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## **BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 1, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:14 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL - Present: C. Ansell; W. Scales; S. Alfonso Wells; W. Price; J. Miser; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. Darrell Bell (90 Lilmont Drive) – Mr. Bell shared various concerns regarding abandoned properties and trash around Lilmont Dr.
4. MEET THE POLICE!
  - a. Council met with Officer Nick Kalogeris. Sgt. Tony Costa was present but had technical issues.
5. RECOGNITION OF WOODLAND HILLS RISING STAR – MISS ROBIN PROCTOR
  - a. W. Scales gave a brief bio of Miss Robin Proctor.
6. COUNCIL ACTIONS
  - a. Minutes
    1. MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023, Council Agenda Meeting and the February 1, 2023 Council Meeting.
      - i. Moved by W. Scales, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
  - b. Finance
    1. MOTION: I move to approve the Borough of Swissvale paid bills in the amount of \$270,802.72.
      - i. Moved by S. Alfonso Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
  - c. Personnel
    1. MOTION: I move to approve the Part-Time Police Officers amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Swissvale Borough and the Swissvale Police Officers Association for the years 2022-2026.

- i. Moved by W. Scales, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Price. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- d. Contracts
  - 1. MOTION: I move to approve an agreement with Sable Kennels to provide Animal Control Services to the Borough for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2025 as per the agreement presented.
    - i. Moved by A. Stribling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Alfonso Wells. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- e. Emergency Management
  - 1. MOTION: I move to approve Resolution 23-04 authorizing the re-promulgation of the Emergency Operations Plan for Emergency Management.
    - i. Moved by J. Miser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- f. Reports
  - i. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales
    - a. The next C.O.G. Meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - ii. CONNECT Report – Shawn Alfonso Wells
    - a. S. Alfonso Wells noted that there are meetings coming up with CONNECT about Transportation Improvements.
    - b. The LEAD team met today. Chief Watson was at the meeting, a Social Worker will be in place in the next two weeks and will begin to meet with community members.
  - iii. Building Committee Report – William Price
    - a. W. Price suggested putting a time capsule in the new borough building for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Swissvale.
  - iv. President’s Report – Chris Ansell
    - a. Meeting reminder – the March Agenda Meeting has been moved up to March 22<sup>nd</sup> to appoint a new member to the vacant seat.
    - b. The April 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting is also adjusted to April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - c. Mr. Ansell noted that he and Mr. Bachy had a meeting with GreenEdge and Duquesne Light and are making progress on the placement of EV Charging Station.
  - v. Mayor’s Report – Deneen Swartzwelder
    - a. SEDCO is interested in forming a trail group for updates on the walking and biking trail.
    - b. There will be students from Pitt and Youngstown State completing a geo-mapping project of vacant lots around the Borough.
    - c. SEDCO is looking to do some street scaping along Monongahela Ave.

- d. Some Veteran Banners were taken down temporarily due to needing new brackets.
  - e. An Eagle Scout contacted the mayor about doing work at the Church Street parklet for his Eagle Scout Project.
  - f. Rotary & Swissvale Mile are partnering again this year. The Mile will take place on July 29<sup>th</sup> as part of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. There will be a Launch Party April 29<sup>th</sup> at Pub in the Park.
  - g. The next Rotary Meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at Pub in the Park.
  - h. There will be a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at 1913 McCague Street. Anyone interested is invited to attend.
  - i. The Farmers Market will take place on Saturdays from 9 am to 2 pm at a new location behind Dickson School.
- vi. Borough Manager's Report – Greg Bachy
    - a. The Borough is seeking applications for the Human Relations Commission. The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - b. Mr. Bachy responded to Mr. Bell's public comment. The property at 91 Lilmont Drive is being sold at sheriff sale by Keystone Collections Agency.
    - c. The construction bid for the McCague St Garage is going out soon.
    - d. Discussion with Council regarding the plans for the walking trails from Memorial Park.
  - vii. Borough Engineer's Report – Robert Zischkau
    - a. Not present.
  - viii. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins
    - a. Report is on file in the Borough Manager's Office.
  - ix. Solicitors Report – Robert McTiernan
    - a. Mr. McTiernan commented that there was an article in the PA Borough News, "How Conservatorship Fights Blight" by one of his colleagues.
7. Other Announcements
- a. Ms. Scales mentioned that the DEI Committee is looking for residents interested in helping with Juneteenth.
  - b. Ms. Scales and Ms. Alfonso-Wells commented on the university student geo-mapping project.
  - c. Mr. Price encouraged residents to run for Council.
8. Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p. m. Moved by S. Alfonso Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.