

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 8, 2016

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on September 8, 2016 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Present, Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Phil Berardi, Greg Pocius, Todd Larsen and Mayor Joe Giunta

Also, present, David Leh, P.E., and Borough Manager Anne Klepfer.

Absent Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** by the assembly

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Mayor's Report**, Mayor Giunta reported the State Police statistics of 25 incidents for August 2016 including several Driving Under the Influence incidents. Mayor Giunta also reported that the Borough received an advisory about a rash of burglaries in the area and was pleased that the State Police made an arrest and a confession.

**Fire Company Report**, No Fire Report was submitted.

**Ambulance Report**, No Ambulance Report was available.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Mr. Jim Rogers from Central Perkiomen Rotary Club was present to update Council on their efforts to plan the 2016 Halloween Parade. He told them that it is an event that attracts people from all over greater Schwenksville Area. They would like to have the Mayor ride in a vintage car in the parade this year. Mr. Rogers wanted to confirm that the Borough will post Second Street for no parking the day of the event and to prohibit for-profit vendors from the parade.

Lee Ann Miller **made a motion** to approve a \$2,000 contribution to the Rotary Club for organizing and conducting the Halloween Parade, restricting parking on Second Street the day of the event and prohibiting for-profit vendors from operating at the Parade. The motion was **seconded** by Greg Pocius and was approved **unanimously 5-0**.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Borough Engineer David Leh, PE gave the following report:

Walnut Street Reconstruction: piping is complete. The recycling of the road was completed the last week of August and it will set for two to three weeks before the contractor comes back to apply the wearing course of pavement.

ARLE Design – Grant received for upgrading the signals @ Perkiomen and Main Streets and Game Farm Road and Main Streets. Preliminary design work has been completed and ready for submission to Penn Dot for a review. On Council’s Action Items list are two Resolutions authorizing Application to Penn Dot for these two traffic signals. The improvements will upgrade the controls, install video detection, and update the Hand/Man Controls for pedestrians. New Handicap ramps will also be installed.

Meadow Park Phase II Project. The boundary survey for Meadow Park, Fire Company and Sabo apartments is complete. Topo survey work is underway and a preliminary design for the parking lot, egress and pedestrian connections will be forthcoming.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** – Blake Dunbar Esquire reported assisting the Borough with drafting a Façade Easement for the Main Street Mural; he’s also working to assist the Borough with recording a parcel that is part of the shared egress to Meadow Park; he will be contacting the Sabos Attorney to discuss the Façade easement.

**ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:**

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the August 11, 2016 **Regular** Meeting Minutes approve the August 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes with amendments to the Mayor’s Report, **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Phil Berardi with corrections. All in favor, **Motion carried 3-0-2 with two abstentions [Pocius, Larsen]**.

Treasurer Report:

Council had questions about the Treasurer’s Report and deferred action on it due to the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

Phil Berardi **moved** to authorize payment of the Bills Listed on the September Bill List. The motion was **seconded** by Greg Pocius and **approved 5-0**.

Minimum Municipal Obligation Works Sheet: Greg Pocius **moved** to approve the MMO Worksheet. The motion was **seconded** by Phi Berardi and **approved 5-0**.

Resolution No. 2016-14: A Resolution Authorizing Application for the Game Farm Road/E. Park Ave/Main Street Traffic Signal: Greg Pocius **moved** to adopt Resolution 2016-14. The motion was seconded by Todd Larsen and was **approved 5-0**.

Resolution No. 2016-15: A Resolution Authorizing Application for the Perkiomen Avenue and Main Street Traffic Signal. Greg Pocius **moved** to adopt Resolution 2016-15. The motion was seconded by Todd Larsen and was **approved 5-0**.

Meadow Park Phase II Project Engineer: Phil Berardi **moved** to appoint David Leh, P.E. of Gilmore & Associates to be the project. The motion was **seconded** by Todd Larsen and **approved 5-0**.

Contract for Artistic Services: Greg Pocius **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 2016-16 accepting the proposal from Theresa Haag's proposal for Artistic Services and award Theresa Haag the contract for the Main Street Mural. Phil Berardi **seconded** the motion and it was **approved 4-0-1** with Lee Ann Miller abstaining from the vote because Ms. Miller owns property on Main Street and is abstaining from voting to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Finance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the summary Financial Report. For the Period January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016, total income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$483,177.85 and Total Expenditures was \$397,250.85 for a net gain of \$85,927.00. General Fund experienced a net gain off \$76,199.48. General Fund Assets total \$4,356.74 and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$34,116 for a combined Assets total of \$382,756.07.

Manager's Report: A monthly activity report was submitted to Council by Mrs. Klepfer.

Route 73 Bridge Lighting: Phil Berardi **moved** to accept ownership and responsibility of street lighting installed by Penn Dot at no cost to the Borough on the Route 73 Bridge in Perkiomen Township; to enter into an Agreement with PECO Energy to activate the lights and to accept responsibility for maintaining the lights and financing the electricity cost moving forward. The motion was **seconded** by Greg Pocius and **approved unanimously 5-0**.

Ballot Question: It was the consensus of Borough Council that they want to move forward with a Ballot Question to ascertain the level of support for entering into a shared service agreement with Lower Frederick Township for police coverage. Mrs. Klepfer and Solicitor Dunbar will work on preparing the Resolution and Ballot Question in a form satisfactory to the Montgomery County Election Board.

UCC Amendment Ordinance: Greg Pocius **moved** to authorize advertisement of the UCC Amendment Ordinance for a Public Hearing and consideration of adoption at the November Council Meeting. The motion was **seconded** by Phil Berardi. The motion **carried 5-0**.

Draft 2017 Budget: Mrs. Klepfer submitted the draft budget for Council to review and comment on. Greg Pocius provided Mrs. Klepfer with his comments on the draft. A future budget meeting will be scheduled.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Historical Committee: The Committee met on Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm at Borough Hall. The meeting was very productive. One of the things discussed was the possibility of creating a Schwenksville Borough Historical Commission. Committee members asked Ms. Miller to look into the regulations governing this. They are concerned about long-term protection of the Borough's historical resources and whether they would have the ability to hold their own funds.

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Ms. Miller also talked to Council about putting together stakeholder's committee to discuss the preservation of historic properties and what minimum regulations could be leveraged to try to prevent the loss of historically significant architectural features and structures. She suggested owners of historic properties as well as one or two Council members. Council agreed to support Ms. Miller in trying to assemble a committee to review these concerns and possible ways to address them.

Revitalization Task Force: Council discussed having the Revitalization Task Force head up the Main Street Mural Project.

Property Committee: The Borough Council wants to move forward with installing security cameras at the back of Borough Hall at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00. Ms. Miller would also like to get the window trim on Borough Hall repainted. Council also discussed lighting options around Borough Hall.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

**Adjournment - Motioned** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Phil Berardi to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**NEXT MEETING(S):**

October 6, 2016 Next Planning Commission Meeting  
October 13, 2016 Next Council Regular Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Klepfer  
Recording Secretary