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BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2015

1. President calls the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. Invocation – Reverend Dave Swanson, Pittsburgh Mennonite Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta
4. Roll Call – D. Rapp- Here, M. Stanton – Here, D. Petrarca – Here, P. Gionta – Here, J.Grose –Here, Mayor Swartzwelder – Here, M.Busch – Here. Sharon Kuhn-Hanchett - Absent.
5. Public Comment – Dr Mike Yue of Swissvale Rotary Club is hosting a meet and greet opportunity for local Business owners to get to know each other on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at T’s Restaurant. Time is 6:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.
6. Approval of Minutes – *Regular Council Meeting* held on December 3, 2014 and the *Special Council Meeting* held on December 29, 2014.
7. Introduction of Canine Officer “Echo” and his partner Officer Sitzman - Officer Zacchia and Canine Officer “Brando” assisted in a short presentation where questions pertaining to the use of Canine Officers in Police matters were answered.
8. Agenda Items:
 - Motion by M. Stanton to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Swissvale and the Swissvale Professional Firefighters Association I.A.F.F. Local 1680 amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement in regards to hospitalization and disability coverage. Second, P. Gionta. *Roll Call – Gionta-Yes, Petrarca – Yes, Grose – Yes, Rapp – Yes, Stanton – Yes, Busch – Yes.* Motion carried.
 - Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Swissvale and the Teamsters Local 250 representing the Department of Public Works Employees ending December 31, 2016. Second, M. Stanton *Roll Call – Gionta-Yes, Petrarca – Yes, Grose – Yes, Rapp – Yes, Stanton – Yes, Busch – Yes.* Motion carried.
 - Motion by D. Petrarca to advertise **Ordinance 15-02** establishing an amusement tax. Discussion followed. Second, by M. Stanton. Motion carried. .

- Motion by P, Gionta to approve **Resolution 15-01** establishing Credit Card Account at First Commonwealth Bank for the business use of designated employee(s) of the Borough. Second by D. Rapp. Motion carried. Discussion preceded vote.
 - Motion by D. Petrarca to advertise request for bids for road salt. Second by J. Grose. Motion carried.
 - Motion by M. Stanton to advertise request for bids for the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Regional Grant Award from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program hosted by the Swissvale Fire Department. Second, by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
9. Finance Report – Motion by M. Stanton to approve
- Paid Bills as of **December 31, 2014** in the amount of **\$737,781.30**
 - Unpaid Bills as of **December 31, 2014** in the amount of **\$ -0-**
- Second by P.Gionta. *Roll Call: Rapp – Yes, Stanton – Yes, Gionta-Yes, Petrarca – Yes, Grose – Yes, Busch – Yes.* Motion carried.
10. Police Report – P. Gionta – On file in Managers Office for review.
- a. Police Chief Geppert: Holiday season was fine, arrests made in local copper thefts.
 - b. Polar Plunge was a great success, \$23, 000. raised for Special Olympics. Our team was third in amount raised and highest raised without corporate sponsors. Thanks expressed to Mayor Swartzwelder and Councilwomen M. Stanton for their participation.
11. Code and Fire Report – On file in Manager’s Office
- a. Chief Wilhelm: Swissvale assisted in recent fire in Duquesne.
 - b. Reminder that this time of year is higher risk for home fires.
12. Public Works Report – D. Petrarca - On file in Manager’s Office
- a. Dispatch delay due to DPW using a different frequency than Fire or Police.
 - b. DPW Interim Director – Rob Wiswell – 911 needs updated list of contact persons for weather related calls. Borough Manager will speak with the chief at 911 dispatch to resolve.
 - c. Recycling Truck is out of service due to repairs needed.
 - d. Focus project on South Braddock has finished, clearing debris from vacant properties.
 - e. 175 tons of salt on hand for snow and ice related weather issues.
13. Kopp Glass Gateway Report – No Report
- a. Mayor commented that this report is no longer needed on agenda, Mayor will report.
14. Economics and Development Report – J. Grose – No report
15. CONNECT Report – D. Rapp
- a. Rehash of the information concerning Conference on Community Development
 - b. Meeting of Annual Congress, date changed to April 2.

16. Outstanding Complaints Report –
 - a. Reimbursement to residents on Westmoreland for Sewer related damages is complete.
17. Recreation Committee Report – D. Rapp
 - a. Board will meet to discuss recommendations to update Recreation Ordinances
 - b. Discussion on fees and outside of community use.
18. C.O.G. Report – D. Rapp
 - a. Annual Dinner will be held 2/27/15, more info to come.
 - b. Woodland Hills School Board voted to participate in the Land Bank.
19. President’s Remarks – M. Busch
“New year, start with a good slate and keep moving forward”
20. Mayor’s Report – D. Swartzwelder
 - a. Newsletter deadline is 2/2/15 for the Spring 2015 edition.
 - b. Crime Watch meeting 1/13/15 at 7 pm at Living Spirit Ministry, Irvine Street.
 - c. Farmer’s Market meeting 1/19/15 at 6:30 pm at Living Spirit Ministry.
21. Water Authority Report – No Report.
22. Planning Commission – No Report.
 - a. Zoning meeting as advertised changed to 3rd Thursday instead of 4th Thursday. 7:00 pm.
23. Solicitor Report – R. McTiernan
 - a. Items covered on Agenda
 - b. Number of items for Executive meeting
24. Engineer Report – R. Zischkau – Report on File
 - a. Review of Street Scape project (in Report)
 - b. Discussion about Banners on Washington Street, they need to be removed for winter ASAP.
 - c. Engineer will write a letter to contractor about the problems with the installation and/or design.
25. Borough Manager Report – C. Wilhelm
 - a. Executive Session will take place after the meeting for the purpose of Legal and Personnel issues.
 - b. 2014 bills paid in full and first payroll of 2015 without using any 2015 TAN loan money.
 - c. Kenmawr Bridge project to begin with utility relocations, notification of Eminent Domain sent to owners of several properties which will be torn down surrounding the bridge in Swissvale and Rankin.
 - d. Tassie Hollow Bridge to close for 12 months, detour is through Swissvale.
 - e. Washington St Bridge Project – Bids for Swissvale portion of costs are larger than anticipated. Will work with Solicitor and Engineer to attempt to lower costs.

- f. Zoning Ordinance updates in conjunction with the Planning Committee kick off meeting on 1/15/15.
- g. Positions need to be filled for several Boards; will place ads for the openings.
- h. Comcast franchise needs to be renewed in June, new agreement sent to Solicitor for review.
- i. Meeting to be set with Garbage contractor Biggs Sanitation concerning recent increase in complaints. DPW committee of council members, Director of DPW and Borough Manager to attend meeting.

26. Unfinished Business - None

- a. New Business – None
Comment by resident Julianne Muttin about when the fire damaged homes on Milligan Ave. will be demolished. Borough Manager responded the contracts are in process hope to have the demolition of both houses to be done by end of February.
- b. DPW will assess the property for safety issues and board the entrances if necessary. Council will meet in Executive session immediately following Council meeting for Personnel and Legal reasons.

27. Motion to adjourn by P. Gionta, Second by J. Grose, Motion carried.

28. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.