

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2014

Council President Rudy Micsko at 7:00 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on August 14, 2014 to order.

Present, Rudy Micsko, Lee Ann Miller, Lisa Dull, Craig Dunham, Joe Homan and Mayor Joe Giunta.

Also, present Dave Leh, Borough Engineer, Blake Dunbar Jr., Esquire, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager and Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

Special Business – Trooper Wright spoke to Council and the residents in attendance and answered questions about their concerns with speeding vehicles and drug related problems. He also said not to put you in harm's way but get as much information to give to the officer when reporting.

The Borough of Schwenksville is covered by the Pennsylvania State Police. Residents should feel free to contact the State Police with any and all public safety concerns as many times as necessary. It is helpful to report incidents or suspicious behavior at the time they are occurring or observed; however for habitual problems re-occurring on a regular basis, please contact the State Police to alert them so that they can respond appropriately. Trooper Deanny E. Wright is the Community Services Trooper Assigned to Schwenksville Borough from the Skippack Barracks.

Skippack Barracks
2047C Bridge Road
Schwenksville, PA 19473
(610) 584-1250

Deanny E. Wright – DEAWRIGHT@pa.gov

Emergency – 911

Lower Fredrick Regional Ambulance Merger: Bill McGovern from Lower Fredrick Regional Ambulance and Chief Tom Trojansky from Plymouth Ambulance attended to discuss the Ambulance merger and agreements for service. Mr. McGovern told Council that there will be no lapse in service at any time and they will keep the staff. They will work out of the current Ambulance station in Lower Fredrick Township. Council will have to look over the agreement and will get back to Mr. McGovern.

MINUTES: Dispense with the reading of the July 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and approve the same as presented. **Motion** by Craig Dunham and **seconded** by Lee Ann Miller. All in favor, **Motion Carried 5-0.**

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AUDIENCE: None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending July 31, 2014, the current invoices due for payment total \$37,387.39. This includes \$23,230.92 from the General Fund, \$3,016.78 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$8,378.52 from payroll and \$2,761.17 from Capital Fund. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Joe Homan to pay the bills totaling \$37,387.39. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

FINANCE REPORT: Mrs. Klepfer's report: For the period January 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014, Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$386,025.31 and Total Expenditures was \$299,032.11 for a net gain of \$86,993.20. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$80,123.38. Assets: General Fund Assets Total \$841,890.48; Capital Fund Assets total \$42,761.07; and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$45,195.14 for a combined Assets total of \$929,846.69.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Leh reported:

Meadow Park drain that was installed by the playground is missing a cap. The Schwenksville Authority put a steel cap on the drain. This drain needs to be cleaned out.

Maintenance Bond/Inspections for 2013 Projects, Alleyway/Handicap ramps, Mr. Leh is working on the punch list for the projects and will send the list to Mrs. Klepfer and the contractors.

S. Main Street HOP Application has been prepared for PENNDOT. A full six page plan showing the Left Turn Lane will be submitted. An extra page showing the NO Left Turn Lane will also be submitted so that PENNDOT can review both plans. Ms. Augustine will be contacted again about her property with the concrete building and the depressed curb.

Jeannie Catton of 55 Main Street: Ms. Catton asked if there were any other ideas or plans about the parking. Mrs. Catton asked if the parking on her property could be extended across her walkway and then have stairs come down to the parking area. Mrs. Klepfer replied the grant is for public improvements and cannot be used for a personal property unless damage is made during the construction.

Centennial Street Culvert: The culvert was inspected by the contractor and he suggested vacuuming the culvert at \$15,000, the stone repair would be \$3,000. **Motioned** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Lisa Dull not to exceed the 2014 bidding threshold for cleaning the culvert and the stone work. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance – VC1 to VC-2, the public hearing will be held on September 11, 2014 at the Regular Council meeting. This meeting will be held at the Perkiomen Valley Library Schwenksville, 290 Second Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473 at 7:00pm. The affected properties were sent a notice on August 8, 2014 and the Legal Notice will be published on August 19 and 26, 2014 in The Mercury.

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Code Violation letter was sent to 566 Main Street about the permits for the stairs and the deck and has not followed up with the Authority about the sewer vent cap. The sidewalk still has one square that has not been repaired and that she is waiting to put a gas line in but the Borough has not seen a permit from PECO or a plumbing permit. Mark John denies the allegations from Ms. Moran from last month's meeting and indicates that he will no longer meet with her alone for inspections of her property. Council supports the Code Enforcement Officer and Mr. Dunbar Jr. will send a letter to Ms. Moran on the matter.

Block Grant for the S. Main Street Project: an appraisal is needed of 18" of sidewalk for the S. Main Street Project per federal guidelines and then a second appraisal of the first appraisal needs to be conducted.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – No Report

AMBULANCE REPORT- Gail Phillips read the report for the month of July 2014; there were 5 calls for Schwenksville and 10 calls for Greenfield of Perkiomen Valley. Please consider becoming a member in 2014.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Giunta read the report from The State Police for the month of July 2014 indicated 24 incidents. As a reminder, Please lock your cars.

Mayor Giunta and Mrs. Klepfer will be meeting with a Police Chief with expertise in regional policing to see how we can increase Police coverage for the Borough.

Mayor Giunta officiated for a wedding in July and will officiate at another on August 15th.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mrs. Klepfer reported:

Draft Park and Recreation Board Ordinance has been tabled until the September 11, 2014 meeting.

Draft Amendments to Chapter 121 Codified Code and Draft Amendments to Chapter 143 Codified Codes: Mrs. Klepfer has given Council the drafts for amending the Property Maintenance Code and for amending the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance. Council will please look this over and send any changes to Mrs. Klepfer.

2015 Budget/Street Repairs List: Mr. Leh has an estimate of \$15,000 for Walnut street repairs. The residents from Walnut Street voiced their concerns at the July meeting. Bidding more than one project will keep the costs down. R.J. Sell is looking at the broken storm sewer grate on Church Street and a new one needs to be ordered. We have also been filling in a sink hole on Summit Avenue and one on Woodland Avenue, R. J. Sell will give us a cost estimate for repairs.

Maintenance Items in the Borough: Our vendor that was repairing our Street Lights has retired his bucket truck. We received two quotes for light repairs and have gone with Walton Electric to look at and repair the lights around the Elementary School. Weed letters have gone out to the residents and some of the properties have been cleaned up. Follow up letters will be sent.

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Meadow Park Rain Garden Repair: Mrs. Klepfer is trying to get a date for when the back hoe will be available and to line up volunteers for planting.

Winter Maintenance Agreement with PENNDOT for Perkiomen Avenue.: This is a five year contract with an estimated \$1,000 to the Borough to plowing Perkiomen Avenue. **Motioned** by Craig Dunham and **seconded** by Lisa Dull to sign the agreement with PENNDOT. All were in favor; **Motion carried 5-0.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No Report

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: No Report

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Last Summer Concert “Dog Bite Money” Wednesday August 20th.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: No Report, however Ms. Miller asked Mrs. Klepfer to look into getting the new landscaping around Borough Hall weeded.

STREETS AND LIGHTS: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Schwenksville Library.

It was **motioned** by Joe Homan and **seconded** by Craig Dunham **to adjourn** the meeting at **9:31 pm.** All in favor, **motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary