

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE PA
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:00 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on February 9, 2012 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Ray Yeanish, Lee Ann Miller, Lisa Dull and Mayor Joe Giunta. Rudy Micsko joined the meeting at 7:17 pm

Also, present Blake Dunbar Jr., Esq., Dave Leh, Gilmore Associates, Mike Galla, Borough Manager, and Gail Phillips, Council Secretary.

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the January 9, 2012 Council minutes and approve the January 9, 2012 Council minutes. Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Lisa Dull. All were in favor and the motion carried.

AUDIENCE: Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator

Arthur Fairclough asked for a motion to appoint Jim Keyser for Emergency Management Coordinator.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY LISA DULL TO APPOINT JIM KEYSER THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending January 31, 2012, the current invoices due for payment total \$24,866.48. This includes \$12,887.03 from the General Fund, \$3,431.49 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$8,547.96 from payroll. Motioned by Lisa Dull and seconded by Ray Yeanish to pay the bills totaling \$24,866.48. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A letter to be given to the Auditors needs a motion for approval –

MOTIONED BY LISA DULL SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO HAVE MR. FAIRCLOUGH AND MR. MICKSO SIGN THE LETTER THAT ALL THE FINANCIAL RECORDS REFLECT ALL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE 2011 YEAR, TO THE BEST OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S KNOWLEGE AND BELIEF. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Dave Leh reported that the Forest Lane Project is ready to go out for bids.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY LISA DULL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE FOREST LANE PROJECT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Solicitor's Report – Blake Dunbar Jr. reported on the Sign Ordinance. Council has a list of additions. Additions to the sign Ordinance, Neon signs add in C/VC-1/VC2, 176-105 Signs exempted from permit, 2 s.f. neon sign-(1) per property. Sign Size, increase size in VC-1/VC-2, 12 s.f. General Purpose Wall Sign for Businesses. Banners, add provision in C/VC-1/VC-2, 176-105. 0 signs exempted from permit; Temporary Signs 8 s.f. Banner for Business Promotion of limited time event or notice, 30 day time limit per occurrence, twice per calendar year.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO APPROVE PROPOSED CHANGES. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTIONED BY LISA DULL AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO ADVERTISE THE SIGN ORDINANCE WITH THE CHANGES. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE REPORT: Rudy Micsko reviewed the January 2012 financial report with Council. Totals for the end of January – Assets \$629,735.24, Liabilities \$169,588.95, Equity \$460,146.29. Total Income \$8,319.36, Expenses \$22,749.75, Net Loss (\$14,430.39).

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Jim Keyser read the report from Mark Brasch as follows, for the Month of January 2012, three calls, 29 men in service for a total of 52 minutes in service.

Fire Marshall Keyser reported that he has been in contact with ADT about the Fire Alarms at Seigel Insurance. Mr. Keyser will also be attending the Limerick EPZ training session on February 25th and the monthly EMC training on February 15th.

The Fire Company has received a grant of \$43,000 for compressor/fill and \$13,400 from the State.

AMBULANCE REPORT- Jean Haupt read the report for the month of January 2012; there were five calls for Schwenksville and fifteen calls for the Colonnade.
2012 Membership Drive – Join Today.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta reported that the State Police calls for the month of January 2012 were 27.

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The cameras will be installed the week of February 29th.

Reward Program press release:

Schwenksville Borough is offering a cash reward to any person(s) who provide reliable information resulting in the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for acts of graffiti vandalism and defacing public property within the borough.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mike Galla reports:

The CDBG applications will be due April 2, 2012. Mr. Galla will be attending a training session on February 24th. Discussions concerning the CDBG application took place. It was suggested that the application be submitted for ADA curb ramps or for sidewalks. Mr. Galla will look into the feasibility of each project.

Newsletter articles are due June 10th. Please send them to Maureen. Newsletters will be distributed quarterly. All articles will need to be submitted to Maureen by the 10th of March, June, September and December.

Mr. Galla received an email from Gail McGowan the property manager for Spring Mount Summit Condo's. They are inviting anyone to attend a meeting at the Lower Fredrick Fire Hall on Thursday February 23 @ 7pm.

Schwenksville Investment Properties LLC would like to build one building on the property, Phase I called for two buildings to be built. They are asking council for permission to build only one building.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY LISA DULL TO ALLOW SCHWENKSVILLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC TO BUILD ONE BUILDING AND TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE ORIGINAL CONDITIONAL LAND DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Lee Ann Miller is one of the property owners and has recused herself from the discussion vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No Report

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: Town Hall Meeting February 29th at 7:00pm Schwenksville Library has been cancelled.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: The committee met and has posted the Community Day application on the Borough website. Community Day is May 19th, rain date June 2nd. Cleanup day will be May 4th.

The newsletter was mailed this week and Maureen thanks everyone for submitting articles.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: No Report

STREETS AND ROADS: No Report

STREET LIGHTING: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting will be March 8, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

It was motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Rudy Micsko to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary