

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2010

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:30 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on July 8, 2010 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Lee Ann Miller, Maureen Giacomucci & Mayor Joe Giunta.

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

Absent: Rudy Micsko, Ray Yeanish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

Mayor Giunta administered the oath of office to Maureen Giacomucci for Borough Council.

MINUTES: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 29, 2010 motioned by Lee Ann Miller seconded by Maureen Giacomucci. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of June 29, 2010 motioned by Lee Ann Miller and seconded by Maureen Giacomucci. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE: There were no comments or concerns from the audience.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT Motioned by Maureen Giacomucci and seconded by Lee Ann Miller to pay the bills totaling \$38,250.46. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Rudy Micsko – No Report

ENGINEERS REPORT: Ken Yerger reported that Reid Paving Contractors was awarded the Road Resurfacing Project and the correction was made on the Insurance Certificate. The Solicitor is reviewing the bond and when approved the Borough Council President can sign the contract.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO HAVE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT ARTHUR FAIRCLOUGH SIGN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT CONTRACT WITH REID PAVING CONTRACTORS WITH THE SOLICITORS APPROVAL OF THE BOND. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Road Resurfacing Project is being paid from the Liquid Fuels account and the total amount of the project cannot exceed 10% over the cost of the contract.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Blake Dunbar, Jr. asked if anyone had any questions about the Solicitors report. No one had any questions.

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Arthur did ask about the draft letter regarding the Authority Charter. Mr. Dunbar will follow up on that letter.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Chief Jim Keyser was absent, Gail read the report as follows, For the Month of June 8 calls, 69 men in service for a total of 5:27 minutes in service.

AMBULANCE REPORT: No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta - Report from the State Police for the month of June 2010. 28 incidents, Disturbances 4, DUI 1, Motor vehicle thefts 2. One missing person was found safe and brought back home.

Mike Galla will be talking to a representative from Kreibel Security on July 22, 2010 about placing video cameras at Meadow Park. Joe has also been talking with Univest Bank and Ambler Savings Bank about cameras, VCR and funds to install the equipment.

Mayor Giunta had not received any complaints about fireworks over the 4th of July holiday.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT: Michael Galla

Stormwater Coalition Resolution

Currently about 30 municipalities, mostly in Montgomery County, have banded together to fight impending regulations for control of stormwater. The Southeastern PA Stormwater Coalition is looking to raise \$100,000 dollars to fight the regulations and extend the deadline for filing the new permit. The coalition is recommending that any municipality who is interested in joining pass a resolution stating their intent to become a member of the Southeastern PA Stormwater Coalition.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2010-07 AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION ALONG WITH OTHER SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES FOR LEGAL, ENGINEERING AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES FOR STORM WATER REGULATORY SUPPORT BUT THAT THE TOTAL COST TO SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH DOES NOT EXCEED \$1,000. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Property Maintenance Appeal Board

Schwenksville Borough has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code. This code was developed to ensure public health, safety, and welfare by establishing minimum requirements for the maintenance of structures and property. Borough Council has

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expressed their intent to enforce the regulations within the International Property Maintenance Code and to do so per the code requirements, must offer an avenue for violation appeals.

Section 111 of the International Property Maintenance Code requires that a municipality establish a board of appeals. This board shall consist of a minimum of three members who are qualified by experience to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance and who are not employees of the jurisdiction.

Discussions with our building inspector Mark John and solicitor Bob Brant, determined that the appropriate course of action for instituting a board of appeals for the International Property Maintenance Code would be to pass a resolution designating the Borough Council as the official board of appeals for the International Property Maintenance Code.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO ADVERTISE FOR A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE BOROUGH COUNCIL AS THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Spring Mountain House Intermunicipal Agreement

Schwenksville Borough has pledged \$350,000 of the allotted \$600,000 of the Montgomery County Green Fields Green Towns money to the acquisition of the Spring Mountain House in Upper Salford Township. Due to this site being acquired with County Open Space money, it must be used for passive recreation.

Montgomery County has required that all the municipalities involved enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement. The Borough has received a draft agreement from Upper Salford Township and has requested some level of approval with regards to the development of the site.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2010-08 AND THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPRING MOUNTAIN HOUSE PROPERTY. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Left Turn Lane

Arthur and Mike met with Dave Adams from PENN DOT and Kristy McNeal from Carroll Engineering. The discussion was about the Plan that Carroll Engineering put

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forward regarding the striping and the left turn lane at Perkiomen Avenue and Main Street to see if there was any possible relief in sight about eliminating some of the parking areas along Main Street. PENN DOT has certain requirements about striping and that a Mast arm be installed for \$15,000 to show where the lane would be for the left turn. Traffic has been moving and there have been little complaints. Council decided not to change the intersection at this time.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Kristy Gibboney about the police pension fund. The Act 205 report that they did was returned to them because of an error. Mike will be talking with Kristy and inform Council on any steps that need to be taken to correct the error.

An Open House will take place for State Representative Marcy Toepel on July 15, 2010 at 105 Memorial Drive Schwenksville from 3pm to 6:30pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: A very detailed meeting was held with Michel Lefevre who is from the State Historical Preservation office in Harrisburg. Mr. Lafer stressed that the plan needs to fit into the Borough Zoning Ordinance.

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: The task force is excited and committed to put into action some of the things that were in the revised revitalization plan. Borough council asked Mike Galla to review the potential zoning changes listed within the Revitalization Plan with the Planning Commission. They appreciated Council addressing the sidewalk repairs and weeds. They requested we continue to put pressure to control the speed limit in Schwenksville making sure the State Police are enforcing it to the degree possible and a request was made about the machine that shows your speed. Trooper Hulstine will be contacted about when we can have this placed in the Borough.

The committee will also be asking for a line item in next year's budget to purchase Street Banners. The grant for the Master Plan Street Improvement was denied.

The Committee is concerned about safety and traffic along Main Street. Since the Main Street Plan Grant was not approved by DVRPC, the committee is recommending Carroll Engineering make parking and traffic recommendations for Main Street. The Task Force further requested permission to proceed with this project, working with the County Planners and Carroll Engineering to come up with a Master Plan for Main Street that can be implemented over time. Council agreed.

MOTIONED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO HAVE CARROLL ENGINEERING DRAW UP A SKIMATIC FOR TRAFFIC AND PARKING NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

Rocket 88 for July 22, 2010
Mango Men September 2, 2010
6:30-8:30 pm bring your beach chairs and coolers

Cost for both concerts \$1400, which will be paid out of existing Activity Com. funds.

STREETS AND ROADS: No Report

STREET LIGHTING: No Report

ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: A meeting will take place on Monday July 12, 2010 at 2:00pm with URD.

OLD BUSINESS: A question was asked about the freshly painted yellow curbing at the south end of town. Mike is checking with Carroll Engineering to see how much of the curbing should be yellow. Mike will also verify the handicap parking in front of 49 Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS: Douglas Neal Fire Marshal/EMC of the Borough of Schwenksville has issued a ban on all burning in the Borough effective today 7/7/10. This will be in affect until further notice. The long-range projections look like this hot weather and a drought condition will be around for a while.

Next meeting will be August 12, 2010 @ 7:30 PM

It was motioned by Maureen Giacomucci and seconded by Lee Ann Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips

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Council Secretary