



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT \_\_\_7:00 p.m.\_\_\_\_By President Busch\_\_\_\_\_.
2. INVOCATION – Pastor Dai Morgan with Living Spirit Ministries
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE – DAVID PETRARCA
4. ROLL CALL –P. Gionta-here- D. Petrarca-here-J. Grose-here-D. Rapp-here-M. Alder-here-D. Swartzwelder-here-M. Busch-here-M. Stanton-absent
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. Shane Culgan-Discussed K-9 Fundraising-working with Vested Interest in K-9's and using crowdise.com to raise money.
  - b. Sarah Benson-Approval for street party on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-6 on Milligan Avenue from Juniata to Highland Avenue.
  - c. Aaron Chaney- 7421 McClure-Needs clergy sign and yellow line removed from front of property –can remove line if there is no ordinance, if there is an ordinance, then there will need to be an amendment.
6. AGENDA ITEMS:
  - 1.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-08**, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number **178-D-162** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - 2.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-09**, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot

Number **234-N-041** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan by P. Gionta, second by J. Grose. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 3.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-10**, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number **235-A-172** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan by P. Gionta, second by M. Alder. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - 4.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-11**, approving the leasing of various equipment for the Department of Public Works by D. Petrarca, second by M. Alder. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - 5.) Motion to award bid for **Demolition of 2235 Woodstock Avenue** to Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$16,200.00 by D. Petrarca, second by M. Alder. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - 6.) Motion to hire part-time policeman, James Ciocco, at a rate of \$15.05 per hour. M. Alder, second by P. Gionta. Roll call-P. Gionta-yes-J. Grose-yes-D. Rapp-yes-M Alder-yes-M. Busch-yes
7. Finance Report – Motion by Councilman D. Petrarca to approve
- Paid Bills as of **August 31, 2015** in the amount of \$402,862.54
  - Unpaid Bills as of **August 31, 2015** in the amount of \$65,570.11
- Seconded by M. Alder. Motion carried.
8. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta-Report on file in Manager's office.
- a. We have one SRO this year at the school and it will be Officer Tomei.
  - b. Complaint about First Student dropping kids off in the wrong areas. Resident questioned the crossing guard policies of other schools in the area. Woodland Hills School District can answer that question.
9. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton-Report on file in Manager's office. Borough Manager Clyde Wilhelm-
- a. Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department received their Gold Certification and is the only one in the county that is 100% certified.
  - b. Motion to advertise for a demolition hearing for September 25<sup>th</sup> for 7319 and 7321 Agnes Street by J. Grose, second by P. Gionta. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - c. Very busy with occupancy inspections.

- d. Assistant Fire Chief Deleonibus-We have had a lot of requests that were coming in for CPR training and now we are able to offer that service. We had 5 Firefighters trained to teach and certify in CPR/First Aid.
10. Public Works Report – Councilman David Petrarca-Report on file in Manager’s office. Greg Bachy-
- a. DPW trainings were held on vehicle safety.
  - b. Toro tractor back in service.
  - c. Painting lines daily to get caught up from when the machine was out of service. Also will be starting asphalt repairs.
11. Economics and Development Report – Councilwoman Julie Grose-Report on file in Manager’s office.
- a. Eliminated monthly **EDAC** meeting, will keep council up to date. Will work with Sedco on economic development issues.
12. Outstanding Complaints Report –Nothing to report
13. Recreation Committee Report – Councilman Michael Alder-nothing to report-mentioned that a for profit baseball league from Squirrel Hill was using Memorial Field without a permit. Police to patrol.
14. President’s Remarks – President Martin Busch-Nothing to Report
15. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder-
- a. Fall newsletter to be out 9/3/15.
  - b. September 12<sup>th</sup> Rotary Fundraiser Wings over Swissvale from 2-6 at Memorial Park.
  - c. Starting to plan for the annual Polar Plunge on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. September 19<sup>th</sup> is the corn roast and car cruise from 4-8.
  - e. Master Builder Church and Union Baptist family want to have a movie night for September 25<sup>th</sup>.

16. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.-No report
17. Planning Commission – Veryl Lawson- Borough Manager-Updating Zoning Ordinance.
18. Solicitor Report – Robert McTiernan-Nothing to report.
19. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau-
  - a. Review of interim consent order from the Pa Dept of Environmental Protection in which The Borough has finally received copy of the agreement. Follow-up draft will be available next week for review by panel solicitors and engineers; will notify council.
  - b. Modification to light poles because of wires.
  - c. The trees on Waverly street need replaced, in order to get a Tree Vitalize grant to pay for cost of trees, we need a tree ordinance.
20. Borough Manager Report – Clyde Wilhelm-Report on file in Manager's office-
  - a. Kenmawr Bridge Project. Received request for the Utility Coordinator hired by PennDot to allow them to include sewer work in their bidding process, work that they want Swissvale to pay for to relocate sewer lines on South Braddock Avenue as part of the Bridge Replacement Project. I have notified them that we cannot pay for such a project and requested that they provide more information.
  - b. It was brought to my attention that the Tassely Hollow Bridge should be closing soon for rehabilitation.
  - c. Consent decree discussed by engineer
  - d. Finally received Comcast Franchise Agreement.
  - e. Demolition will be starting on 7701-7705 Jeremias and 7728 Stanton in which we received CDBG funding in the amount of \$17,510. The Borough's share will be \$4,480.00.
  - f. The Borough received a check in the amount of \$1200.00 from First National Bank for rent collected by them from this property since June, when we acquired it. The tenant had been sending in her rent to the bank since they acquired it through foreclosure in 2008.

g. Working on Budget for 2016. We had another reduction of 1 million dollars in assessed property value in August alone; year-to-date loss in tax revenue is over \$64,000.

h. All departments are working hard to be under budget.

21. Unfinished Business- none

22. New Business- Connect has arranged for a meeting that will be quarterly with the Port Authority regarding the busway. This meeting is meant to open communication with the Port Authority.

23. Motion to adjourn – Before adjourning, council met on August 26<sup>th</sup> in executive session for personnel and legal reasons and will meet again tonight after the meeting. Motion to adjourn by P. Gionta, second by Alder. All ayes.

24. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_7:45 pm\_\_\_\_\_