

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2010

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:30 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on August 12, 2010 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Rudy Micsko, Ray Yeanish, Maureen Giacomucci & Mayor Joe Giunta.

Also, present Bob Brant Esq., Mike Galla Borough Manager, Gail Phillips Council Secretary

Absent: Lee Ann Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

MINUTES: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 10, 2010 motioned by Ray Yeanish seconded by Rudy Micsko. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of June 10, 2010 motioned by Maureen Giacomucci and seconded by Ray Yeanish. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 29, 2010 motioned by Rudy Micsko seconded by Ray Yeanish. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of June 29, 2010 motioned by Rudy Micsko and seconded by Ray Yeanish. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE: Roy Miller 320 Centennial Street asked Bob Brant to cut the weeds growing at the bridge on Centennial Street, which is Mr. Brant's property. Mr. Brant told Mr. Miller the weeds would be taken care of.

Linda Wilde 63 Main Street wanted to know why the double yellow line from Perkiomen to Route 73 was not repainted. Council suggested she call Penn Dot to find out why they did not repaint that section of the double yellow lines. Linda also had a concern about the lumberyard building and that some of the sidewalk stones are missing and that there is a hole in the roof of one of the buildings.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Rudy Micsko to pay the bills totaling \$38,429.80. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Rudy Micsko – Report shows we are 20% under budget for the Earned Income as of July 31, 2010.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mike Galla reported that the resurfacing of 2nd Street between Centennial and Church Street has been completed and the resurfacing of Church Street has been completed. Summit Avenue has also been completed. Striping will be done the

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week of August 16. A storm water pipe on 2nd Street on the School side has been replaced.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Bob Brant has Resolution 2010-09 Articles of Incorporation.

This Resolution is for the Schwenksville Borough Approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Schwenksville Borough Authority to extend its term of existence.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKSKO AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-09 FOR SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH AUTHORITY TO EXTEND ITS TERM OF EXISTENCE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #362 to amend Ordinance #346, which adopted the International Property Maintenance Code.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKSKO AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #362 TO AMEND ORDINANCE #346 WHICH ADOPTED THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF 2006, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF AN APPEALS BOARD BY RESOLUTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Chief Jim Keyser read the report as follows, For the Month of July 4 calls, 43 men in service for a total of 4:57 minutes in service.

AMBULANCE REPORT: Jean Houpt reported for July 2010 10 calls for Schwenksville Borough and 5 calls to the Colonnade of Schwenksville. Lower Fredrick Regional Ambulance Corps was voted best EMS in Montgomery County; also, a new ambulance was purchased.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta reported 47 incidents, 7 disturbances, 8 see officer, 2 theft from cars, 3 forgeries, 1 DUI. Mike Galla met with Kreibel Security for cameras in Meadow Park. The proposal from Kreibel is \$3,987.95. Mike will call for more proposals. Council would like to approve the cameras and the installation not to exceed \$4,000.

MOTIONED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI AND SECONDED BY RUDY MICKSKO TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE CAMERA IN THE MEADOW NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Johns Old School/New Skool Barber shop was voted Best of Montgomery County 2010.

A short break was taken to present Mike with a cake and card for his birthday and to congratulate Mike and Jamie on their wedding August 14, 2010.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT: Michael Galla

Ches-Mont Disposal – Consent to Assignment Letter

The Borough's current trash hauler, Ches-Mont is contemplating entering into and closing upon a purchase agreement with IESI PA Corporation. IESI PA Corporation intends to honor the current contract that the Borough has with Ches-Mont and would like the Borough to approve Consent to Assignment letter stating that they will honor the contract as well. The Borough has received the Consent to Assignment letter from Ches-Mont and it has been reviewed by Bob Brant's office and deemed appropriate.

MOTIONED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO APPROVE THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT LETTER FROM CHES-MONT SIDPOSAL, LLC. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Property Maintenance Appeal Board – Resolution Appointing Members

At the July Council meeting, the members authorized the Solicitor to prepare an amendment to Ordinance 346, which adopted the International Property Maintenance Code. This amendment will change the Ordinance to allow the Borough Council to serve as the Property Maintenance Appeal Board. Under the Solicitor's report, the Council will vote to amend Ordinance 346 and if the amendment passes, will then vote on Resolution 2010-10 to appoint the members of the Property Maintenance Appeal Board.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-10 TO APPOINT ARTHUR FAIRCLOUGH, RUDOLPH MICKO, LEE ANN MILLER, RAY YEANISH AND MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE APPEAL BOARD WITH THE TERM LIMITS TO BE CONSISTANT WITH EACH MEMBERS ELECTED TERM AS A BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBER AND ALL APPEAL HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Lower Perkiomen River Conservation Plan – Resolution Supporting the Plan

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy is petitioning to have the Lower Perkiomen listed on the PA Rivers Registry. Listing the Lower Perkiomen on the PA Rivers Registry is a goal stated within the Conservation Plan. The Conservancy is asking each municipality to pass a resolution supporting the Conservation Plan, which is a requirement for the PA Rivers Registry listing.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY RUDY MICSKO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-11 SUPPORTING THE LOWER PERKIOMEN CREEK WATERSHED CONSERVATION PLAN AND LISTING THE LOWER PERKIOMEN CREEK ON THE PENNSYLVANIA RIVERS REGISTRY. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

PEMA – Resolution Designation of Agent

Montgomery County has been designated as a disaster area for the February snowstorms. Due to this designation, each municipality is able to recoup funds from a 48-hour period for snow plowing between February 4th and 14th. One of the requirements for PEMA is for the Governing Body of each municipality to pass a resolution designating an agent as the point of contact. Resolution 2010-12 would designate the Borough Manager as the agent for Schwenksville Borough.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY RUDY MICSKO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-12 DESIGNATING MIKE GALLA TO BE THE AGENT FOR SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Inlet Cleaning Quotes

The Borough has received two quotes for inlet cleaning from Franc Environmental and General Sewer Service. Franc Environmental's quote is for \$1,850 a day and \$110 a cubic yard for disposal. Franc Environmental can clean approximately 20-24 inlets a day. General Sewer Service's quote is for \$950 a day but the Borough would need to provide water and a dumpsite for disposal. General Service can clean approximately 8-12 inlets a day. Based on the quotes and requirements, I would recommend the Borough approve the Franc Environmental quote for a two-day period and clean Second Street inlets along with some of the surrounding streets, i.e. Maple, Church, Third, Centennial.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICSKO AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH HAVE FRANC ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN THE INLETS FOR \$1,850 A DAY AND \$110 A CUBIC YARD FOR DISPOSAL. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Stormwater Coalition – Cost Sharing and Cooperation Agreement

The Stormwater Coalition Solicitor is asking every municipality who has joined to pass the Cost Sharing and Cooperation Agreement. Bob Brant's office has reviewed the agreement and has deemed it acceptable.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2010-07 TO INCLUDE THE AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence

A forwarded email went to everyone of the letter from the department of Housing and Community Development concerning our Forest Lane grant application that we submitted. HUD department approved our application and put it on the plan; also, the County Commissioners approved the application, and now is forwarded to the Federal Government for their approval for us to receive the grant.

The Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) due to an error in the report returned the Pennsylvania municipal Retirement System (PMRS) Act 205 report to the Borough. The Borough needs to choose a payment method. Mike recommended the Rolling 10-year method, the existing amortization schedule is eliminated and the remaining balance of the unfunded liability is re-amortized for ten years. Every two years when a new valuation is done, any remaining balance of the unfunded liability is again re-amortized for another ten years.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO APPROVE THE CHOICE OF THE ROLLING 10-YEAR METHOD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mike received a letter from Visiting Nurses asking for a donation.

Perkiomen Valley School District has an agreement of sale for the Trappe building for 1.9 million.

House Bill 2431 would eliminate local governments and make counties the basic level of local government in Pennsylvania. Maureen, Arthur, Lee Ann and Joe have an interest in discussing this further.

Mike thanked everyone for the cake, card and gift certificate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No Report

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: No Report

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: PROPERTY: The committee has a concert planned for "Music in the Meadow" as follows:

**Mango Men September 2, 2010
6:30-8:30 pm bring your beach chairs and coolers**

STREETS AND ROADS: No Report

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STREET LIGHTING: No Report

ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: Arthur and Lee Ann will be meeting with Bill from URD.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting will be September 9, 2010 @ 7:30 PM

It was motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Rudy Micsko to adjourn the meeting at 9:07PM. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips

Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary