

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2015

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on June 11, 2015 to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Roy Miller of 320 Centennial Street, one of the streetlight's that was fixed is operating partly, but he complained that it seems to take too long to come on and is not as bright as it was before. Mr. Rash will follow up with Walton's Electric. Mr. Miller would like the Borough to look at Boyer Lane/Miller Street with the way it is washing out in front of his parking area. Main Street in front of 600 Main Street/Rt. 29 Southbound is sinking, Mr. Miller was told this is a PennDot road and that they have been notified of the problem.

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the May 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes and approve the May 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes as amended. **Motioned** by Phil Berardi and **seconded** by Todd Larsen. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES:

Auditor – Term Ending 2015 – Paula Steiger submitted her resume to Council for the open audit position. **Motioned** by Lee Ann Miller **seconded** Phil Berardi to appoint Ms. Steiger to fill the Audit term for the remaining of 2015. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.** Ms. Steiger will need to be on the November ballot.

Vacancy Board – A write up about what the vacancy board members responsibility will be in the newsletter asking any registered voter to submit letter of intent for the position.

EMS REPORTS:

Fire Company Report- Doug Neil was present to give the Fire Report, for the month of May 2015 there were four calls, 25 - Firefighters Responded, and 99 - Minutes in service.

Ambulance Company Report- Gail Phillips read the report for the month of May 2015; there were eight calls for Schwenksville and 16 calls for Greenfield of Perkiomen Valley.

Request for Fire Police Assistance: Skippack Township requests the service of the Schwenksville Fire Company Fire Police to assist with the July 4 Parade. The POSofA has also asked the Schwenksville Fire Police for their assistance on Sunday June 14, 2015 for the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Meadow Park. **Motioned** Lee Ann Miller **seconded** by Phil Berardi to approve the Fire Police to assist with the July 4 and June 14 programs. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending May 31, 2015 the current invoices due for payment total \$39,953.63. This includes \$23,548.14 from the General Fund, \$855.99 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$9,629.54 from payroll and \$5,919.96 from Capital Fund. Council also wants to hold the check for Walton's Electric until they come and check on the light on Centennial Street that Mr. Miller referred to under the audience comments of the meeting. **Motion** by Philip Berardi and **seconded** by Greg Pocius to pay the bills totaling \$39,953.63 holding the Walton's Electric check. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

FINANCE REPORT: Mrs. Klepfer's report: For the period January 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015, Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$355,217.33 and Total Expenditures was \$241,389.40 for a net gain of \$113,827.93. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$90,651.48. Assets: General Fund Assets Total \$366,369.94. Capital Fund Assets total \$4,759.79; and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$39,179.94 for a combined Assets total of \$410,309.67.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Second Street CDBG Project: Josh Hagadon reported that three bids received and that GoreCon is the lowest bidder at \$101,357.50 but that this is still over budget by \$5,847.50. Council can approve the additional money and award the contract to GoreCon. **Motioned** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Phil Berardi to award the contract to GoreCon with the Engineer looking at the additional items and subject to the required bonds, certificates of insurance and approvals from Montgomery County. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

South Main Street CDBG Project: Josh Hagadon reported that the bids are due July 2 and the award for the contract will be July 9. PennDot has the final plan. The engineer is finalizing the fire hydrant design that will place it 4ft behind the curb. Gilmore is recommending that we have an inspector on the job every day/all day because of the high visibility and sensitivity of this project. Council approves of the inspector for this project everyday/all day. If the costs for the inspector approach the estimate provided in the June 9, 2015 memorandum, Gilmore will notify us immediately.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Blake Dunbar Jr. reported that as of tonight's meeting he has not yet received an application by Dunkin Donuts for Conditional Use.

MAYORS REPORT:

Monthly State Police Statistics: Mayor Guinta read the report from the State Police for the month of May 2015, indicating 20 incidents. Two things to note are the burglary and the sex offence-indecent assault. The Mayor is concerned about the type and volume of crime reported and will invite Trooper Wright to the July Council meeting.

Security Cameras: The price for the cameras is expensive. Mr. Pocius and Mr. Berardi will work to get costs for the cameras and installation.

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT:

Trappe Borough Joint application for a Multi-Modal Transportation Grant: for the Street Light LED upgrade. Trappe is getting new cost estimates. Borough Council would like to see a not to exceed amount before voting on **Resolution 2015-15**. The exceed limit will be \$10,000. **Motioned** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Todd Larsen to adopt Resolution 2015-15 Multi-Modal Grant not to exceed \$10,000. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0**.

The ARLE Grant: This grant is through PennDot and would be for additional funds to replace the posts and mast arms of our two existing traffic signals. Mrs. Klepfer requested a cost estimate and scope of work from Gilmore for this application. The grant covers engineering costs. **Motioned** by Phil Berardi and **seconded** by Greg Pocius to approve **Resolution 2015-16** ARLE Grant. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0**.

Mrs. Klepfer will be attending the Park & Rec Board meeting on June 25, 2015 to talk about Meadow Park Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park and Recreation Board: The Board will meet on Thursday June 25, 2015 at 7pm. Mrs. Klepfer will attend to review the Master Plan for Meadow Park with the Board. Lindsey Tree Service cut down a tree rotted out and leaning against another tree in Meadow Park. Mr. Rash will remove the wood.

Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation presents “On Your Park, Get Set, Go!” competition – 2015 style! Mr. Rash and Mrs. Phillips will be attending the meeting June 24 for more information.

Historical Preservation Committee: Ms. Miller stated about two years ago the Historical Committee actually split, one part of the committee was to continue doing research and add Historical Details to the survey forms about each property, and Mr. Miller is a member of this committee. The other part of the committee was supposed to be newly composed of owners of property to consider carefully what if any changes needed to be made to our current ordinances regarding Historic consideration. That has been tabled due to the Revitalization of Main Street design concept plan and South Main Street project.

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Revitalization Task Force Committee: The committee has received the draft plan of the Main Street Design. The draft plan will be discussed at the Task Force meeting Thursday June 18. The Planning Committee and Borough Council will have the draft plan after Thursday's meeting.

Property: Ms. Miller and Mrs. Klepfer are working on the landscaping issues around Borough Hall, lights for the rear of the building and the continuation of the roof repairs.

Streets & Lights: Mayor Giunta spoke with a senior vice president of Uninvest Bank and he has committed to the mayor cameras and increased lighting at the bank. Ms. Miller recommended a camera inside Borough Hall, Mr. Pocius mentioned that the camera would be motion censored.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Giunta will be attending the POSofA Flag Retirement Service Sunday June 14, 2015.

NEXT MEETING(S): July 9, 2015 7:00pm

Motioned by Phil Berardi and **seconded** by Greg Pocius to Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50pm. No action taken at the Executive Session **motioned** to adjourn at 9:01pm by Phil Berardi **second** by Greg Pocius. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary