - c. Erin Kelly, 1200 block LaClair Street - voiced support for the traffic study at Sanders.
 - d. Sarah Paperman – encouraged council to support the traffic study at Sanders.
 - 4. AGENDA ITEMS:
 - 1) Motion to approve **Resolution 16-14** authorizing the 2017 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$600,000.00 from First Commonwealth Bank. Moved by M. Busch, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 2) Motion to approve **Resolution 16-15** authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Keystone Communities Grant Program in the amount of
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\$239,000 for the demolition of the structure located at 2622 Woodstock Avenue. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.

- 3) Motion to approve **Resolution 16-16** adopting the 2017 Annual Budget. Moved by T. Ward, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 4) Motion to approve **Ordinance 16-05**, setting the tax rate for fiscal year 2017 for General Purposes at 8.0 mills. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 5) Motion to approve **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 D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 6) Motion to approve **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 M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 7) Motion to approve **Ordinance 16-08** amending Chapter 24, Part 7 of the Swissvale Borough Code Adopting a schedule of Attorney's Fees in connection with the collection of taxes, tax claims, tax liens, municipal claims and municipal liens. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by T. Ward. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 8) Motion to authorize the Manager to enter into a contract with Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC) in the amount of \$13,500 for a study of the intersection at South Braddock Avenue and Sanders Street to determine if additional pedestrian cross walks can safely be added. (50% of this study will be paid for by Edgewood Borough). Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 9) Motion to approve a site plan for a proposed Dollar General retail store to be located at 2610 South Braddock Avenue. Moved by D. Petrarca, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 10) Motion to appoint Greg Bachy to the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association Urban Forestry Plan Steering Committee. Moved by T. Ward, Second by D. Rapp. All ayes, motion carries.
 - 11) Motion to approve the application to Tree City USA to have the Borough of Swissvale designated as a Tree City USA Community. Moved by T. Ward, Second by P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carries.
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- 12) Motion to advertise **Ordinance 17-01** revising and updating the Swissvale Borough Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.
- 13) Motion to ratify the hiring of Brian Lindbloom as a Part time Firefighter at the contractual base rate of \$13.65 per hour. Moved by P. Gionta, Second by D. Petrarca. All ayes, motion carries.

5. POLICE REPORT – Asst. Chief Watson

- a. Successfully handed out Christmas presents to 40 children in the community. This was overall a very positive experience for both the officers and the families.
- b. There have been no robberies in the entire month of December. Officers have been doing heavy patrolling in the business district and elsewhere.

6. CODE AND FIRE REPORT – CHIEF WILHELM

- a. New fire engines have arrived.

7. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – GREG BACHY

- a. Presented proposed 2017 paving list to Council. List includes total reconstruction of Lacrosse Street from Edgewood Avenue to Westmoreland Avenue, Westmoreland Avenue from Lacrosse Street to Lehigh Street, Smokeywood Drive and Delaware Avenue Extension. Lacrosse Street and Westmoreland Avenue costs will be shared with Edgewood Borough. D. Petrarca made a motion, seconded by D. Rapp to approve the proposed paving list and authorize preparation of bid specifications and advertisements. All ayes, motion carries.
 - b. Leaf collection ended on December 9, 2016. Volume of leaves collected similar to 2015.
 - c. Seven snow/ice events in December. Over 300 tons of salt used and 115 hours of overtime.
 - d. DPW staff checked Chalfant Borough for issues with garbage truck maneuverability, overhead obstructions and designed a collection route. First pickup in Chalfant will occur on January 6, 2017. Approximately 130 homes in Swissvale were moved from Friday to Thursday. Residents have been notified.
 - e. Garbage and recycling collection will be on schedule this week and next.
 - f. Garbage savings is approximately \$75,000 below the Big's Contract.
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- g. Christmas trees will be collected by DPW starting on 1/3/16 on trash day. Trees will be chipped and mulched.
 - h. Mr. Bachy wanted to thank the DPW employees for their hard work this year.

 - 8. BOROUGH MANAGER – CLYDE WILHELM
 - a. The Borough ended the year in the black. Final financials should be available by the February council meeting.

 - 9. SOLICITOR REPORT – ROBERT MCTIERNAN
 - a. Mr. McTiernan is working with police and their attorney on their labor agreement.

 - 10. Motion to adjourn – Moved by P. Gionta, Second by M. Busch. All ayes, motion carries.

 - 11. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.
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