

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 13, 2013

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:00 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on June 13, 2013 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Rudy Micsko, Ray Yeanish, Lisa Dull, Lee Ann Miller and Mayor Joe Giunta

Also, present David Leh, Borough Engineer, Solicitor Wendy Feiss McKenna, Esquire, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager and Secretary-Treasurer Gail Philips.

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

MINUTES: MINUTES: Mr. Fairclough stated that he had a conversation with Blake Dunbar Esquire about voting on the minutes. The current version of Roberts Rule of Order states that the minutes can be approved on whether a member was present at the meeting or not. Mr. Fairclough expressed a desire to continue with our current practice of only allowing members present at meetings to be able to approve the minutes.

Dispense with the reading of the April 11, 2013 Council minutes and approve the April 11, 2013 Council minutes, as corrected. **Motioned** by Ray Yeanish and **seconded** by Lee Ann Miller, Arthur Fairclough also **in favor** of approving the minutes. **Motion Carried 3-0-2.**

Dispense with the reading of the May 9, 2013 Council minutes and approve the May 9, 2013 Council minutes, as presented. **Motioned** by Rudy Micsko and **seconded** by Lisa Dull. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

AUDIENCE:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending May 31, 2013, the current invoices due for payment total \$47,657.75. This includes \$26,113.15 from the General Fund, \$901.77 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$11,144.83 from payroll and \$9,498.00 from the Capital Funds. **Motioned** by Lisa Dull and **seconded** by Rudy Micsko to pay the bills totaling \$47,657.75. **Motion Carried 5-0**

FINANCE REPORT: Anne Klepfer reported for January thru May 31, 2013; Mrs. Klepfer reported total income \$316,841.65, expenses \$193,710.76, net income (loss) \$123,130.89. General Fund Assets \$892,686.15, Capital Fund \$2474.56, Liquid Fuels Fund \$46381.75, Total combined funds \$941,542.46.

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ENGINEERS REPORT – Dave Leh reported the bids for the Schwenksville Borough Alley Project were received. GoreCon, Inc. submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$138,688.60. The gazebo price to relocate is \$2,300.00; the cost to replace the gazebo is \$7,800.00. The contractor feels it will be difficult to relocate the gazebo without damaging it. Gilmore & Associates, Inc. recommends the Borough approve the base bid and the alternate price of \$7,800.00 replacing the gazebo for a total contract price of \$146,488.60. **Motioned** by Ray Yeanish and **seconded** by Lisa Dull to award with subject to and based upon the recommendations of the Borough Engineers letter dated June 11, 2013 accept the base bid and the alternate price of replacing the gazebo for a total contract price of \$146,488.60. **Motion passed 4-0-1.** Ms. Miller recused herself from the vote. Ms. Miller has a request about the vinyl fencing; she would like to know the manufacturer, looking for specific upright members going through the rails.

Second Street Ramps – The CDBG Grant for 2nd Street will have to be redesigned keeping the walkways off each corner as it currently is. Rebuilding of the sidewalks to comply with the ADA slopes, and replace a portion of Mr. Lamison’s retaining wall.

Summit Avenue Survey – Mrs. Klepfer is waiting on the PDF files of the sketch plan based on the survey. The property owners will receive the plans and they are asked to send any comments or concerns. The next step is a draft Ordinance, then be advertised for public hearing and then adopted to ordain the roadway.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Wendy Feiss McKenna had no report.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Anne Klepfer reports:

Flood Mitigation Grant for funding to replace the Centennial Street Stacked Stone Culvert. There is a %15 match and also some upfront application costs.

Resolution 2013-08 authorizing the Borough Manager to apply for a Flood Mitigation Grant and to execute all documents to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested Grant. **Motioned** by Ray Yeanish and **seconded** by Lisa Dull. **Motion passed 5-0**

Sidewalk Improvement Plan: Mrs. Klepfer and Ms. Miller have been working on a sidewalk Maintenance Plan for the Borough. The plan would have criteria for repairs, identifying sidewalks that need repairs and a plan for notifying residents and assisting them with compliance.

Linda Wilde had a question about why the sidewalk in front of the Lumberyard that is broken up has not been fixed and why is Council forcing owners to fix their sidewalks.

Mrs. Klepfer addressed Linda to say that work has started at the Lumberyard and we try not to have to do a project twice. The permit for that property is to replace the sidewalk.

Mr. Yeanish wants to know how you can justify a residence in selected parts of the Borough when in other parts of the Borough sidewalks are paid for. Centennial Street and Second Street

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were all rebuilt by the Borough, sidewalk, curbing and street were all paid for with Borough money. Mr. Fairclough was told that the sidewalk is the responsibility of the home owner when he bought his home. Mr. Yeanish says that the Borough should look for a grant to do the sidewalks on Main Street. Ms. Miller explained that the sidewalks need to be repaired and that the resident is not going to be required to replace their entire sidewalk. Mrs. Klepfer said that this is an ongoing discussion.

CDBG 2013 Project – South Main Street Sidewalk & Street Improvements – The Application was submitted to the County the grant amount is for \$188,940 and the Borough is committed to up to \$31,490 in design and inspection should the project be approved 100%. A meeting will take place on Monday June 17, 2013 at 7:00PM with the property owners.

DCNR Grant for Meadow Park – DCNR is requesting a revised plan showing the lot line of the Park and the Firehouse. **Motioned** by Rudy Micsko and **seconded** by Ray Yeanish to authorize the Borough Engineer and the Borough Solicitor to revise the plan to show the lot adjustments. **Motion passed 5-0.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Mrs. Phillips read the report for April 2013, 9 Calls, 34 Firefighters Responded, 284 minutes in service. Report for May 2013 8 calls, 34 Firefighters Responded, 284 Minutes in Service

AMBULANCE REPORT- Mrs. Phillips read the report for the month of May 2013; there were 7 calls for Schwenksville and 10 calls for Greenfield of Perkiomen Valley. Please consider becoming a member in 2013. Rotary Carnival June 4th through June 8th.

MAYORS REPORT: The State Police report for the month of May indicated 27 incidents. Of special note were the following: Four Traffic violations, four criminal mischiefs, one theft, unlawful taking and one suspicious vehicle. Also in the Borough News there is a question about weddings being performed at Borough Hall and is the Borough covered for liability? Mrs. Phillips will call the insurance agent for the answer to that question.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: The committee is working on adding the Historic Narratives to all the reports.

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: The committee is meeting on Tuesday June 25th @ 7pm to continue the work on the concept plan for Main Street.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Summer Concerts begin June 19th with “Midnight Shift” 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: No Report

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STREETS AND LIGHTS: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting will be July 11, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

It was **motioned** by Rudy Micsko and **seconded** by Ray Yeanish **to adjourn** the meeting at **8:23 pm**. All were in favor and the **motion carried**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary