

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE PA
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2011

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:30 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on December 8, 2011 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Rudy Micsko, Ray Yeanish, Lee Ann Miller, and Mayor Joe Giunta

Also, present Blake Dunbar Jr., Esq., Dave Leh, Gilmore Associates, Mike Galla, Borough Manager, and Gail Phillips, Council Secretary.

Absent: Lisa Dull

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the November 10, 2011 Council minutes and approve the November 10, 2011 Council minutes. Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Rudy Micsko. All were in favor and the motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Blake Dunbar Jr.

Conditional Use Hearing – 100 Main Street

Mr. Dunbar announced that this is a Conditional Use Hearing on behalf of Deborah Caramenico, who has applied to Schwenksville Borough Council for a Conditional Use. The first exhibit introduced is Board Exhibit 1 which is the legal notice which indicates that there is a hearing this evening at Borough Hall on behalf of Deborah Caramenico 100 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA, the owner of the subject property located in the VC-2 Zoning District. The Applicant is seeking Conditional Use approval pursuant to 176-54 (A) (1) of the Schwenksville Borough Zoning Ordinance to permit a 1 bedroom apartment on the 3rd floor in conjunction with an art/dance studio. Board Exhibit 2 will be the Proof of Publication from the newspaper indicating that this matter has been properly advertised. Board Exhibit 3 that the surrounding neighbors received notice of this hearing.

Mrs. Caramenico described that the use will be for one person for the apartment and to teach dance and art lessons to small groups of 10-15 people. A kitchen and bathroom would have to be constructed.

Mr. Dunbar Jr. asked if there were any questions or concerns from Council or the audience. The hearing is now closed at 7:41 pm.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RUDY MICKO TO APPROVE MRS. CARAMENICO'S CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION FOR 100 MAIN STREET AS SUBMITTED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

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FINANCE REPORT: Rudy Micsko reviewed the November 2011 financial report with Council. Totals for the end of November – Assets \$676,930.28, Liabilities \$180,131.55, Equity \$496,798.73. Total Income \$431,527.48, Expenses \$437,544.42, Net Income (\$6,016.94).

2012 Budget: Adoption of the 2012 budget.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICSKO AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO ADOPT THE 2012 BUDGET AS PUBLISHED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

2012 Tax Ordinance: **Ordinance #367 – Tax Rates for the Year 2012**

Public Hearing for the 2012 Tax Ordinance was opened at 7:56PM.

Arthur Fairclough stated that there will be no tax increase over last year's taxes. There were no comments or questions and the public hearing was closed at 7:57PM.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICSKO AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #367 LEVYING THE TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2012. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ENGINEERS REPORT: David Leh reported that the alleyway survey will be finished next week and will go out to bid in the spring.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Chief Jim Keyser read his report as follows, for the Month of November 2011, five calls, 32 men in service for a total of 6:21 minutes in service. On Saturday December 17, 2011 from 10 until Noon Santa will be going through town.

AMBULANCE REPORT-Gail Phillips read the report for the month of November 2011; there were four calls for Schwenksville and 15 calls for the Colonnade.

Entertainment Books are on Sale
2012 Membership Drive Started November 1, 2011

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta reported that the State Police calls for the month of November 2011 were 22.

The County Commissioners are proposing cuts in the 2012 budget. Mayor Giunta wanted to go on record that he is adamantly opposed to closing parks, trails and historical sites. Mayor Giunta would like to write a letter to the County Commissioners opposing these cuts. Council agreed to have Mayor Giunta write a letter to the County Commissioners about the budget cuts for parks, trails and historical sites.

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BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mike Galla reports:

Montgomery County Planning Commission contract expires in April 2012. The new contract proposing another three year contract would be \$7,284 for one year, \$7, 404 for two years and \$7, 524 for three years. Council has asked Mr. Galla to contact the Montgomery County Planning Commission to inquire if the Borough can sign a one year contract.

Main Street Striping

Mr. Galla and Mr. Leh have talked with a representative from Star Striping to resolve the problem with the striping of Main Street and to move the stop bar on the south bound lane at Perkiomen Avenue.

Meadow Park Vandalism and Camera Update

The pavilion concrete pad has been covered with obscene graffiti. Mr. Galla has contacted a company called Grime Fighters to get the graffiti removed. The camera will be installed sometime in the middle of January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No Report

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: Town Hall meeting will be held in February

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Community Day May 19, 2012

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: No Report

STREETS AND ROADS: No Report

STREET LIGHTING: No Report

ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: A meeting was held on Monday December 5. Mrs. Giacomucci had a presentation to talk about the park in Lansdale. The need for electric at Meadow Park by the stairs was also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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Next meeting will be Monday, January 2, 2012 at 7:00pm and Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00pm

It was motioned by Rudy Micsko and seconded by Ray Yeanish to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary