

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2016

Council Vice President Lee Ann Miller called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on May 12, 2016 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Present, Vice President, Lee Ann Miller, Todd Larsen, Greg Pocius, Phil Berardi and Mayor Joe Giunta

Also, present, Blake Dunbar Jr., Esquire, David Leh, P.E., Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager, and Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

Absent President, Darren Rash

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor's Report, Mayor Giunta reported from the State Police statistic of 23 incidents for April 2016.

Town Hall Meeting: Ms. Miller and Mrs. Klepfer will work on a date to have the Town Hall meeting at the Library to discuss Police Coverage and Revitalization.

Perkiomen Sojourn Proclamation: Mayor Giunta asked Council for a Proclamation declaring June 4, 2016 Perkiomen Sojourn Day and the Borough's support of the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's Annual Perkiomen Sojourn.

Mrs. Klepfer prepared a written Proclamation for Mayor Giunta to sign. Mayor Giunta read the Proclamation and has Council's support for the Proclamation "2016 Perkiomen Sojourn Day" on June 4, 2016.

Fire Company Report – – Jim Keyser reported 02 calls for the month of April 2016, 12 Firefighters Responded, 1:03 Time in service. One call in Schwenksville, One call in Lower Frederick. Five men for 5 hours assist State Police at DUI Checkpoint. Mr. Keyser also submitted a letter written to the Fire Company from ANDES Accounting Services for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Ambulance Report, Gail Phillips read the report for April 2016 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance had 17 calls for Greenfield Senior Living and 4 calls for the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776.

Audience Comments: Mayor Giunta asked Sarah Knickerbocker what her opinion is on the work so far on the construction. Mrs. Knickerbocker replied that they are doing a great job.

Engineer Report - Dave Leh – South Main Street Improvement Project East side is complete except for the bump out. Curbing is 50% done on the West side. The driveway apron at Mr. West's property is complete. Relocation of the Fire Hydrant is complete. Mr. Leh is asking council to approve two payments to Ply-Mar Construction, Payment #1 for \$23,418.00, and Payment #2 for \$50,338.50. **Vote 3-0 with Ms. Miller abstaining**; Ms. Miller owns property on Main Street and is abstaining on voting on the South Main Street Project, to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest. **Motion carried.**

Walnut Street Project: Bids are due June 2, 2016

Survey Work at 300 Main Street/Meadow Park: Cost estimate for the survey work for Meadow Park/Fire Company/Sabo property lines is \$3,000 to \$4,000. Council agrees not to exceed \$5,000 for the survey work by Gilmore & Associates. **Motioned** Greg Pocius **seconded** by Todd Larsen to proceed with the survey with the cost not to exceed \$5,000. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0**. The Borough will also need some of this information for Meadow Park Phase II and the Montco 20/40 Grant. Council also agrees that Gilmore & Associates should not work for the Sabos. Gilmore & Associates can share the survey information with the Sabos. The Sabos would like to build a retaining wall behind their apartment building at 350 Main Street.

Road Repairs & Improvement Projects: Mr. Leh sent out a scope of work for road repairs for Mountain View, Clearview, and Highland Avenues. Mr. Leh received one quote from Floyd Hersh Inc. totaling \$16,207. R J Sell indicated they were too busy, and we received no response from Reid. Council approved the road repairs by Floyd Hersh Inc. for \$16,207.

Ms. Miller had two concerns for the Phase II Main Street Improvement for the sidewalks. One concern is the corner at Perkiomen Avenue where vehicles going south and making the right-hand turn onto Perkiomen Avenue, are there options to enlarge the radius. Mrs. Klepfer said the Borough already has the grant for that because the ramps are in the ARLE Grant. This is on hold pending the review of the subsequent year ARLE Grant application. The announcement will be made in June. Second concern is the fire hydrant at Maple and Main, prior to the new sidewalk project should be addressed as in prior discussions this hydrant is not good.

Solicitors Report –

There is nothing to report on Schwenksville Investment LLC.

The owners at 350 Main Street have signed an agreement with the Borough to use their property at 350 Main Street for the Mural Project.

Action Items – Motions, Resolutions, Ordinances:

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the April 14, 2016 **Regular** Meeting Minutes approve the April 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections, **Motioned** by Phil Berardi and **seconded** by Greg Pocius. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0**.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer report submitted and payment of the Borough May 2016 bills, totaling \$50,085.23. **Motion** by Phil Berardi and **seconded** by Todd Larsen to approve the treasurer report and to pay the bills totaling \$50,085.23. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0**.

Green Alley Project (Miller/Boyer/Cedar) – Gilmore & Associates recommends awarding the contract to Floyd Hersh for \$80,723.75. **Motion** Todd Larsen **second** by Phil Berardi to award the contract to Floyd Hersh for \$80,723.75 for the Green Alley Project. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0**.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Authorization to Advertise – After a discussion among Council for corrections and clarifying the Ordinance, Council agreed not to advertise the Ordinance and to place this

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on the June Agenda. Council was in favor of changing the “Retail Take-out Food” Use provisions from requiring a traffic impact study to limiting it to projects in excess of 5,000 square feet and making it possible for Council to waive this requirement. Council was also in favor of changing “shall” to “may” for requiring businesses within 100 feet of a town access to the Perkiomen Trail to have entrances or windows facing both Main Street and the Trail. Finally, Council was in favor of broadening the language for suitable barriers between pedestrian service windows and driveways and vehicle circulation.

Financial Report: Mrs. Klepfer’s financial report: For the period January 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016, Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$263,401.07 and Total Expenditures was \$158,317.90 for a net gain of \$105,083.17.

General Fund experienced a net gain of \$96,097.82

Assets: General Fund Assets Total \$358,669.11

Capital Fund Assets total \$38,202.29 and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$48,280.88 for a Combined Assets total of \$445,152.28.

Monthly report submitted to Council for review.

Zoning hearing for 108 Hillcrest Avenue is set for Monday May 23, 2016 at 7:00pm. New owner would like to use the property for an in-law-suite. Council chose to take no action regarding this application.

Sidewalk Ordinance Amendment - Mrs. Klepfer would like Council to review and this will be on the June Agenda.

Committee Reports:

Historical Committee: Perkiomen Township has requested the Borough to loan them some of the Albright Houses for their Community Day but may remain longer in a dedicated space. Council had no objections but would like a written agreement that they are on loan and when requested must be returned to the Borough; also, a sign to read, “Display on loan from Schwenksville Borough”. **Motioned** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Phil Berardi. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0**.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Fire Company did not charge for the tents for Community Day, as they could not put them up because of the weather. The Community Day Committee would like to donate to the Fire Company. The Committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

Adjournment - Motioned by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Phil Berardi to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. **Motion carried 4-0**.

NEXT MEETING(S):

June 2, 2016 Next Planning Commission Meeting

June 9, 2016 Next Council Regular Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary