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BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE AGENDA MEETING JANUARY 25, 2023 7:00 p.m.

1. AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL -- Present: C. Ansell; W. Scales; S. Alfonso Wells; W. Price; J. Miser; A. Salisbury; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. None
4. AGENDA ITEMS
 - a. Discuss appointments to Boards and Commissions.
 - i. C. Ansell asked if there was any discussion on the interviews that took place before the meeting. No further comments were made.
 - ii. Mr. Bachy mentioned the new Human Relations Commission. There will be advertisements in the newsletter and on social media with a deadline at the end of March.
 - iii. C. Ansell brought up concerns on the status of the Recreation Board. There are 3 empty seats and no applications to fill any of them. Discussion by Council. Mr. Bachy and Admin Staff will reach out to board members and ask for feedback. A. Stribling volunteered her support. J. Miser suggested quarterly Council check-ins with the various Authorities, Boards and Commissions. C. Ansell suggested a "Meet the Boards" rotating segment similarly to the "Meet the Police" section.
 - b. Resolution for a sewer grant.
 - i. Mr. Bachy stated the DCED estimated that the cost would be greater than the \$350,000 originally resolved for this project. The previous resolution needs to be updated to the amount \$400,000. This is a reapproval of the Resolution for sewer repair on Schley Ave.
5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. POLICE – Chief Watson
 - i. Chief Watson updated Council on the LEAD Program. CONNECT has hired 2 social workers and are working to get them in place and match residents with services.
 - ii. C. Ansell added that there was a special meeting concerning potential Police Regionalization. Guests from the TCVCOG and CONNECT were in attendance to present on the possibility. The meeting is viewable on Swissvale’s YouTube Channel.
 - iii. A. Salisbury noted that Swissvale is offering tuition reimbursement for any resident interested in attending the Police Academy.

- b. CODE and FIRE – Chief Wilhelm
 - i. Chief Wilhelm is preparing documentation for the demolition hearing on 2115 & 2117 Noble Street. The meeting has been advertised.
 - ii. 2022 was the busiest year ever for the fire department with an increase of 9.4% in emergency call volume over 2021.
 - iii. Chief Wilhelm spent time at the “Future of Fire” CONNECT meeting to discuss solutions for staffing issues in our region. S. Alfonso-Wells thanked Mr. Wilhelm for coming to CONNECT and sharing his wisdom.
 - iv. Chief Wilhelm was also featured on WTAE talking about issues facing departments in the region. C. Ansell thanked Chief Wilhelm for representing the Borough.

- c. PUBLIC WORKS – Jordan D’Ambrosio
 - i. Public Works has been busy with snow and ice removal.
 - ii. One employee, Dan Fields, has started CDL training. He will have completed his course and will be tested in early March.

- d. BOROUGH MANAGER - Greg Bachy
 - i. The Demolition Clearance Hearing for 2115 & 2117 Noble Street will be held on February 1st at 6:30 pm. The property owner or other interested parties may request to attend the hearing.
 - ii. Auditors from Maher Duessel are in the process of completing their yearly audit. Their fieldwork is complete. They will send their completed report and file with the DCED by March 31st.
 - iii. We did not receive the GEDTF Grant from Allegheny County for improvements to Memorial Park.
 - iv. The Administrative and Police Offices will be moving to the temporary headquarters at the old Woodland Hills Intermediate School on February 2-3. The Administrative Office will be closed during the transition.
 - 1. S. Alfonso Wells asked whether the polling place will remain at the Borough Building. Mr. Bachy stated that the building would still be available for the February 7th Special Election.
 - 2. Mr. Price asked about moving to live meetings at the Intermediate School. Mr. Bachy will continue looking into it.
 - v. Ms. Salisbury thanked Mr. Bachy for getting the new signage and flashing light at intersection of Monongahela and Schoyer Ave.

- e. COUNCIL PRESIDENT – President Ansell
 - i. Council met last week in executive session for litigation purposes. Council will meet in executive session after this meeting for personnel matters.

- f. SOLICITOR – Robert McTiernan
 - i. There has been a thorough Title search for 2115 & 2117 Noble Street. All parties have been given full notice for the demolition hearing.

6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- a. W. Scales reminded everyone that DEI Committee has opened nominations to the public for Black History Month. The deadline to make a nomination is Friday, January 27. W. Scales read a summary of why we celebrate Black History Month.
- b. S. Alfonso-Wells noted that Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) is considering discontinuing the P3 bus route. They are currently open to receiving comments. S. Alfonso- Wells will share the link and encouraged citizens to comment. C. Ansell asked about sending a letter from Council and asked Mr. Bachy to add it to the agenda for next week’s meeting.
- c. A. Salisbury thanked members of Council and the community who attended the Norfolk Southern Meeting. The railroad is also accepting public comments.
- d. A. Salisbury met with Green Edge and Duquesne Light. They are working to identify an acceptable location and install their first EV charging stations.
- e. A. Salisbury met with Human Action Pittsburgh about the new pollinator garden. They are working on getting trees and plants ordered for the space. There will be workdays coming up in the spring months.
- f. A. Salisbury brought up allowing commenting on the YouTube Channel. C. Ansell suggested that Council to do some brainstorming offline.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:53 P.M. Moved by C. Ansell, 2nd by A. Salisbury. All Ayes, Motion carries.