



**BORORUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGUALR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 2, 2015

1. President calls meeting to order at 7 pm by president Busch.
2. Invocation- Pastor Dave Swanson of Pittsburgh Mennonite Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman David Petrarca
4. Roll Call P. Gionta -here, D. Petrarca - here, D. Rapp -here, M. Alder – here, M. Stanton - here, , Mayor Swartzwelder – here, M. Busch –here, J. Grose – absent.
5. Public Comment - None
6. Approval of Minutes- Motion to approve the minutes for the *Agenda Meeting* held on October 28, 2015 and the *Regular Meeting* held on November 4, 2015. Motion by D. Petrarca, second by M. Alder. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Agenda Items
 - a. Motion by M. Stanton to approve **Resolution 15-19** authorizing the 2016 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$600,000.00 from First Commonwealth Bank. P. Gionta second, all ayes. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion by M. Stanton to approve **Resolution 15-20** authorizing the Borough to enter into a Phase 1 order and agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection concerning alleged sanitary sewer overflows and authorizing the proper

Borough Officers to execute said order and agreement. P. Gionta second, all ayes, motion carried.

- c. Motion by M. Stanton to approve **Resolution 15-21** authorizing the Borough of Swissvale to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for multi Modal Grant Funding. M. Alder second. All ayes, motion carried.
- d. Motion by M. Alder to approve **Resolution 15-22** approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of a parcel of vacant property known as block and lot number 235-A -183 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. M. Stanton second. All ayes, motion carried.
- e. Motion by P. Gionta to advertise the following Ordinances for consideration for adoption at the December 30th Council Meeting:
 - i. Ordinance 15-06 –Amending the Recreation Board Ordinance
 - ii. Ordinance 15-07- Adding stop signs on Columbia Ave
 - iii. Ordinance 15-08 – Establishing the Millage Rates for 2016
 - iv. Ordinance 15-09 – Establishing the Sewage Rates for 2016
 - v. Ordinance 15-10 – Repealing Ordinances 96-03 & 96-04

M. Stanton second. All ayes, motion carried.
- f. Motion D. Petrarca to advertise that the Agenda Meeting scheduled for December 30, 2015 will be a General Business and Legislative Meeting for the adoption of the 2016 budget and other General Business. M. Alder second. All eyes, motion carried.
- g. Motion by D. Petrarca to hire Luke Connelly as full-time DPW employee at the contractual rate of \$17.47 per hour. M. Alder second. Roll call: P. Gionta - yes, D. Petrarca – yes, D. Rapp – yes, M. Alder – yes, M. Stanton – yes, M. Busch – yes. All ayes, motion carried.
- h. Motion by M. Alder to hire Jocelyn Tucker as a temporary administration assistant at \$13.00 per hour. D. Petrarca second. Roll call: P. Gionta – yes, D. Petrarca – yes, D. Rapp – yes, M. Alder – yes, M. Stanton – abstain, M. Busch – yes. Motion carried.
- i. Motion by D. Petrarca to appoint Greg Bachy to the position of Assistant Manager and set compensation at \$120.00 per week in addition to his Director of Public Works salary for his added responsibilities. Second M.

Alder. Roll Call: P. Gionta - yes, D. Petrarca – yes, D. Rapp yes, M. Alder – yes, M. Stanton – yes, M. Busch – yes. All ayes, motion carried.

- j. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve contract extension between Borough of Swissvale and the Teamsters Local 250 representing the DPW employees to end on December 31, 2019. M. Alder second. All ayes, motion carried.
 - k. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the demolition of 2216-2218 South Braddock Avenue by Massarelli Excavation in the amount not to exceed \$19,400. P. Gionta second. All ayes, motion carried.
 - l. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the 2016 Sewer Cleaning and Internal Evaluation CCTV Contract to Insight Pipe Contracting. L. P. in the amount of \$47,300. M. Stanton second. All ayes, motion carried.
 - m. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve the purchase and ongoing cellular monitoring and maintenance agreement of a new CSO Monitoring System from Drnach Environmental, Inc. Installation cost in the amount of \$1,500 and a monthly fee of \$510. P. Gionta second. All ayes motion carried.
 - n. Motion by D. Petrarca to authorize the cancellation of the Solid Waste Collection Contract with Big’s Sanitation to be effective on January 9, 2016. P. Gionta second. All ayes, motion carried.
 - o. Motion by D. Petrarca to approve a three year agreement with Waste Management for refuse disposal at the Monroeville Landfill in the amount of \$42.40 per ton. P. Gionta second. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Finance Report- Motion by Councilwoman Michele Stanton:
- a. Paid Bills as of November 30, 2015 in the amount of \$847,326.07.
 - b. Unpaid Bills as of November 30, 2015 in the amount of \$34,982.10.
Second P. Gionta. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Police Report – Councilwoman Patricia Gionta – in Manager’s Office
10. Code and Fire Report – Councilwoman Michele Stanton
- a. Community CPR class will take place Thursday December 10th from 6-9:30pm at fire station.
 - b. Public Comment commending the fire department in their installation of smoke detectors.

- c. Chief Wilhelm is meeting with McKeesport Fire and Code Department, they are interested in modeling the system that is currently in place in Swissvale.
- d. One of the fire engines would not start and the air compressor was not working. The Borough needs to replace the Borough owned fire engine. The volunteers are working to replace their 23 year old engine as well. We can save substantially by buying two trucks at the same time and splitting the costs.

11. Public Works Report- Councilman David Petrarca

- a. Interviews for five individuals and background checks are pending to determine who will operate the new garbage trucks.
- b. Letter was received thanking the DPW for their leaf pick-up in Regent Sq.
- c. Completed repairs at Smokeywood Drive and Chalmers Alley.
- d. Leaf collection will continue for the next couple of weeks.
- e. Garbage trucks are delivered and they are registered. The trucks must have a decal signaling their origin and purpose with a phone number prominently displayed. All of this will be done before they are put in service.
- f. Traffic signs have been updated on Columbia as part of the detour for the bridge and Woodstock Ave during construction.
- g. Report on file in borough Manager's Office

12. Outstanding Complaints Report – none

13. Recreation Committee Report – Councilman Michael Alder

- a. Reviewed and updated ordinances
- b. Report on file in borough manager's office

14. C.O.G. Report – Councilman Darrell Rapp

- a. Proposal to merge records of active road works projects with utility companies with the hopes of reducing costs. Also mentioned splitting costs with the utility companies.

15. President's Remarks- Martin Busch

- a. The President would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season as well as congratulate everyone on a successful year.

16. Mayor's Report – Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder

- a. Light-up night is Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 5 pm at Fire Dept. Tree lighted at 5:30, arts and crafts for the children and some small snacks will be available.
 - b. Winter newsletter is complete and available for distribution.
 - c. Polar plunge Dec. 12th. See mayor for participation and donation information.
17. Water Authority Report – Anthony Russo Sr.
- a. Water main breaks on Schoyer, West Moreland, and Trevanion. All repaired and back in service.
 - b. Adopted budget for 2016.
18. Planning Commission – Veryl Lawson – Report on file
19. Solicitor Report – Gavin Robb – Nothing to report
20. Engineer Report – Robert Zischkau – Nothing to report
21. Borough Manager's Report
- a. Dec 18th is the employee holiday luncheon.
 - b. Will be reaching out to committee and board members whose positions are due to expire in January to determine if they wish to be reappointed. If there are openings, we will advertise for interested candidates.
 - c. First time in 7 years the Borough of Swissvale will end the year with surplus funds.
22. New business:
- a. SEDCO is raising money for the insurance coverage for the Swissvale Farmer's Market. Raffle tickets are being sold at \$10 for a chance to win a prize.
23. Motion to adjourn by M. Alder, M. Stanton second. All ayes, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.