

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on September 10, 2015 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

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

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

Absent:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor Giunta reported the State Police stats for August 2015 were 19 incidents.

Fire Company Report – No Report

Ambulance Report, Gail Phillips read the report for August 2015 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance had 18 calls for Greenfield Senior Living and 10 calls for the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776.

Audience: No comments

ACTION ITEMS – Motions, Resolutions, Ordinances

Minutes:

Dispense with the reading of the August 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes and approve the August 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes as presented and *The following is an amendment to the July 9, 2015 Minutes Meeting under the Historical Preservation Committee from Ms. Miller that were approved by Council at the August 13, 2015 Regular Meeting:*

Ms. Miller reviewed past work done by the Committee during the past eight years. A historical resource packet was completed and submitted to the State who reviews these types of things in order to see if the Borough would qualify for a recommendation for the National Register District. Although we have many nice buildings, they would not recommend the Borough for a National Register District. One reason is that the center of town has a large area containing Sabo apartments, the firehouse and the former Lumberyard, but no historically significant structures. They did not consider it a cohesive

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district and recommended other options. The Historic committee researched various ways of protecting local districts. The district that might be best for the Borough is an overlay district. This is where you designate a certain area where normal zoning applies plus additional "overlaid" ordinances. The Historical Committee drafted an ordinance after reviewing different ordinances from other municipalities. They also hired Preservation experts to complete a Historic Resource Survey of all older buildings in the Borough. The survey form has a section for the history of each property. The Committee is currently working on filling in the history on each of the forms. A Town Hall meeting was held to present the Committee's work, and to obtain the opinion of residents. Many expressed concerns about restrictions and how they would affect property owners. The subject will require further thought on how to protect the Borough's resources without being too restrictive.

Motioned by Phil Berardi and **seconded** by Todd Larsen. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 13th Meeting Minutes and reflect the corrections to the July 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes.**

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer report submitted and payment of the Borough September 2015 bills, totaling \$36,470.60. **Motion** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Phil Berardi to approve the treasurer report and to pay the bills totaling \$36,470.60. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System: Mrs. Phillips presented Borough Council with the 2016 MMO worksheet. Report on file at Borough Hall. **Motion** by Todd Larsen to accept the worksheet and **seconded** by Phil Berardi. All in favor, **Motion Carried 5-0.**

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mrs. Klepfer submitted her written reports prior to the meeting.

Financial Report: Mrs. Klepfer's financial report: For the period January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015, Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$436,842.15 and Total Expenditures was \$379,984.68 for a net gain of \$56,857.47. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$36,659.82. Assets: General Fund Assets total \$317,196.66 Capital Fund Assets total \$3,577.99; and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$36,201.14 for a combined Assets total of \$356,975.79.

Maintenance: Street Sweeping is scheduled for September 24th and 25th and Ms. Klepfer is also getting quotes for line striping. Council asked if stop bars and the word "STOP" could be painted on Game Farm Road at the approach to the Stop Sign at Mine Hill Road. Mrs. Klepfer said she would check with PennDot, as it is a State Road.

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S. Main Street tree quotes: Ms. Klepfer received one quote from Moyers for \$3,600. If Mrs. Klepfer receives other quotes for less than \$3,600, she has the authority to use that company for the removal of the trees. **Motioned** by Todd Larsen and **seconded** by Greg Pocius to approve the tree quote not to exceed \$3,600. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0**.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Dave Leh reported that GoreCon is finished with the 2nd Street Project. There is some adjustments that will be completed to help direct water into the inlets on the eastern side of the road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Dunbar Jr. reported that they reviewed a series of easements on behalf of Schwenksville Investments Properties, LLC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Property Committee: Ms. Miller reported that the money budgeted for 2015; \$3,000 roof snow guards for the Southside of Borough Hall; \$1,500 for misc. repairs to the soffit, basement etc., and \$500 is available for additional minor repairs for this Fall.

2016 Budget - \$5,000

Lightning for the rear of Borough Hall, Lenni Electric estimates \$1,731.

River Rock placed, (2) bushes at parking area beside the cottage to address maintenance and drainage issues. Mrs. Klepfer will get quotes for this project.

Ms. Miller is unsure about the cost for purchasing and installing Security cameras as investigated by other Council Members and the Mayor.

Proposed Borough Hall Addition:

Ms. Miller spoke about improvements to Borough Hall to include Handicap Accessibility issues, private Manager's office, larger meeting hall, etc.

Future Items to include proposed landscaping, possible murals, etc. at ramp between buildings – Town Access.

Street & Lights: Walton's Electric replaced the light on Centennial Street that Mr. & Mrs. Brown were concerned about at the August meeting. Mrs. Brown called to thank Council for addressing her concern about the light.

Street Sweeping will be on September 24th and 25th as reported by the Manager.

OTHER BUSINESS: Council would like to send a sympathy card to Charles Beitler from the Authority on the passing of his wife Shelly.

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

NEXT MEETING(S): October 1, 2015 Next Planning Commission Meeting
October 8, 2015 Borough Council Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary