

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 18, 2010

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:30 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on February 18, 2010 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Nathaniel Dysard, Lee Ann Miller, Ray Yeanish & Mayor Joe Giunta.

Also, present Blake Dunbar, Esq., Mike Galla Borough Manager, Gail Phillips Council Secretary.

Absent: Rudy Micsko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

**MINUTES:** Dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 14, 2010 motioned by Ray Yeanish, seconded by Nate Dysard. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of January 14, 2010 motioned by Nate Dysard and seconded by Lee Ann Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURER'S REPORT** Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Nate Dysard to pay the bills totaling \$44,681.77. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Rudy Micsko – absent no report

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** no report

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Blake Dunbar  
157 Game Farm Road:

This address is currently assigned to Jason Rowland & Martina Oberst along with Camp Kweebec. Jason Rowland and Martina Oberst have agreed to have their address changed to 161 Game Farm Road. Blake Dunbar is confirming that the address 161 Game Farm Road is not assigned to another property. An Amendment to Ordinance #353 needs to be adopted.

**MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY NATE DYSARD TO AUTHORIZE BOB BRANT'S OFFICE TO ADVERTISE AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #353 CHANGING 157 GAME FARM ROAD BELONGING TO JASON ROWLAND AND MARTINA OBERST TO 161 GAME FARM ROAD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Dedication of Fourth Street:**

The Borough is waiting for the execution of the Deeds of Dedication by three property owners. An Ordinance dedicating the cul-de-sac to the Borough will be advertised and adopted once the deeds are signed.

**Dedication of Forest Lane:**

The Borough is waiting for High Pointe Homeowners Association to sign Deed. Our office has received Spring Mount Summit Condo Association's signed Deed.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT:** Chief Jim Keyser presented the monthly report from the Fire Chief. There were 5 calls for the Month of January 2010 with 42 men in service for a period of 5 hours 56 minutes.

**AMBULANCE REPORT:** January 2010 - 10 calls for Schwenksville, and 7 calls at the Colonnade.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Joe Giunta

At last month's meeting, the Mayor summarized an email he received from Mrs. Pippert, 99 Highland Avenue, expressing her concern about a suspicious person in the neighborhood. Danny Wright from the State Police was notified about this problem and said extra patrols would be sent to the area.

Report from the State Police for the month of January was 30 incidents.

Snow Emergency Procedures: Currently the Borough does not have any procedures in place for declaring a snow emergency. Mike will draft an ordinance outlining the procedures for declaring a snow emergency.

**BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT:** Mike Galla

**Unpaid Trash Bills:**

The total balance of outstanding trash bills is \$21,257.67. The Borough has developed a process in which to collect the unpaid bills.

**Left Turn Lane - Main Street and Perkiomen Avenue:**

The Borough has explored installing a left turn lane at the intersection of Main Street and Perkiomen Avenue. Currently the plan approved by Penn DOT meets the minimum requirements for a left turn lane but this plan calls for the elimination of one parking space on each side of Main Street North of Perkiomen Avenue and the elimination of four parking spaces on each side of Main Street South of Perkiomen Avenue.

Residents of properties between Route 73 and Perkiomen Avenue expressed their discontent with the elimination of parking spaces.

The Borough will try to meet with Penn DOT to discuss other options for the left turn lane.

**Parking- Intersection of Centennial Street and Forest Lane**

Ken Yerger, Jim Keyser and Mike met on site to discuss the parking on Centennial Street at the intersection of Forest Lane. Ken provided models which showed that the road is not wide enough for both lanes of traffic and on-street parking. Jim Keyser stated that there have been no issues with responding to emergencies in that area. Council will not address this issue with an ordinance at this time.

**Liquid Fuels - Agreement to Authorize Electronic Access to Penn DOT Systems**

This is an agreement that Penn DOT requires the municipality to approve in order to submit information through their DOT Grant system.

**MOTIONED BY NATE DYSARD AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT TO AUTHORIZE ACCESS TO PENNDOT'S DOT GRANT SYSTEM. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTIONED CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:** A reorganization meeting was held and the Committee selected Pam Ruoff as the Chairperson. The Committee is waiting for official word from the state about the survey.

**REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE:** An estimated 60 residents attended the public meeting held at the Library on January 25, 2010.

Old Post Office building is located on the property behind Sabo apartments and Main Street Station Eatery. Information on who owns the property the building is sitting on and an estimate on the cost to rehab the building.

Mural Project: Lee Ann has volunteers interested in working on the Mural project. Council is in favor of the project. Lee Ann will work with the volunteers to determine project costs and a suitable building for the mural.

**STREETS AND ROADS:** Ray suggested the Borough fill the potholes before they get bigger.

**PROPERTY:** Lee Ann stated the Borough will need to address brick pointing and the slate roof.

**ACTIVITY COMMITTEE:** Lisa Dull resigned as Chairperson. Lee Ann is following up with the volunteers from last year to get things started. Community Day is May 15, 2010.

**STREET LIGHTING:** No Report

**ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Borough Council would like a cost estimate from Carroll Engineering for the creation of a legal description which is needed for the drafting of an access easement between the Borough and 128 Main Street.

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

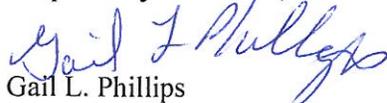
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 9:50 p.m., Council met in Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

The Council meeting resumed at 10:05pm. No action was taken.

Next meeting will be Thursday March 11, 2010 @ 7:30 PM

It was motioned by Ray Yeanish seconded by Nate Dysard to adjourn the meeting at 10:06PM. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gail L. Phillips  
Council Secretary