

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

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Lee Ann Miller, Ray Yeanish, Lisa Dull and Mayor Joe Giunta

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

Absent Rudy Micsko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

MINUTES: The August minutes could not be approved tonight due to the absence of Mr. Micsko.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:

Lisa Dull was sworn in by Mayor Joe Giunta to fill the vacant position on council due to the resignation of Maureen Giacomucci.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-08 APPOINTING LISA DULL AS MEMBER OF SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO FILL THE VACANCY THAT EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2011. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIENCE: Linda Wilde of 63 Main Street had questions about the parking bays that were established on most of Main Street but not between Perkiomen Avenue and Route 73. Dave Leh responded that per PennDot regulations this section of Main Street is not wide enough to establish parking bays on both sides of the street. Implementing parking bays on one side only would reduce available parking which we have promised not to do. Lee Ann Miller believes that there should be safer parking for the residents on Main Street between Perkiomen Avenue and Route 73 and one potential parking solution is to redo Montgomery Avenue for off street parking.

Ms. Wilde also asked about the electronic speed limit signs and if there are any rules against using jake brakes in the borough. Mr. Fairclough said that Council is still looking into the electronic speed signs.

Ms. Wilde would also like to know if the fence at the Lumber yard can be moved back so that there is room to walk. Mr. Galla said there is nowhere else to put the fence. Mr. Galla stated that the fence is for safety and will be removed once the development site is filled in.

Ms. Wilde has an issue with the rental property beside her and that an inspection has not been done. Ms. Wilde stated that the root cellar has mold and the wood is rotted. Mr. Galla responded that the property is currently vacant and when a new tenant moves in an inspection

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO ADOPT THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE #366 FOR THE TYPES OF ANIMALS PERMITTED AND THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT MAY BE KEPT ON ANY SINGLE PREMISE IN THE BOROUGH. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Chief Jim Keyser read his report as follows, for the Month of August 2011, 8 calls, 67 men in service for a total of 15:04 minutes in service.

Chief Keyser also informed Council of the following activities:

1. September 2 - 5pm-7pm Welcome Back picnic at Schwenksville Elementary.
2. October 11 – Jerusalem Lutheran Daycare visiting firehouse at 10:00am
3. October 12 - Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School visits firehouse at 10am and 1pm.
4. October 13 – Schwenksville Elementary 9:30am and 12:30 pm.

Tent Rentals:

September 15 - 5 rentals
September 18 - 1 rental
September 25 - 3 rentals
October 2 – 2 rentals
October 9 – 1 rental
October 16 – 1 rental

AMBULANCE REPORT-Jean Haupt read the report for the month of August 2011; there were eight calls for Schwenksville and fifteen calls for the Colonnade.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta reported that the State Police calls for the month of August 2011 were 45. Tom Canigiani of 1005 Summit Avenue would like to know if the Borough would help with the fixing of Summit Avenue between Woodland and the Borough line. Mr. Galla will look to see if this section of road is dedicated. Mayor Guinta will talk to Mr. Galla about an abandoned vehicle with expired tags and inspection.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mike Galla reports:

Mr. Galla thanked Jim Keyser and Doug Neal for a great job during Hurricane Irene and with providing updates throughout the day.

The letter has been received from Montgomery County to proceed with the Perkiomen Trail Corridor Parking Initiative. Mr. Galla recommended that Borough Council authorize the engineer to begin the design process.

STREETS AND ROADS: No Report

STREET LIGHTING: No Report

ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A letter was received about Schwenk Avenue. Schwenk Avenue is not an ordained street.

Mr. Fairclough asked the audience if there were any more questions. Mr. Scioli asked about updating the minutes on the website. Mr. Fairclough said that they would be.

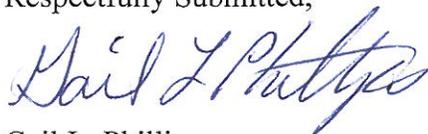
Executive Session: Council went into the Executive session at 8:45pm to discuss potential litigation.

Council resumed the regular meeting at 9:23PM

Next meeting will be September 8, 2011 @ 7:30 PM

It was motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Lee Ann Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:24pm. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary