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**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 5, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL
 - a. Present: C. Ansell; W. Scales; J. Miser; W. Price; F. Quinn; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder.
 - b. Absent: S. Alfonso Wells
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. None
4. COUNCIL ACTIONS
 - a. Minutes
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2023, Council Agenda Meeting and the June 7, 2023 Council Meeting.
 - a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by J. Miser. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - b. Finance
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the Borough of Swissvale paid bills in the amount of \$751,892.89.
 - a. Moved by W. Price, 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - ii. MOTION: I move to approve the use of the remaining funds received from the ARPA grant as per the proposal set forth by the Finance Committee.
 - a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by J. Miser. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - c. Personnel

- i. MOTION: I move to appoint Maureen Diana Sasso to a three-year term on the Human Relations Commission, commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2025.
 - a. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - b. W. Scales thanked everyone who applied.
 - c. A. Stribling commented on M. Sasso's qualifications.
- ii. MOTION: I move to appoint Dr. Shenay Jeffrey to a three-year term on the Human Relations Commission, commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2025.
 - a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- iii. MOTION: I move to appoint Jamie York to a two-year term on the Human Relations Commission, commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2024.
 - a. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- iv. MOTION: I move to appoint Michelle McCord to a two-year term on the Human Relations Commission, commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2024.
 - a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- v. MOTION: I move to appoint Rabbi Sharyn Henry to a one-year term on the Human Relations Commission, commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2023.
 - a. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- vi. MOTION: I move to appoint Greg Bachy as delegate and Sarah Ansell as alternate delegate to the Allegheny County Southeast Tax Collection Commission.
 - a. Moved by W. Price, 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.

d. Contract Awards

- i. MOTION: I move to award a contract to Gil Berry and Associates in the amount of \$213,500.00 for the asbestos abatement and demolition of the former Municipal Building located at 7560 Roslyn Street.
 - a. Moved by J. Miser, 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - b. C. Ansell commented that the low bidder was thrown out because they failed to provide a bid bond.
- ii. MOTION: I move to award a contract to Minniefield Demolition in the amount of \$104,750.00 for asbestos abatement and demolition of eight (8) structures within Swissvale Borough.
 - a. Moved by A. Stribling, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- iii. MOTION: I move to approve the purchase of two 2023 Hybrid All-Wheel Drive Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Whitmoyer Auto Group at a cost of \$41,800.00 each.

- a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - iv. MOTION: I move to approve a proposal from Rally Specialist, Inc. for the upfitting of the two police vehicles at a cost of \$18,789.95 each.
 - a. Moved by A. Stribling, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - v. MOTION: I move to approve a lease agreement with Community Leasing Partners for the lease/purchase of two police vehicles at an interest rate of 5.5% for a period of three years. Payments are to be \$32,740.42 annually with a down payment of \$32,740.42 due upon delivery of vehicles.
 - a. Moved by J. Miser, 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- e. Agreements
- i. MOTION: I move to approve a Master Services Agreement with Green Edge Tech Electric, LLC for the management of the EV Charging location on Aurelius Avenue.
 - a. Moved by W. Price, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - ii. MOTION: I move to approve an Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company for the replacement of the Washington Street Bridge and the transfer of ownership of the bridge to Swissvale Borough upon satisfactory completion and acceptance of construction.
 - a. C. Ansell moved to table the motion to allow more time for negotiation. 2nd by F. Quinn. Abstention based on previous written notification for items involving Norfolk Southern – W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - iii. MOTION: I move to enter into agreement with other member municipalities of the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments to participate in joint negotiations with Verizon LLC for the Verizon Cable TV Franchise Agreement.
 - a. Moved by A. Stribling, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - iv. MOTION: I move to approve an agreement with Ambunga Brigitte Mbembo, owner of 2115 and 2117 Noble Street, to grant a 90-day extension, expiring on October 5, 2023, to obtain all necessary permits for the renovations of said structures and to begin the remediation of the hazardous conditions at the property by that date.
 - a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by W. Price. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - b. C. Ansell – clarifying, will Ms. Mbembo be asked to sign an acknowledgement of requirements? Mr. Bachy is planning to draft a letter.
 - c. Discussion by Council around motion language.
- f. Resolutions
- i. MOTION: I move to approve Resolution #23-12 authorizing a reimbursement declaration for the Borough Building Construction project.

- a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - ii. MOTION: I move to approve Resolution #23-13 approving the transfer of ownership of Trunk Line M-47 between Edgewood and Braddock Hills from Swissvale Borough to ALCOSAN.
 - a. Moved by J. Miser, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - ii. MOTION: I move to approve Resolution #23-14 approving the transfer of ownership of Trunk Line M-50 between Braddock Hills and Rankin from Swissvale Borough to ALCOSAN.
 - a. Moved by A. Stribling, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- g. Police Regionalization
 - i. MOTION: I move to authorize the submittal of a Letter of Intent to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Governor's Center for Local Government Services requesting technical assistance to determine the feasibility of regionalizing police services with Braddock Hills Borough.
 - a. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by J. Miser. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - b. Mr. Bachy clarified that Braddock Hills is meeting on July 18th and will be voting on the same motion.
 - c. W. Scales commented that the study will be exploratory and no agreements have been made between Swissvale and any other borough.
- h. Reports
 - i. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales
 - a. C.O.G. is on summer break.
 - b. W. Scales gave updates from the May C.O.G. meeting.
 - ii. CONNECT Report – Shawn Alfonso Wells
 - a. Not present.
 - iii. Building Committee Report – William Price
 - a. A meeting is scheduled for next Monday with the architect and engineers. The 90% plans have been sent to the building committee and will be sent to the rest of Council.
 - iv. President's Report – Chris Ansell
 - a. Council will meet in executive session for legal reasons.
 - v. Mayor's Report – Deneen Swartzwelder
 - a. Read a Proclamation for the Swissvale Quasquicentennial.
 - b. Invited everyone to attend the next planning meeting on July 6th.
 - c. Thanked S. Ansell for the quality of the newsletter and website.

- vi. Borough Manager's Report – Greg Bachy
 - a. Commented on the trash collection issues that have been happening over the last week. Two crews will be out over the next two days to finish routes and pick up any misses. Temporary workers are being hired to fill in the gaps.
 - b. Applying for the Allegheny County EV Grant due on July 21st.
 - c. The Health department has a grant available for tree canopy. Mr. Bachy will coordinate with the Swissvale Shade Tree Committee.
 - d. Invited council members to suggest projects to submit applications for funding for things like street scape, paving, etc.

- vii. Borough Engineer's Report – Robert Zischkau
 - a. Nothing additional to report.

- viii. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins
 - a. Paperless billing updates should go into effect within the next month.
 - b. PennVest Leadline replacement is reaching the final restoration phase.
 - c. There were 232 replacements in Swissvale.
 - d. There were 2 main line breaks in Swissvale since the last meeting.
 - e. C. Ansell provided an email address for residents to use to reach out to the Water Authority.
 - f. C. Ansell asked about Pennvest Phase 2.
 - g. C. Ansell asked about the Consumer Confidence lead limits report. Asked T. Crombie Collins to inquire of the Authority what they are doing to decrease the amount of lead in drinking water?

- ix. Solicitors Report – Robert McTiernan
 - a. Pending litigation will be discussed in the executive session.

- x. Announcements
 - a. W. Scales asked about how a chairman would be appointed to the Human Relations Commission. Mr. Bachy responded that the commission would appoint their own chairperson.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 7:56 p. m. W. Scales, 2nd W. Price. All ayes, motion carries.