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BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2015

1. President calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Invocation – Pastor Robert Tedder, Union Baptist Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Darrell Rapp
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. Steve Mahler- 2207 Lehigh Street: Inquired about 2200 Lehigh property listed for demolition. Rodents are living in the debris and are a hazard to the residents.
 - b. MaryAnn Eisler – 8000 Lloyd Avenue: Questions surrounding the process for hiring a Director of Public Works. Commented the department is doing a good job in Borough.
 - c. Fred Just – 1023 Milton Street: Requests better communication from Borough with residents about budget and financial issues. Venues available were listed, with the commitment to increase visibility of issues as they arise.
6. Motion by M. Stanton to approve Minutes of – *Regular Council Meeting* held on April 1, 2015 and the *Agenda Meeting* held on April 29, 2015, second by P. Gionta. Motion carried with one abstention (D. Rapp).
7. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Recognition of Retiree Carmine Russo- Director of Public Works for 36 years of employment with the Borough of Swissvale.
 - 2) Presentation of 2014 Audit by Diane Edelstein of Maher Duessel – Audit was delivered to State agency before deadline of 3/31/15. Unmodified Opinion, considered accurate with no new improvements recommended.

- 3) Motion by P. Gionta to ratify a Memorandum of Understanding for Borough of Swissvale Part-time Police Officers, second by M. Alder. Motion carried.
 - 4) Motion by P. Gionta to enter into a complete and updated collective bargaining agreement between the Borough of Swissvale and the Swissvale Police Officers Association for the term from January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 upon review of solicitor, second by M. Stanton. Motion carried.
 - 5) Motion by M. Stanton to authorize Deputy Fire Chief David Miller to attend a training class on crude oil railcar emergencies at the FEMA Training Center in Pueblo, Colorado May 31- June 4, 2015. All expensed paid by FEMA, second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
 - 6) Motion by D. Rapp to appoint the following to the Shade Tree Committee.
 - Melissa Jenereski
 - Heather Lyle
 - Matt Mercurio
 - Gilbert Miller
 - Kurt Summersgill
 - Terry WardSecond by J. Grose, motion carried.
 - 7) Motion D. Petrarca to hire the following seasonal summer workers for the Department of Public Works.
 - Tim Bagwell
 - Brendan Boyle
 - Paul Breakwell
 - Jeffrey Mellon
 - Adam MillerSecond J. Grose, motion carried.
8. Finance Report – M. Stanton motion to approve:
- Paid Bills as of ***April 30, 2015*** in the amount of ***\$470,529.43***.
 - Unpaid Bills as of ***April 30, 2015*** in the amount of ***\$89,074.09***.
Second by P. Gionta, motion carried.
9. Police Report – P. Gionta
- Motion by P. Gionta, to re-hire Jonathan Sharp as a Part-time Police Officer as of May 13, 2015, second by M. Stanton, motion carried.
 - Motion by P. Gionta, to accept the resignation of Part-time Police Officer David Ernst as of May 13, 2015, second by D. Petrarca, motion carried.
10. Code and Fire Report – M. Stanton – Report on file in Manager’s office.
- Fire Chief Wilhelm reported the purchase of CPR Mannequins, department to hold monthly classes free to residents, fee to Non-residents and all Borough employees to be trained.
11. Public Works Report – D. Petrarca – Report on file in Manager’s Office.
- Interim Director R. Wiswell submitted a report showing cost savings and improvements in the last six months and highlighted the monthly report.

12. Economics and Development Report – J. Grose
Meeting on May 19, 2015, Election day – meeting to be moved to a new location due to voting in Council chambers.
13. CONNECT Report – D. Rapp – No report.
14. Outstanding Complaints Report – No report.
15. Recreation Committee Report – M. Alder – Recreation Committee met to review ordinances for updates.
16. C.O.G. Report – D. Rapp – Nothing new to report.
17. President’s Remarks – President Busch
 - Dek Hockey opportunity not available due to the close proximity of a facility located in Wilkinsburg.
 - Commends the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for the fine work being done in Community.
18. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
 - Congratulations to Union Baptist Church celebrating 95 years this month.
 - May 10 deadline for Summer Newsletter
 - Rotary Dinner fundraiser May 7
 - Farmer’s Market begins May 9
 - Parkway Planting May 10 at 9am
 - Clean up day May 16
19. Water Authority Report – No report.
20. Planning Commission – Continued work on zoning updates.
21. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan
 - Comcast agreement scheduled to be renewed, Solicitor has reviewed with several changes recommended.
22. Engineer Report – Report on file.
 - Banner poles to be installed next week.
23. Borough Manager Report – Report on file.
24. Unfinished Business – None
25. New Business
 - D. Rapp reported on meeting he attended about improving relations between community members and police department sponsored by the Rand Corp.
26. Motion to adjourn by P. Gionta, second by J. Grose, motion carried.
27. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.