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BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2015

1. President calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Invocation – Rev. Melissa Morris – Swissvale Presbyterian Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance – D. Petrarca
4. Roll Call – M. Alder – here, P. Gionta – here, D. Petrarca – here, J. Grose – here, D. Rapp – here, M. Stanton – here, M. Busch – here, Mayor Swartzwelder – here.
5. Public Comment
 - a. Megan Vrcic – 1610 Miriam Street- Social Media is becoming the most popular venue for information, in order for consistency all information should be directed from the same source. Recommendation that information be sent to the Admin. Office and then directed to various media outlets.
 - b. Tim Ward – SEDCO – Meets the fourth (4) Tuesday of each month. MVI offering a program with Wells Fargo Bank where costs for renovations can be included in an initial mortgage for homes identified by SEDCO as at risk properties. 6 properties to start. MVI will host a meeting at D's Loft on April 30 with walk through of properties.
6. Motion by M. Stanton to approve Minutes from the *Regular Council Meeting* held on March 4, 2015 and the *Agenda Meeting* held on March 25, 2015, second by J. Grose, motion carried.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Retiree Robert Subak - Recognized for 43 years of continued service and presented with a service plaque.
 - 2) Retiree Arthur (Jake) McCann – Recognized for 32 years of continued service and presented with a service plaque.

- 3) Motion by M. Stanton to approve **Ordinance 15-1** Authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with other participating municipalities and taxing jurisdictions of Allegheny County for the purpose of forming, establishing and joining a Land Bank to be known as the Tri-Cog Land Bank. Second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
 - 4) Motion by M. Stanton to approve **Ordinance 15-2** imposing an Amusement Tax of five percent on admissions to all amusements in the Borough of Swissvale; establishing certain exemptions from the tax; establishing permit and reporting requirements for all persons and entities who are conducting amusements within the Borough of Swissvale; authorizing an amusement tax collector who will have the duty to enforce the provisions of this ordinance; and establishing penalties for the violation of the provision of this ordinance. Second by D. Petrarca. Motion carried.
 - 5) Motion by M. Stanton to award bid for the SCBA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus contract to Mine Safety Appliances to be purchased through the 2014 AFG Regional Grant in the amount of \$500,353.40. Second by J. Grose. Motion carried.
 - 6) Motion by P.Gionta to renew General Liability, Property, Causality and Automobile Policies with EMC Insurance for the contract dates of April 4, 2015 through April 4, 2016 and in the amount of \$74,531.00. Second by M. Alder. Motion carried.
 - 7) Motion by M. Stanton to authorize entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Port Authority of Allegheny County concerning the Tassej Hollow Bridge Project. Second by J. Grose. Motion carried.
 - 8) Motion by P. Gionta to advertise the Parking Permit amendment to provide for Permit Parking for the northeast side of South Braddock Avenue between Melrose Street and Vernon Avenue. Second by M. Alder. Motion carried.
8. Finance Report – Motion by M. Stanton to approve:
- Paid Bills as of ***March 31, 2015*** in the amount of **\$341,649.06**.
 - Unpaid Bills as of ***March 31, 2015*** in the amount of **\$310,351.68**. Second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
9. Police Report – P. Gionta –Report on file in Manager’s office.
10. Code and Fire Report – M. Stanton - Report on file in Manager’s office.
11. Public Works Report – D. Petrarca - Report on file in Manager’s office.
- a. Cold patch continuing
 - b. Recycle truck has ongoing issues.
 - c. Air compressors was repaired and painted in house.
 - d. Kubota rewired and back in use.
12. CONNECT Report – D. Rapp – No meeting this month.

13. Outstanding Complaints Report – None
14. Recreation Committee Report – D. Rapp – No Report
15. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Darrell Rapp –
 - a. Hospitality room at Municipality Conference
 - b. Delay in Land Bank approval at County level
 - c. Housing Market asset analysis in 5 Municipality's through summer.
16. President's Remarks – M. Busch
 - a. Discussed Project Powerplay sponsored by the Pittsburgh Penguins and Highmark to build Deck Hockey Rinks in the Greater Pittsburgh Area – Manage to inquire about program.
17. Mayor's Report – D. Swartzwelder
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Park on April 4.
 - b. May 9- Farmers Market begins
 - c. May 10- Community Planting Event
 - d. May 16 – Clean up Day
18. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.
 - a. 4 water main breaks in Swissvale in March all repaired, when weather permits, paving will be scheduled.
19. Planning Commission
 - a. Ongoing meetings with consultant with focus on zoning ordinance updates.
20. Solicitor Report – R. McTiernan
 - a. Final property exemptions compiled and filed for Borough owned lots
 - b. Wilkins School Community Center lease to be updated
 - c. Hospitality Room at Conference reminder
 - d. Items for Executive session
21. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau
 - a. Motion by M. Stanton to move forward with the Commercial Revitalization Business district Phase II by accepting the bid of \$207, 000. from Border Patrol Co. second by J. Grose. Motion carried.
 - b. Repairs to Washington Street Bridge sidewalk appear to be on the wrong side of the bridge, Engineer will contact contractor.
 - c. Re-evaluation of Sewer system in Swissvale is to begin soon
 - d. Attended CONNECT Summit on Utilities
22. Borough Manager Report – C. Wilhelm
 - a. RFP for consultants through DCED EIP Program distributed for review
 - b. Social media policy written and ready for review
 - c. Kenmawr Bridge Project Meeting publicized
 - d. Jake McCann to be hired for Memorial Field maintenance not to exceed 12 hours a week throughout the summer.

- e. American Legion would like to install a Memorial for the chapter's namesake at the Park Avenue site.
- f. Rest of report on file.

23. Unfinished Business - None

24. New Business –

- a. Council will meet in Executive Session tonight for matters of Personnel and Legal items. Council also met in Executive Session for matters of Personnel and Legal items on February 4, and February 25, 2015.
- b. Comments from council members recognizing the excellent work done by the Department of Public Works in the Borough during the recent months of bad weather.
- c. Trash and litter throughout the Borough is becoming a problem, police will begin to cite offenders. Additional Trash cans to be purchased and distributed around the Borough.
- d. Newsletter boxes need to be washed and painted, DPW will add to project list as time allows.
- e. A moment silence was observed in commemoration of Norman DeLuca, husband of employee, Betty Deluca.

25. Motion to adjourn by P. Gionta and second by M. Stanton.

26. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.