

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2014

Council President Rudy Micsko at 7:00 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on July 10, 2014 to order.

Present, Rudy Micsko, Lee Ann Miller, Lisa Dull, Craig Dunham, Joe Homan and Mayor Joe Giunta.

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

Absent: Blake Dunbar Jr., Esquire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

MINUTES: Dispense with the reading of the June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and approve the same as presented. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Lisa Dull. All in favor, **Motion Carried 5-0.**

AUDIENCE: Jeanie Caton of 55 Main Street questioned the Zoning Map change from the article in the newsletter. Ms. Miller responded that the Zoning Map change is for the North end of town and does not change the South End Zoning.

Matt and Helene Moccia, Main Street Station Eatery 390 Main Street, Mrs. Moccia read a statement that they would like to lease the Eatery to Dunkin Donuts and that the Zoning does not allow for a drive thru. Ms. Miller explained that they would have to file the application and appear before the Zoning Hearing Board and ask for a variance to allow the drive thru for Dunkin Donuts.

Sarah Knickerbocker of 77 Main Street would like to request a copy of the DVD from the South Main Street meeting from May. Mrs. Klepfer advised Mrs. Knickerbocker to fill out a Public Records Request. Also, the property across the street has had a lot of Police activity lately. Mayor Giunta will contact Trooper Crummy.

Joe and Sue Stanton of 220 Walnut Street have an issue with how Walnut Street is collapsing and has bad potholes. The storm sewer on the Spring Mount Summit property is overgrown with weeds and the blacktop that wraps around is totally gone which when there is a storm the rain comes down my property and into my garage and basement. Mrs. Klepfer and Mr. Dunham have gathered information on the roads and Walnut Street is at the top of the list. Second issue is while looking up at Spring Mount Summit you can see that people are putting plywood up in place of their sliding doors and shoving in air conditioners. Mrs. Klepfer responded that she is not sure what violation this is but will have the building inspector take a look at this issue. The Spring Mount Summit Management Company will be contacted about the weeds and trash. July 4th fireworks were being

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shot off from the Apartments directed towards Walnut Street. Mr. Stanton called the State Police but when they arrived no more fireworks were visible.

The residents on Centennial and Walnut Street also have concerns about the Apartment Project for the Clemens property. They would like to know when and where they can address their concerns before Council votes on this. Mrs. Klepfer responded the process to get permission to construct a new housing development takes time. The first step was to get zoning approvals and the Borough has not received the Zoning Boards decision yet. The next step will be for the applicant to file Land Development plans that will get reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission, the Regional Planning Commission, and the County Planning Commission before it goes before Council. She also indicated that the Authority does not currently have sewer capacity available to service the development and there is no time line for that to change. Ms. Miller recommended that they go to a Planning Commission meeting to express their concerns about the Apartment Project, even before the plan is submitted, that way the Planning Commission will be aware that there are concerns.

Another concern is that it is hard to cross Main Street at Centennial with the traffic speeding through town. There is a Yield for Pedestrian sign for the crosswalk.

Carol Moran owner of 566 Main Street questioned Council as to whom Anne works for. Council replied she works for us. Ms. Moran had a hearing with the Montgomery County Assessor's Office and alleged that Anne gave them misinformation about her property. Ms. Moran also has an issue with Mark John about the way he handled the sidewalk inspection for her property. Mr. Micsko will speak to Mr. John about this issue to ascertain his perspective. Ms. Miller also replied to Ms. Moran that the Borough employees are not discriminating against her and that all anyone needs to do is get the proper permits and inspections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending June 30, 2014, the current invoices due for payment total \$28,931.79. This includes \$12,675.30 from the General Fund, \$1,030.18 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$10,638.00 from payroll and \$4,588.31 from Capital Fund. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Joe Homan to pay the bills totaling \$28,931.79. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0.**

FINANCE REPORT: Mrs. Klepfer's report: For the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$359,571.12 and Total Expenditures was \$270,695.38 for a net gain of \$88,875.74. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$80,976.91. Assets: General Fund Assets Total \$843,607.29; Capital Fund Assets total \$42,759.34; and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$46,224.15 for a combined Assets total of \$932,590.78.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Leh reported that his office prepared the application and draft cover letter for the Brake Retarder Prohibition Study by PennDOT. Mr. Leh would like to know if Council would like the entire Borough studied or just Main Street. Council would like the study for the entire Borough.

Sidewalk and Concrete Specifications: Mr. Leh reported that there are two documents that show the sidewalk construction standards. One is in the Zoning Ordinance and one is a detailed diagram that

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was provided by Mr. Leh's office. The Ordinance and the Property Maintenance Code are being revised.

South Main Street HOP Application: Mr. Leh reported that the application is on track to be submitted to PennDOT in two weeks.

Rain Garden Repairs: Some modifications would be heartier vegetation and gravel. The Landscape Architect came up with sketches and a follow up meeting with Lisa, Anne and I and the Landscape Architect will meet to finalize what direction we want to go before the repairs are made.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Klepfer reported on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for MAP Change. The propose Ordinance Amending Zoning Map by Rezoning the VC-1 District on the East Main Street to VC-2 District, this includes eleven properties.. **Motioned** by Lee Ann Miller **second** by Lisa Dull to authorize the Solicitor to advertise and schedule a public hearing for the Ordinance MAP change. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0**.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – No Report

AMBULANCE REPORT- Gail Phillips read the report for the month of June 2014; there were 16 calls for Schwenksville and 13 calls for Greenfield of Perkiomen Valley. Please consider becoming a member in 2014. It was also noted that correspondence was received notifying the Borough that the Lower Frederick Ambulance Company is merging with Plymouth Whitmarsh.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Guinta read the report from The State Police for the month of June 2014 indicated 34 incidents. As a reminder, Please lock your cars.

Council approves Schwenksville Fire Police to Assist Upper Salford Township for the Philadelphia Folk Fest Thursday August 14, 2014 8am to noon.

Council approves Schwenksville Fire Police to Assist Upper Salford Township for the Goshenhoppen Church Oyster Picnic on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mrs. Klepfer reported:

Land Appraisals: Three properties pertaining to the South Main Street Project were notified by mail and the owner(s) attended a separate meeting with Mrs. Klepfer and Mr. Leh. These properties need to be appraised as the Project needs 18 inches of sidewalk for the ADA requirements. **Motion** by Lisa Dull and **seconded** by Craig Dunham to authorize Mrs. Klepfer to start preparing for the need to utilize eminent domain proceedings to acquire the 18 inches of Right-of-way and appraise the properties to determine a per lineal foot value for compensation to those property owners. All in favor; **Motion carried 5-0**.

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Resolution 2014-11 Master Casting Agreement: **Motion** by Joe Homan **second** by Lisa Dull to authorize Rudy Micsko and Gail Phillips as signatures on the Master Casting Agreement. All in favor; **Motion carried 5-0.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No Report

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: No Report

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Second summer concert is “Raven Hill” Wednesday July 16th at 6:30pm. Third summer concert is “Rock & Roll after school” July 30th at 6:30pm.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Ms. Miller inquired the status of the installation of snow guards on Borough Hall’s roof – north side. Mrs. Klepfer will follow up on this item.

STREETS AND LIGHTS: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: Snow Emergency follow-up meeting will be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00pm

It was **motioned** by Lisa Dull and **seconded** by Craig Dunham **to adjourn** the meeting at **8:45 pm**. All in favor, **motion carried**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary

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