

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2010

Council Vice-President Rudy Micsko at 7:30 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on January 14, 2010 to order.

Present: Rudy Micsko, Nathaniel Dysard, Lee Ann Miller, Ray Yeanish & Mayor Joe Giunta.

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

Absent: Arthur Fairclough

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

MINUTES: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 10, 2009 and also to approve the minutes of December 10, 2009, motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Nate Dysard. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 15, 2009 and also to approve the minutes of December 15, 2009, motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Nate Dysard. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 4, 2010 and also to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010, motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Nate Dysard. All were in favor. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURER'S REPORT Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Rudy Micsko to pay the bills totaling \$34,611.00. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Rudy Micsko reviewed the December 2009 financial report with the Council members. Motioned by Rudy Micsko and seconded by Ray Yeanish to approve the financial report. All were in favor. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: no report

SOLICITORS REPORT: Robert Brant

Conditional Use Hearing - 250 Main St. 7:40PM

Mr. Brant announced that this is a Conditional Use Hearing on behalf of Schwenksville Investment Properties, LLC, who has applied to Schwenksville Borough Council for a Conditional Use on December 10, 2009. The first exhibit introduced is Board Exhibit 1 which is the application filed with Schwenksville Borough for the Conditional Use. The next exhibit introduced is Board Exhibit 2 which is the notice of the hearing that was advertised. The final exhibit introduced is Board Exhibit 3 that is the proof of publication that was advertised in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code and the Borough Ordinance.

Lee Ann Miller recused herself from this hearing due to her partnership in Schwenksville Investment Properties, LLC.

The applicant presented testimony with respect to the three conditional uses being requested for; removal of principal buildings, construction of second floor apartments in conjunction with first floor retail/commercial and multiple uses on the site.

Borough Council would like to see conditions placed on the application if approved, they are; the project shall obtain Land Development Plan approval from Schwenksville Borough and development of the project shall be consistent with and in compliance with the Testimony and Exhibits presented at the Hearing.

Mayor Giunta fully endorses this proposal and the Conditional Use Application.

Audience:

John Spillane of 96-98 Main Street wants to see access provided for the proposed alleyway.

Tom Snyder of 360 Centennial Street recommended going ahead with the project.

Joe Laird of 160 Main Street welcomes more businesses and is in favor of the project.

Hearing closed at 8:04pm.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY NATE DYSARD TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE TO SCHWENKSVILLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC WITH THE CONDITIONS STATED BY BOB BRANT. VOTE WAS RAY YEANISH – YES, NATE DYSARD – YES, RUDY MICKSKO – YES. MOTIONED PASSED.

Audience: Brian Pippert of 99 Highland Avenue stated, a suspicious person has been in the neighborhood saying that he is a contractor and that he is doing work in the area. Mayor Giunta responded that if this happens to gather as much information as possible and notify the Borough along with the State Police. Mayor Giunta will discuss this situation with Lt. Buckley.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Chief Jim Keyser presented the monthly report from the Fire Chief. There were 11 calls for the Month of December 2009 with 121 men in service for a period of 9 hours 22 minutes. Jim also had the Final Report for 2009 with 87 calls, 701 men in service for a period of 66 hours 52 minutes.

AMBULANCE REPORT: December 2009 - 14 calls for Schwenksville, and seven calls at the Colonnade. Entertainment books are on Sale for \$30.00.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta

Joe sent Mike an email about salting and cindering Mine Hill Road. Mike has asked the Authority to pay special attention to this intersection.

Joe also asked Mike about the timing of the traffic light at Park Avenue and Main Street. Mike is working to get this fixed.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT: Mike Galla

PECO Grant Resolution

According to the requirements of the PECO Grant, a resolution must be passed showing that the Borough officials have approved the project and the expenditure of funds necessary for its success.

MOTION BY NATE DYSARD AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2010-01, PECO GRANT SUBMISSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Prohibited Parking on Centennial Street at the Intersection of Forest Lane

Residents have expressed concerns about parking on Centennial Street at the intersection of Forest Lane. Bob Brant stated that prohibiting parking would have to be done through an Ordinance.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SCODED BY NATE DYSARD TO TALK WITH THE ENGINEER AND FIRE CHIEF ON THE RANGE OF WHERE THE NO PARKING SHOULD BE ON CENTENNIAL STREET EAST AND WEST OF FOREST LANE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Fourth Street and Forest Lane Status Update

The Deeds of Dedication have been completed by the Solicitor's office and have been sent to the affected property owners.

Revitalization Grant

The Borough is submitting a preliminary application to Montgomery County for a \$200,000 grant to improve the Perkiomen Trail Corridor. This grant would be to improve the sidewalks from Route 73 to Perkiomen Avenue, construct the Alleyway, construct the parking lot for Meadow Park, and refurbish the old Post Office located in between the Fire Department and Moccias. The grant amount would be for \$200,000 with a required match of \$20,000. The Borough has budgeted \$20,000 for the alleyway project.

Council would like to increase the grant amount from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH, SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO SUBMITT THE REVITALIZATION GRANT FOR \$400,000, AND APPROVE A MATCH OF \$40,000. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Lee Ann reported that the Committee submitted the survey to the State.

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: The Task Force will hold a Public Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Schwenksville Library.

STREETS AND ROADS: no report

PROPERTY: Lee Ann talked with Mr. Albright about the houses and he wants to display them at Borough Hall.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Lisa Dull resigned as Chairperson.

STREET LIGHTING: Streetlights out: Main Street, between Route 73 and Perkiomen Avenue. Smith Road and Game Farm Road. Electrician will have them working this weekend.

ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: The Committee is meeting with the new owners of 100 and 128 Main Street on Tuesday January 19, 2010.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: no report

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Sign Ordinance: Council will send a letter to the Schwenksville Borough Planning Commission requesting a review of the sign ordinance.

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

It was motioned by Ray Yeanish seconded by Nate Dysard to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary

MEMO

To: Gail Phillips, Schwenksville Borough Secretary

From: Lee Ann Miller, Schwenksville Borough Council Member



Re: Borough Council Meeting and Minutes of January 14, 2010

Pursuant to and in compliance with the Advice of Counsel dated August 15, 2008 from the State Ethics Commission, please keep this letter on file with the minutes of the above meeting, and make sure the actions below are stated in the minutes.

At the meeting, I abstained from the following agenda items to avoid conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest due to the fact that I am a partner in Schwenksville Investment Properties, LLC, which is currently developing a commercial property at 250 Main Street. As required, I publicly announced my abstention and the reason for the same.

- 1) I recused myself from Council and went and sat in the audience as a private citizen during a Conditional Use hearing and the pursuant vote by Council regarding Schwenksville Investment Properties. Both myself and my father, Al Manning, were sworn in to give testimony during the hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.