



**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 4, 2015**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.
2. INVOCATION – Pastor Dennis Handley, Swisshelm Park Primitive Methodist Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE – Mayor Swartzwelder
4. ROLL CALL –P. Gionta -here, D. Petrarca - here, D. Rapp -here, M. Alder - here, M. Stanton - here, Mayor Swartzwelder - here, J. Grose –absent, M. Busch - absent.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - 1) Margaret Poindexter- Discussion about traffic conditions, drug activity and loitering on Westmoreland, Columbia and Milligan Avenues.
  - 2) Jason Busch of Busch Bros. presented proceeds from their September, 2015 Car Cruise in the amount of \$1,236 to K-9 Unit
  - 3) David Petrarca circulated petition to keep Swissvale Senior Center open. Edgewood Borough Manager and Edgewood residents have also indicated they will support keeping center open.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Agenda Meeting* September 30, 2015 and *Regular Council Meeting* held on October 7, 2015. D. Rapp requested more detail in minutes. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by M. Alder. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. AGENDA ITEMS:
  - 1.) Mr. Jim Matscherz, President of Commonwealth Building Officials presented Clyde Wilhelm with the Code Official of the Year Award for 2015.
  - 2.) Motion by D. Petrarca to advertise Agenda Meeting and Budget Workshop Meeting for Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Swissvale Fire Department Meeting Room 7400 Irving Street; second by P. Gionta. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 3.) Motion by D. Petrarca to approve **Resolution 15-18**, authorizing the establishment of Borough banking accounts at First Commonwealth Bank; second by P. Gionta. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 4.) Motion by D. Petrarca to approve hiring of Dylan Amos as a full-time employee of the Department of Public Works; second by P. Gionta. All ayes. Roll call – P. Gionta-yes; D. Petrarca-yes; D. Rapp-yes; M. Alder-yes; M. Stanton-yes. Motion carried.
- 5.) Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the advertisement of **Ordinance 15-06** to place stop signs on Columbia Avenue, facing west at the intersection of Francis Street and East at the intersection of Union Street; second by P. Gionta. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 8) Finance Report –  
Motion by M. Alder to approve
  - Paid Bills as of **October 31, 2015** in the amount of \$730,086.99
  - Unpaid Bills as of **October 31, 2015** in the amount of \$59,545.36Second by P. Gionta. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 9). Police Report –  
Councilwoman Patricia Gionta - Report on file in Manager's office. Lt. Lisovich- nothing to add.
- 10). Code and Fire Report –  
Councilman Michael Alder – Report is on file in Manager's office.  
Chief Wilhelm and Robert McTiernan discussed the options of sequestering rents to pay outstanding taxes. Another alternative is taking property owner before local magistrate. Opinion letter is forthcoming.
- 11). Public Works Report –  
Councilman David Petrarca-Report on file in Manager's office.  
Director Bachy
  - Leaf collection has begun; new plow truck is in and is being outfitted; supplemental signs (Opposing Traffic Does Not Stop) will be added to stop signs on Columbia.
- 12). Economics and Development Report –  
Councilwoman Julie Grose - Absent
- 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-
  - ALCOSAN is holding public hearing for Customer System Program regarding finance to lower income customers.
- 16). President's Remarks-  
President Martin Busch- absent.
- 17). Mayor's Report-  
Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
  - Halloween Parade and Trick-or-Treat were a success; tree care event on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Linear Park and Saturday, November 14, 2015 tree planting on Hampton Avenue at Universal Academy; Night of Lights scheduled for December 5, 2015 at 5:00 at Fire Department
- 18). Water Authority Report-  
Anthony Russo Sr. - Absent
- 19). Planning Commission-  
Veryl Lawson - absent  
No meeting was held last month
- 20). Solicitor Report-  
Robert McTiernan –
  - Complaint was filed this week in Common Pleas Court on behalf of the Borough to set aside the Denniston School Sherriff Sale on grounds that commitments made were mistakenly or otherwise not honored. PNC is supporting the petition because they were not given adequate notice.
- 21). Engineer Report-  
Robert Zischkau
  - Interim consent orders have not been received by Borough and cannot be acted on until documents are received;
  - Borough's participation in PWSA in their Regional Sewer Water Flow Reduction. There is a meeting at PWSA office on November 6 and Mr. Zischkau will be reporting back to Council.
- 22). Borough Manager Report –  
Clyde Wilhelm –
  - Discussion regarding Port Authority owned Tasse Hollow traffic detour. Bridge closes December 1, 2015 for one year. Memorandum of Understanding was signed earlier this year.
  - Documents for the 2016 TAN Loan with First Commonwealth Bank were distributed to Council. Resolution will be presented at December meeting.
  - Health plan selections versus contractual obligations were discussed. Babb, Inc. has been informed that plan must match current plan to meet our obligations to

the three separate bargaining units. We are still working with some other agencies to obtain a plan that will comply and at the best rate to the Borough.

- Budget is in final process and hinges on final hospitalization rates.
- We have been advised by Mr. Ken Luttinger, who issues large bonds, that a loan is a better alternative to a bond issue for next year's budget.

23). Unfinished Business - None

24). New Business – Vice President Stanton congratulated newly elected councilmember, Tim Ward.

25). Vice President Stanton announced that council met in executive session on October 4, 2015 for reasons of personnel and legal.

26) Councilman Rapp attended a meeting at Woodland Hills School District whereby the district will fund signs to be posted in each member municipality identifying the community as part of the Woodland Hills School District.

27). Motion to adjourn by P. Gionta; second by D. Petrarca. All ayes. Motion carried.

28). Meeting adjourned at **7:54** pm