

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE PA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 8, 2012

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:00 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on March 8, 2012 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Ray Yeanish, Lee Ann Miller, and Mayor Joe Giunta.

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

Absent: Rudy Micsko and Lisa Dull

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the February 9, 2012 Council minutes and approve the February 9, 2012 Council minutes. Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Lee Ann Miller. All were in favor and the motion carried.

AUDIENCE: Linda Wilde of 63 Main St. wanted to follow up on the Main Street drainage inlet by her home, concerned about the bricks falling out.

Christmas lights were not put up on my block for the last two years. Mr. Galla stated that there is no room for the brackets and that the poles that have had Christmas lights have too many wires and the brackets do not fit.

The cross walk at Perkiomen Ave. and Main St. need to be redone. Mr. Galla says they will be done the next time the Borough does line striping and this is not in the 2012 budget.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending February 29, 2012, the current invoices due for payment total \$35,514.83. This includes \$24,453.96 from the General Fund, \$942.43 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$10,118.44 from payroll. Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Lee Ann Miller to pay the bills totaling \$35,514.83. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Rudy Micsko was absent. Mr. Fairclough reported that there is a balance of \$160,000 in the bank. We have also received \$13,000 from Earned Income Taxes.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Dave Leh reported that the Forest Lane Project bids ranged from \$109,000 to \$149,000. Gorcon's bid was \$109,767.15. Mr. Leh recommends awarding the bid to

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Gorcon. The CDBG Grant is for \$156,000. A change order will be submitted to the County for the addition of the ramps at Centennial Street and Forest Lane.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$109,767.15 FROM GORCON FOR THE FOREST LANE PROJECT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Alleyway – Mr. Galla informed Council that the grant for the Alleyway is good until 2014 and the design was shown to Council.

Solicitor's Report – Blake Dunbar Jr. reported that a public hearing will be opened for comments on the sign Ordinance #368. Public hearing was opened at 7:24pm there being no questions the public hearing was closed at 7:26pm.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO ADOPT THE SIGN ORDINANCE #368. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Fulton Citation – A hearing was scheduled for Wednesday March 6, 2012. Mr. Galla, Mr. Dunbar Jr., Mr. John and Mr. Duda were in attendance at the hearing. Ms. Fulton did not attend and was found guilty and fined \$1,000.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Jim Keyser read the report from Mark Brasch as follows, for the Month of February 2012, 9 – Calls (6 fire, 3 Fire Police), 5- Firefighters Responded, 5 – Fire Police Responded (Fire Police only calls), 340 – Minutes in service.

Jim Keyser –Fire Marshall Report on file at Borough Hall

AMBULANCE REPORT- Gail Phillips read the report for the month of February 2012; there were four calls for Schwenksville and twelve calls for the Colonnade.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta reported that the State Police calls for the month of February 2012 were 30. The cameras are up at the park. Mayor Giunta asked about the STOP sign for Game Farm Road. Mr. Galla reported that a letter was sent to PennDot and has not had a response.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mike Galla reports:

CDBG Grant Application

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2012-03 AUTHORIZING THE FILLING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

DCNR Grant Application

The Borough received a grant in 2011; this project needs to be completed before applying for another DCNR grant. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat will be contacted about a grant to install the boating/fishing dock and parking at Meadow Park.

PEMA Resolution

The Borough has been approved for public assistance for the Centennial Culvert. A Resolution authorizing Mr. Galla to execute on behalf of Schwenksville Borough is needed.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2012-04 DESIGNATING MIKE GALLA AS THE AGENT TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondences

Zoning Hearing Board:

A Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be held on Monday March 26, 2012 @ 7:00PM for 719 Mine Hill Road for a variance from a front yard setback of 35 feet for screening in a section of the existing deck.

Montgomery County Planning Commission Contract:

Montgomery County Planning Commission Contract with the Borough will expire April 30, 2012. The cost is \$22,212 for 3 yrs. Council is in favor of continuing the contract with the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO CONTINUE THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION CONTRACT FOR \$22,212 FOR 3 YEARS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Pennypacker Mills:

Civil War School Day for middle school aged children only Friday June 1, 2012.

Civil War Reunion Event: Saturday June 2 (10am to 5pm) and Sunday June 3 (10am to 4pm).

Graffiti:

We have a cost of \$655 from Grime Fighters to remove the graffiti from the concrete pad at the pavilion; Mr. Galla will also contact Master Painters for any other solution and cost on how to remove the graffiti.

Camera signs:

Notification signs for Meadow Park that cameras are being used cost \$24 each for an 18x24 sign. Council would like to purchase the surveillance sign with the camera picture and words that say "THIS PROPERTY IS PROTECTED BY VIDEO SURVEILLANCE"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Changes are being made on the forms.

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: Will be working on the Street Scaping Plan.

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 Saturday May 5th.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: No Report

STREETS AND ROADS: No Report

STREET LIGHTING: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: the Borough has received two grants for improvements to Meadow Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting will be April 12, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

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It was motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Lee Ann Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary