



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 7, 2015

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by President Busch.
2. INVOCATION – Pastor Eric Baldwin, River City Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE – Councilman Darrell Rapp
4. ROLL CALL –D. Petrarca -here, J. Grose - here, D. Rapp -here, M. Alder - here, M. Stanton - here, Mayor Swartzwelder - here, M. Busch – here, P. Gionta - absent.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Hiller- Nine Mile Run Watershed Association- Discussion on obtaining a Letter of Support for an extended study being conducted by PWSA.

Craig Michalski-2329 Buena Vista Street-Discussion on curfew siren. Wants to know if there is another way to notify kids of curfew. The curfew siren is the best way to alert kids of curfew time. At this time and is written into the Curfew Ordinance.

6. AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-12**, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number **177-S-282** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan by M. Stanton, second by J. Grose. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-13**, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number **234-N-028** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan by M. Stanton, second by M. Alder. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 3.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-14**, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number **235-A-167** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan by M. Stanton, second by M. Alder. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 4.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-15**, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Blot Number **235-N-276** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan by M. Stanton, second by J. Grose. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 5.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-16**, that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as Block and Lot Number **178-B-282** would be in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan by M. Stanton, second by J. Grose. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6.) Motion to approve **Resolution 15-17**, for the leasing of various vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works and Police Department by D. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.) Motion to approve **Ordinance 15-05**, establishing a vacant and abandoned property registry for the Borough of Swissvale, requiring the registration and maintenance of certain real property by mortgagees and owners, providing penalties and enforcement for violations of the ordinance.

Motion to table by D. Rapp -no second.

Motion by: D. Perarca, second by M. Alder to adopt.

Question on the motion by D. Rapp: Asked why council could not table motion and further questioned the definitions of the words "and" & "or" as well as "vacant".

Roll call: D. Petrarca – yes, J.Grose – yes, D. Rapp – no, M. Alder – yes, M. Stanton – yes, M. Busch - yes. Motion carried.
- 8.) Motion to approve the sale of 2001 Lexus LS430 to Jerry Jones in the amount of \$6,825.00, who was the highest bidder from the Auction on Municibid.com by M. Stanton, second by D. Petrarca. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 9.) Motion to approve the demolition of 7319 and 7321 Agnes Street by M. Petrarca, second by J. Grose. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.) *President Busch announced that council met in executive session for personnel and legal reasons on September 2nd and October 2nd.*

8) Finance Report –

Motion by Councilwoman Michele Stanton to approve

- Paid Bills as of **September 30, 2015** in the amount of \$554,418.14
- Unpaid Bills as of **September 30, 2015** in the amount of \$21,468.86

Second by J. Grose. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Finance Committee to meet in the next couple of weeks to work on 2016 budget.

9). Police Report –

Councilwoman Patricia Gionta-(absent) Report on file in Manager's office.

10). Code and Fire Report – Vice President Michele Stanton-

Assistant Fire Chief Deleonibus- Firefighters attended class to be CPR instructors. We have successfully completed the instruction plus practical mentoring. We have 5 brand new instructors to teach anyone who needs it. We are already fielding calls. We have 7 CPR instructors in total and should be able to serve the community well. We re-certified members of the career and volunteer staff for CPR as well.

Free Flu Shots will be given at the Fire Station on Monday October 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and again on Tuesday October 27th from 6:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m. We have 100 doses of the vaccine. We will advertise it in the Valley Mirror.

Chief Wilhelm -We lost a paramedic to Fairfax County, VA and we may lose another one to the recruit class for the city of Pittsburgh. May have to hire 2 more in the near future

11). Public Works Report –

Councilman David Petrarca-Report on file in Manager's office.

Director Bachy-

Asphalt patching will be done this week.

Couple of projects to do on Highland and Varsity.

Getting ready for winter

Leaf collection to begin November 2nd 2015.

12). Economics and Development Report –

Councilwoman Julie Grose - Nothing to report.

13). Outstanding Complaints Report – Nothing to report

14). Recreation Committee Report –

Councilman Michael Alder-Report on file in Manager's office.

15). C.O.G. Report-

Councilman Darrell Rapp-

Voted and approved 2016 Budget.

No increase in dues for next year.

16). President's Remarks-

President Martin Busch-Moving forward with Budget and getting ready for winter.

17). Mayor's Report-Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder –

Winter Newsletter deadline is November 10th.

Farmers Market is ending for the season on October 31st.

Halloween Parade is October 31st at noon and trick or treat is from 5-7 this year.

18). Water Authority Report-

Anthony Russo Sr.-No Report

19). Planning Commission-

Veryl Lawson-absent-

Clyde Wilhelm- Continued to work on zoning ordinance update.

Union Baptist Church presented a plan to place a modular classroom to be put across from the church on Collingwood.

20). Solicitor Report-

Robert McTiernan-No Report

21). Engineer Report-

Robert Zischkau- interim consent orders will be out to the municipalities sometime next week. Solicitors group has reviewed the current draft and are satisfied with it. Final draft will be out soon.

22). Borough Manager Report –

Working through draft budget before we start meeting with the Finance Committee.

Citizen's Bank has instituted a new fee schedule and based on our check volume and deposit volume, we anticipate fees to be \$10,000 annually just to maintain our accounts. Ms. Turley is working with First Commonwealth Bank who gives us a good rate on our anticipation loans. Citizens do not pay any interest on our accounts, whereas First Commonwealth does. They call it 25 points or a quarter percent, with their reduced fee schedule, interest bearing is a wash. If we transfer our operating accounts to First Commonwealth, we wouldn't incur that \$10,000 annual cost. If it's okay with council, we would like to work with First Commonwealth.

7330 McClure sheriff sold against our wishes and school district wishes. Jordan Tax Service pushed it to sheriff sale. Woodland Hills School District requested they delay it because of project by MVI and Allegheny County Economic Development Corporation-voiced disdain with Jordan tax service. I have consulted with solicitors and the school district solicitors to see if anything, due to miscommunication, can be reversed. MVI had a plan to turn this property into 16 owner occupied condo units with an assessed value between 2 and 2.5 million dollars. Instead it sold for \$ 220,000 to someone we have had code enforcement issues within the past.

President Busch-

Working on having another budget workshop with the citizens this year and it will be at the Fire Department.

23). Unfinished Business-None

24). New Business-

President Busch- People are parking at corners too far back and fire trucks won't be able to get around bends, especially the ladder truck. This is most noticeable on Wayne and Monroe streets. There are also issues with people parking next to fire hydrants. Yellow lines should be painted or signs should be put in place.

25). Motion to adjourn by M. Alder, second by D. Petrarca

26). Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm