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**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL - Present: C. Ansell; W. Scales; S. Alfonso Wells; J. Miser; W. Price; F. Quinn; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Mary Miller – SEDCO Updates.
4. MEET THE POLICE!
 - a. Sgt. Tony Costa – unavailable to connect to zoom.
5. COUNCIL ACTIONS
 - a. Minutes
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023, Council Agenda Meeting and the April 3, 2023 Council Meeting.
 - a. Moved by J. Miser, 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - b. Finance
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the Borough of Swissvale paid bills in the amount of \$349,723.84.
 - a. Moved by A. Stribling, 2nd by J. Miser. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - c. Personnel
 - i. MOTION: I move to ratify the hiring of Ronald Waros as a Part-Time Police Officer with all wages and benefits as prescribed in the Part-Time Police Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - a. Moved by A. Stribling, 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.

Allegheny County to accept infrastructure improvements installed along with the Kenmawr Bridge construction as Borough facilities.

- a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.

h. Pollinator Garden

- i. MOTION: I move to approve the Scope of Work for the Pollinator Garden project as negotiated between Humane Action Pittsburgh and Swissvale Borough with costs not to exceed \$20,000.00 using Local Share Account (LSA) funds.
 - a. Moved by J. Miser, 2nd by A. Stribling. ROLL CALL - S. Alfonso Wells – No; J. Miser – Yes; W. Price – No; F. Quinn – Yes; W. Scales – Yes; A. Stribling - Yes. C. Ansell – Yes. Motion carries.
 - b. Question from W. Scales about the payment of funds from the Borough. Mr. Bachy confirmed that the Borough will make all purchases. Funds will not be given directly to Human Action Pittsburgh.
 - c. Comments from W. Price regarding the list of suggested purchases.
 - d. W. Scales asked for the list to be published on the website.

i. Reports

- i. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales
 - a. W. Scales deferred to A. Stribling to report on the meeting.
 - b. The Allegheny League of Municipalities conference took place last month.
 - c. Many topics were discussed at the April 27th meeting including Code Enforcement.
- ii. CONNECT Report – Shawn Alfonso Wells
 - a. S. Alfonso Wells noted that District 1 voters will not be able to vote in the former borough building at 7560 Roslyn Street as the building is closed. District 1 will be relocated to the Mennonite Church just a block away.
 - b. The LEAD Program is continuing. Residents are being referred to the program.
 - c. A grant was submitted to Get Solar.
 - d. A composting waste project is coming to Swissvale and surrounding municipalities as a pilot project.
- iii. Building Committee Report – William Price
 - a. Mr. Price provided updates on the building project. The lead architect is no longer with CORE and has been replaced on the project.
 - b. The bid opening is June 5, 2023 for the demolition and asbestos abatement.
- iv. President’s Report – Chris Ansell
 - a. Noted that the updated voting district locations will be posted on Borough Social Media and on the former borough building itself.

- b. J. Miser asked about returning to in-person meetings. The item will be added to the agenda at the May Agenda Meeting.
- v. Mayor's Report – Deneen Swartzwelder
 - a. Volunteers are needed this Saturday for the parkway flower planting sponsored by SEDCO at 9 am. Political signs will be removed for the planting.
 - b. The Quasquicentennial Celebration is being planned. July 29th is the Community Days Celebration. Events will take place throughout the month of July.
 - c. The Farmers Market begins on June 3rd
 - d. Mayor Swartzwelder asked for an update on the Church/Braddock Parklet. C. Ansell noted that the Eagle Scout backed out. D. Swartzwelder asked for Council's approve and support to continue moving that project forward with help from Sedco and Rotary.
- vi. Borough Manager's Report – Greg Bachy
 - a. May 20th is the annual hazardous waste and hard to recycle event at Memorial Park.
 - b. Mr. Bachy and Mr. Zischkau met with Allegheny County concerning grant fund for the walking trails project. He is waiting on the signed contract from the county.
 - c. The funeral for Mr. Dick Groat is taking place at Niede Funeral Home on Thursday and Friday. Mr. Bachy asked residents to avoid the area of Washington Street as they are expecting heavy traffic.
 - d. W. Scales asked about a request that Council received concerning paving at the CLASS Building off S. Braddock Ave. Mr. Bachy and J. D'Ambrosio will meet with representatives from the CLASS building along with the Edgewood Borough manager to discuss options.
 - e. The Borough is still hiring for summer help. Anyone age 14+ is welcome to apply. Primary responsibilities include lot maintenance and line painting. W. Scales suggested having a meet and greet with the summer help and Council members.
- vii. Borough Engineer's Report – Robert Zischkau
 - a. Approval was received from ALCOSAN for the direct separation project at the M48 area. An application for funding will be submitted.
- viii. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins
 - a. Reported on WPJWA updates.
 - b. PENNVEST LEAD Line Replacement Program continues. Final restoration should begin shortly.
 - c. There were 4 main line breaks in Swissvale since the last meeting.
 - d. Comments by J. Miser regarding the notification of payment plan changes to residents.
- ix. Solicitors Report – Robert McTiernan
 - a. Mr. McTiernan made comments on the borrowing and advertisement that will take place.

- x. Announcements
 - a. F. Quinn gave appreciative comments to the teachers and faculty in the school district.
 - b. S. Alfonso Wells and W. Scales commented on the upcoming Juneteenth and Pride Celebrations.
6. Motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by F Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.