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BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2015

1. President calls the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Invocation – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Julie Grose
4. Roll Call – D. Petrarca-absent, P. Gionta-here, M. Alder-here, M. Stanton-here, M. Busch-here, D. Swartzwelder-here, J. Grose-here, D. Rapp-absent.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Sarah Ansill, Megan Vrcic and Monica Fletcher of The Swissvale Mile Event thanked everyone for helping out and presented a check for \$ 4,408.42 for the Police K-9 Fund.
6. AGENDA ITEMS:
 - 1) Motion to approve **ORDINANCE 15-03** – Amending the Permit Parking Ordinance to include portions of South Braddock Avenue by M. Alder, second by M. Stanton. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - 2) Motion to approve **ORDINANCE 15-04**-Amending the Dumpster Permit Ordinance to clarify and modify definitions by M. Alder, second by M. Stanton. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - 3) Motion to ratify the hiring of Luke Conley as a temporary employee of the Department of Public Works at \$15.32 per hour by J. Grose, second by M. Stanton. Roll call: J. Grose-yes, M. Stanton-yes P. Gionta-yes, M. Alder-yes, M. Busch-yes. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - 4) Motion to ratify the hiring of Part-Time Firefighters Brittany Hoffman and Joe Montgomery at \$12.93 per hour by M. Stanton, second by J. Grose. Roll Call: M. Stanton-yes, J. Grose-yes, P. Gionta-yes, M. Alder-yes, M. Busch-yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 5) Motion to ratify the hiring of Kelli Campas as Administrative Assistant in the Borough Office at a salary of \$32,448 annually by P. Gionta, second by J. Grose. Roll Call: P. Gionta-yes, J. Grose-yes, M. Stanton-yes, M. Alder-yes, M. Busch-yes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6) Motion to accept the resignation of Part-time Police Officer, Shawn Granger by M. Alder, second by P. Gionta. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 7) Motion to accept the resignation of Part-time Police Officer, Jonathan Sharp by P. Gionta, second by M. Alder. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 8) Motion to approve hiring of Part-time Police Officer Kenneth Sebastian at \$ 15.05 per hour by P. Gionta, second by M. Stanton. Roll Call: P. Gionta-yes, M. Stanton-yes, M. Alder-yes, J. Grose-yes, M. Busch-yes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 9) Motion by P. Gionta, second by M. Alder to approve the lease/purchase of the following vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works utilizing the COG purchasing contract and community leasing:
 - Ford F-350 Pickup with Snow Plow and Salt Hopper through Day Fleet Services
 - Ford-150 Pick-up through Day Fleet Services
 - Salt Hopper through Day Fleet Services
 - Toro Grounds Master 3280-D Tractor through E. H. Griffith, Inc. Motion carried.
- 10) Finance Report – Motion by M. Stanton to approve:
 - Paid Bills as of **July 31, 2015** in the amount of **\$433,126.15**
 - Unpaid Bills as of **July 31, 2015** in the amount of **\$86,740.37**. second by P. Gionta. All ayes Motion carried.
- 11) Police Report – P. Gionta-Report on file in Manager’s Office. Still waiting for certification/weight of bridge report from PennDot. Police Chief suggested interviewing James Tyco who is certified to inspect the trucks.
- 12) Code and Fire Report – M. Stanton – Report on File in Manager’s Office.
 - a. Fire Department received AFG Grant in the amount of \$45,000.00. Since 2012, the department has received 1.5 million dollars in grants.
 - b. We are very busy this summer with high grass and garbage.
 - c. Fire truck was returned from having engine work done, bill was between \$12-\$18 thousand to repair. Very costly to keep repairing this engine. We need to explore other avenues.

- 13) Public Works Report– Report on File in Manager’s Office. Met last week before the agenda meeting with regards to establishing standard operating procedures and the need for updated vehicles and equipment. Continuing to do upgrades to roads and road signage.
- 14) Economics and Development Report – J. Grose-Report on File in Manager’s Office.
- 15) CONNECT Report – None
- 16) Outstanding Complaints Report-None
- 17) Recreation Committee Report – M. Alder – Report on File in Manager’s Office. Meeting regularly and things are going well.
- 18) C.O.G. Report – No COG meeting until September
- 19) President’s Remarks – M. Busch. Had a great time at National Night Out. Glad to be there and loved to see how well the community is doing.
- 20) Mayor’s Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
 - a. Deadline for newsletter is August 10, 2015.
 - b. Wings over Swissvale at Memorial Field is September 12, 2015 between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.
 - c. Meeting with a group called Swissvale Cares and they are looking for members. Their food pantry is not fully funded through the Food Bank. Looking for donations and/or ways to raise money.
- 21) Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr. –Paving done this week
- 22) Planning Commission-Still working on the Zoning Ordinance Update.
- 23) Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan-None
- 24) Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau-absent-Report on File in Manager’s Office.
- 25) Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm.
 - a. Carrie Furnace meetings started again.
 - b. PennDot meeting re: Kenmawr Bridge. They want us to relocate a sewer line.
 - c. Shade Tree Advisory Committee met and is working on an ordinance.
 - d. Verizon Franchise Agreement is coming up next year. We participated in a collaborative effort last time with C.O.G. and other communities. This time, C.O.G. has some funding available to offset the proposed cost of using Cohen Law Group to negotiate a new franchise agreement. I would request a motion by council to allow me to send an engagement letter to start this process. Motion by M. Stanton, second by P. Gionta to authorize Manager to send an engagement letter to Cohen Law Group to

negotiate a new franchise agreement with Verizon. All ayes. Motion carried.

26) Unfinished Business – None

27) New Business - None

28) President M. Busch mentioned that council met in executive session on 7/1/15 and 7/29/15 for personnel and legal reasons. Motion to adjourn by M. Stanton, second by M. Alder. All ayes. Motion carried.

29) Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.