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**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 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; W. Price; J. Miser; F. Quinn; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. none
4. Meet the Police
 - a. Council met Officer Deb Indovina
5. COUNCIL ACTIONS
 - a. Minutes
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023, Council Agenda Meeting and the May 3, 2023 Council Meeting.
 - ii. 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 \$405,305.62.
 - ii. Moved by J. Miser. 2nd by S. Alfonso Wells. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - c. Borough Building

- i. MOTION: I move to approve the subdivision plan for the consolidation of seven lots into one lot at 7560 Roslyn Street for the development of the new Municipal Building.
 - ii. Moved by W. Price. 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - iii. Question by C. Ansell – Will the address be changing? Mr. Bachy stated that the fire department will coordinate the new address which will be in the 2200 block of South Braddock Ave.
- iv. MOTION: I move to approve the site plan for the construction of the new Municipal Building to be located on property owned by Swissvale Borough on South Braddock Avenue between Roslyn Street and Ardmore Street.
 - i. Moved by A. Stribling. 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.

d. Purchasing

- i. MOTION: I move to ratify the Salt Bid with Cargill, Inc. at a cost of \$85.85 per ton for the 2023 – 2024 winter season.
 - i. Moved by W. Scales. 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.

e. EV Charging

- 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.
 - i. Moved by W. Scales. 2nd by A. Stribling. All Nayes, Motion does not carry.
 - ii. Discussion by Council about final wording.
 - iii. Motion by S. Alfonso Wells to table the motion until final wording is completed with the solicitor's office and Green Edge. 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion tabled.

f. Ordinance

- i. MOTION: I move to approve Ordinance #23-03 authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Six-Million Five-Hundred Thousand Dollars.
 - i. Comments by Mr. Bachy. The solicitor's office suggested tabling the motion, needing clarifying language in the loan ordinance.
 - ii. Move to table by W. Price. 2nd by S. Alfonso Wells. All Ayes, Motion tabled.

g. Resolutions

- i. MOTION: I move to approve Resolution #23-05 to apply to ALCOSAN for a Grow Grant in the amount of \$287,725.00 to begin the M-48 Sanitary/Storm Sewer Separation project.
 - i. Moved by S. Alfonso Wells. 2nd by A Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - ii. MOTION: I move to approve Resolution #23-06 to apply to the Act 152 Demolition Program administered by Allegheny County for grant funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 to demolish five (5) structures.
 - i. Moved by F. Quinn. 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - iii. MOTION: I move to approve Resolutions #23-07, #23-08, #23-09, #23-10 and #23-11 declaring that the structures located at 7509 Melrose Street, 7311 Florence Avenue, 2453 Woodstock Avenue, 2462 Woodstock Avenue and 1650 Monongahela Avenue meet the criteria to be declared blighted for the purposes of the Act 152 grant application.
 - i. Moved by J. Miser. 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- h. Tri-COG Land Bank
 - i. MOTION: I move to waive the 60-Day Notice Period for the disposition of properties located at 2320 Buena Vista Street and 2321 Buena Vista Street known at Tax ID's 235-E-250 and 235-E-252 by the Tri-COG Land Bank.
 - i. Moved by W. Scales. 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- j. Reports
 - i. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales
 - a. Nothing new to report.
 - ii. CONNECT Report – Shawn Alfonso Wells
 - a. Work is continuing on the LEAD program.
 - b. A grant application is being submitted for a Composting Waste Management Project along with the City of Pittsburgh. This would be a pilot program in the region.
 - c. The digitization project is still in the works and hopefully coming in the near future.
 - d. CONNECT continues to work on Fire Safety in the region and recruiting new volunteers.
 - iii. Building Committee Report – William Price
 - a. Bids were opened for the demolition of the former Borough Building. Nine bids were received. The lowest bidder did not make a bid bond which was a requirement of the bid and so was disqualified. The Building Committee will make a

recommendation to Council. Demolition is expected to begin in early August.

- iv. President's Report – Chris Ansell
 - a. C. Ansell noted the air quality has been poor the last few days and encouraged people to stay inside. Wild fires in Canada are contributing to this.
 - b. Juneteenth Celebration is coming up on June 17th. Swissvale Pride is June 25th.

- v. Mayor's Report – Deneen Swartzwelder
 - a. Sedco and Rotary have a meeting at the Church St parklet to discuss a design and next steps for the parklet.
 - b. The Farmer's Market opened on Saturday with the highest one-day attendance in 10 years.
 - c. Rotary is celebrating their 95th Anniversary. Rotary meets on Wednesdays at the Pub in the Park.
 - d. The next Neighborhood block captain meeting will be held at 6:30p.m. on June 21st at the Fire Station.
 - e. Swissvale's Quasquicentennial Celebration is happening throughout the month of July. There will be a month packed full with events.

- vi. Borough Manager's Report – Greg Bachy
 - a. There will be a meeting with Sedco and Rotary at the Church Street Parklet, S. Ansell will attend the meeting on behalf of the Borough.
 - b. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on June 13th to hear two use variance requests.
 - c. A bid opening is scheduled on June 27th for a demolition project of 8 structures throughout the Borough.
 - d. The Borough received approval to participate in the CONNECT Get Solar Program.
 - e. A grant application for improvements to Memorial Park through ARPA funds is available for the Borough to apply.
 - f. The Administrative Office will be closed June 19th for Juneteenth. Trash and Recycling as normal. No Street Sweeping. No services on July 4th.

- vii. Borough Engineer's Report – Robert Zischkau
 - a. Mr. Zischkau mentioned a grant opportunity from Commonwealth Financing Authority.
 - b. Mr. Zischkau has applied for matching funds for the Alcosan Grow Grant.

- viii. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins
 - a. Not present.
 - b. Report on file in the Borough Admin Office.

- ix. Solicitors Report – Ashley Puchalski
 - a. Nothing further to report.

 - x. Announcements –
 - a. W. Scales read a statement from the Police Committee regarding Police Regionalization. Swissvale is in conversations with Braddock Hills department.
 - b. S. Alfonso Wells congratulated a Woodland Hills student who won the Gates Millennium Scholarship.
 - c. W. Scales asked Mr. Bachy to look into why the Dollar General is always closed.
6. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:15 p. m. Moved by S. Alfonso Wells, 2nd by W. Scales. All ayes, motion carries.