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BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE COUNCIL AGENDA MINUTES MARCH 22, 2023 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 P.M.

- Public Hearing concerning a Conditional Use Request from Top Tier Venues to operate a Catering Hall/Event Venue at 1703 Monongahela Avenue.
- Adjournment of Public Hearing at 6:55 pm.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – Present: C. Ansell; W. Scales; S. Alfonso Wells; W. Price; J. Miser; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder
3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
4. AGENDA ITEMS
 - a. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT
 1. MOTION: I move to appoint Fred Quinn to fill a vacant and unexpired term on Swissvale Borough Council caused by the resignation of Abigail Salisbury. The term of the appointment shall commence immediately and expire on December 31, 2025.
 - a. Moved by W. Price. 2nd by J. Miser. All ayes, motion carries. Abstain – A. Stribling – Fred Quinn is her son.
 - b. W. Scales thanked all the residents who applied.
 - c. Fred Quinn joined the meeting.
5. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 7:07 P.M.
 - a. Moved by J. Miser. 2nd by W. Scales. All ayes, motion carries.

AGENDA MEETING

1. AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07 P.M.
2. SWEARING-IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER
 - a. Mayor Swartzwelder swore in Fred Quinn.
3. ROLL CALL – Present: C. Ansell; W. Scales; S. Alfonso Wells; W. Price; J. Miser; Fred Quinn; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder
4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - a. Discuss decision on Top Tier Venues Conditional Use request.
 - i. Council discussed the Conditional Use request by Top Tier Venues.
 - ii. Mr. Bachy gave background information on how the process started with Top Tier and the need for the Conditional Use hearing.
 - iii. W. Scales asked if a new business owner guide could be created to help aspiring business owners understand the process. Mr. Bachy and Mr. Wilhelm suggested that the process often looks different for each business and the best place for someone to start is to contact the Borough directly so that they can direct them to the proper channels.
 - b. Discuss Garbage Truck purchase.
 - i. The necessary funds are allotted in the 2023 budget.
 - ii. The Borough is waiting on some final estimates from the suppliers.
 - iii. The Public Works Committee will meet to discuss.
 - c. Discuss Duquesne Light EV Charging application and an agreement with Greenedge Technology
 - i. Mr. Bachy provided updates on how discussions have been evolving with Greenedge Technology. Grant funds are likely available to help with this project.
 - ii. Presentation by David Anglero of Greenedge.
 - d. Discuss the LSA Grant received and the Pollinator Garden
 - i. Mr. Bachy provided background regarding the grant received through Senator Costa's efforts. Senator Costa requested that some of the funds would be used to complete the pollinator garden.
 - ii. Discussion by Council.

- e. Discuss a proposed Eagle Scout Project at the Church Street Parklet
 - i. C. Ansell gave background on what the Eagle Scout would like to do in the area and what assistance might be required from the Borough.
 - ii. Mr. Bachy suggested having a landscape architect give input into a potential design for the park.
 - iii. Discussion by Council.

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. POLICE – Chief Watson
 - i. April 11th – Community Watch Meeting
- b. CODE and FIRE – Chief Wilhelm
 - i. The Fire Department is conducting interviews for part-time fire fighters and building inspectors.
- c. PUBLIC WORKS – Jordan D’Ambrosio
 - i. Dan Fields completed the CDL training at CCAC and passed his tests.
 - ii. The replacement “\$100 Fine” handicap signs have all been installed. DPW is working through the list of spaces and will be refreshing the paint on all spaces.
 - iii. Street Sweeping starts April 3rd. The first two weeks, warnings will be issued.
 - iv. The Community Clean-up day will be April 22nd.
- d. BOROUGH MANAGER - Greg Bachy
 - i. CONNECT is asking the borough to pass a resolution and asked for an appointed official and two elected officials. Discussion by Council regarding representatives for CONNECT – S. Alfonso Wells and J. Miser.
 - ii. The April Regular Council Meeting was changed to April 3 to observe Passover.
 - iii. The Borough is seeking applicants for the Human Relations Commission by April 31st.
 - iv. ALOM Conference – Deadline is Friday to make changes.
- e. COUNCIL PRESIDENT – President Ansell
 - i. Council is meeting in executive session after this meeting for legal and personnel purposes.
 - ii. C. Ansell wished a productive fast for those celebrating Ramadan.
- f. SOLICITOR – Robert McTiernan
 - i. Tucker Arensberg is hosting a hospitality room at the ALOM Conference. They are also leading a session on blight mitigation on Saturday.

6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- a. None.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE AGENDA MEETING AT 9:13 P.M. Moved by S. Alfonso Wells. 2nd by J. Miser. All ayes, motion carries.