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## BOROUGH COUNCIL

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### **BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 1, 2015**

1. President calls the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Invocation – Pastor Dennis Handley of Swisshelm Park Primitive Methodist Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman P. Gionta
4. Roll Call – D. Petrarca-here, P. Gionta-here, M. Alder-here, M. Stanton-here, M. Busch-here, D. Schwartzwelder-here, J. Grose-absent (D. Rapp arrived after roll call).
5. President Busch indicated that Public Comment will be limited to the designated timeslot at the beginning of meeting.
6. Public Comment
  - a. Taneshia Jackson requested space in one of the Borough parks to set up Helping Others In Need program to feed children. Ms Jackson was informed of YMCA and Swissvale Union Baptist Church lunch program and was referred to Pastor Tedder of Union Baptist Church.
  - b. Jack Hogan discussion regarding enhancement of business and residential districts including invitation of new and existing business owners to address council with their interests and concerns. Various aspects of improvements were discussed, as well as the amenities associated with living in Swissvale. Borough Manager asked for volunteers (to be appointed by Council) for the Economic Development Committee.
  - c. Megan Vrcic commendation of Community Days by residents and visitors
7. Approval of Minutes – *Regular Council Meeting* held on June 3, 2015 and the *Agenda Meeting* held on June 24, 2015 by D. Petrarca, second by M. Alder. D. Rapp felt that minutes were abbreviated.
8. Francis Deleonibus was sworn in as Assistant Fire Chief.
9. Agenda Items:

- 1) Motion to approve **RESOLUTION 15-07 – AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PARK** by P. Gionta, second by M. Stanton. Motion carried.
- 2) Motion to ratify hiring of Greg Bachy as Director of Public Works at an annual salary of \$66,500 by D. Petrarca, second by P. Gionta. Roll call: P. Gionta-yes, D. Petrarca-yes, D. Rapp-yes, M. Alder-yes, M. Stanton-yes, M. Busch-yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Motion to hire Dylan Amos as a temporary employee of the Department of Public Works by D. Petrarca, second by M. Alder. Roll call: P. Gionta-yes, D. Petrarca-yes, D. Rapp-no, M. Alder-yes, M. Stanton-yes, M. Busch-yes. Motion carried.

During the Question on the motion, Councilman Rapp voiced several opinions that the Borough's hiring policies and practices should be updated and also noted that Mr. Amos' mother is a part-time administrative assistant and his brother is a part-time firefighter. However, Mr. Rapp did not have a question on the motion,

- 4) Motion to appoint Public Works employees James Wisniewski and Matthew Dillard as working foremen in accordance to collective bargaining agreement by D. Petrarca, second by P. Gionta. Motion carried
  - 5) Motion to advertise ORDINANCE 15-03 amending Chapter 15-409(4) of the Code of the Borough of Swissvale providing for permit parking on the Northeast side of South Braddock Avenue between Melrose Street and Vernon Street by M. Alder, second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
  - 6) Motion to accept Cargill, Inc. rock salt bid through South Hills Area Council of Governments at a price of \$69.29 per ton by D. Petrarca, second by P. Gionta. Motion carried.
5. Finance Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton
- Paid Bills as of **June 30, 2015** in the amount of **\$580,042.60**
  - Unpaid Bills as of **June 30, 2015** in the amount of **\$35,933.69**
- second by P. Gionta. Motion Carried.
6. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta – Report on file in Manager's Office.
7. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton – Report on file in Manager's Office. Fire Chief requested emergency demolition of 2235 Woodstock due to partial collapse. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by D. Rapp. Motion carried.

8. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca – Report on file in Manager’s Office. Director G. Bachy outlined some current scope of work including:
  - a. Regent Square brick street repair
  - b. Vacant property grass mowing
  - c. Vehicles being repaired
9. Economics and Development Report – Council Darrell Rapp
  - a. Mark Harvey Smith was hired by the Enterprise Zone to address business development.
  - b. M. Busch requested copies of applications for Economic and Development advisory board. D. Rapp indicated that the process has started over again to recruit applicants.
10. CONNECT Report – Councilman Darrell Rapp
  - a. Discussion included programs offered by Allegheny County Health Department
  - b. Announced CONNECT and COG meeting to be held on July 20, 2015
11. Outstanding Complaints Report
  - a. Advertising of Ordinance for extended permit parking on S Braddock Avenue.
  - b. Sewer line repair program by Dominion indicating drawings were incorrect.
12. Recreation Committee Report – Councilman Michael Alder – Report on file in Manager’s Office.
  - a. Committee is reviewing ordinances
  - b. Next meeting is July 28, 2015
  - c. Mayor Swartzwelder has projector and movie screen available for movies.
13. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Darrell Rapp
14. President’s Remarks – President Martin Busch
15. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
16. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.

Councilman Rapp questioned on whether the Water Authority has a line replacement plan or schedule into the future.

17. Planning Commission – Manager commented that the Planning Commission is moving forward with the update of the Zoning Ordinance.
18. Solicitor Report – Gavin Robb
  - a. Wikins School Lease has been signed.
19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau
  - a. Commercial Revitalization Phase II to commence on July 6, 2015.
20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm – Report on file in Manager’s Office
  - a. Worker’s compensation insurance renewal is forthcoming.
  - b. Safety committee will save 5% and reductions in claims will be approximately 10% to 12%.
  - c. Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program is extended to August 31, 2015.
21. Unfinished Business – Scheduling of meeting with candidates for Early Intervention Program; Manager will schedule top two candidates.
22. New Business - None
23. Motion to adjourn by D. Petrarca, second by M. Alder.
24. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.