

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2011

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:30 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on April 14, 2011 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Maureen Giacomucci, Lee Ann Miller, Rudy Micsko, Ray Yeanish and Mayor Joe Giunta.

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 March 10, 2011 Council minutes and approve the March 10, 2011 Council minutes. Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Lee Ann Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dispense with the reading of the February 22, 2011 Special Meeting minutes and approve the February 22, 2011 Special Meeting minutes. Motioned by Maureen Giacomucci and seconded by Rudy Micsko. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE: Doug Neal, Emergency Management Coordinator talked about the Emergency Operations Plan for the Borough and that it is required by the State to have one in place. Doug said the plan is reviewed on an annual basis. The Plan details the procedures and the resources for any disasters. Council would like to read this Plan before signing. Copies are available to Council members.

Doug also is asking for a resolution that is required by the County for the National Incident Management System which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-07 FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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Doug reported that the Emergency Management has received a grant for a portable generator at a cost of \$1,029.25 and a printer at a cost of \$94.97 and the County will reimburse the Borough.

Doug is asking Council for authorization to purchase both the generation and the printer, and the County will reimburse the Borough.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE GENERATOR AND PRINTER FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$1,124.44. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending March 31, 2011, the current invoices due for payment total \$38,767.33. This includes \$26,487.97 from the General Fund, \$1,498.35 from the Liquid Fuels Account, and \$10,781.01 from payroll. Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Maureen Giacomucci to pay the bills totaling \$38,767.33. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Rudy Micsko reviewed the March 2011 financial report with Council. Totals for the end of March – Assets \$655,499.30, Liabilities \$190,575.38, Equity \$464,923.92. Total Income \$90,000.72, Expenses \$112,405.20, Net Loss (\$22,404.48).

ENGINEERS REPORT – David Leh provided an update on the Boyer Lane drainage and discussed recommendations for the three areas that need work. These recommendations are:

- Improve a portion of the existing macadam curb along Boyer and extend it to the Brown Property.
- Install an inlet on Cedar just above Boyer along with a 20 to 30 foot swale above the proposed inlet.
- Reshape the paving along Miller to direct runoff towards the inlets.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RUDY MICKSKO TO HAVE THE ENGINEER PROCEED WITH THE ENGINEERING AS PROPOSED AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE BOYER LANE, CEDAR STREET AND MILLER STREET AREAS AS A UNIT COST AND INDIVIDUAL COST OF ALL THREE PROJECTS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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2011 Road Project – 2nd Street between Maple and Perkiomen with 4 handicap ramps needing replacement or upgraded.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR THE 2ND STREET ROAD PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Forest Lane – Gilmore will have their geotechnical engineers take some borings from Forest Lane to confirm that there will be enough material for recycling.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Blake Dunbar gave Council a draft of the Animal Ordinance, which defines what animals are permitted in the Borough, regulates number of animals permitted and enforcement provisions for violations. Enforcement can be by the State Police, Code Enforcement Officer, or Council can appoint an Animal Control Officer.

Mayor Giunta suggested taking a look at using lot square footage as a requirement that dictates the number of permitted animals.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: No Report

AMBULANCE REPORT: Gail Phillips read the report for the month of March 2011 that they had 3 calls for Schwenksville and 10 calls for the Colonnade.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta reported that the State Police calls for the month of March 2011 were 17. One theft from motor vehicle, please keep vehicles locked.

A thank you was received from Upper Salford Township for the \$350,000 of the Green Fields Funds that Schwenksville turned over to them.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mike Galla reported the following,

DCNR Grant Application and Resolution

After discussions at the last meeting, the scope of a portion of the DCNR project has changed. Originally, the Borough was going to submit an application for the construction of the playground equipment, safety surface and ADA slopes. It was decided to put the ADA slopes as part of the CDBG grant instead. It is recommended that grant application should be for the construction of the playground equipment, safety surface, embankment slide and rain gardens.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-04 AMENDED FROM THE MARCH 10, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

UCC Board of Appeals

Currently, Schwenksville Borough does not have an established Board of Appeals for the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, which is required once these codes are adopted. The Borough has already adopted these codes and therefore would need to establish a Board of Appeals. Resolution 2011-06 would need to be adopted to join the Joint Appeals Board established by Skippack, New Hanover, Royersford, Collegeville, Trappe, Lower Frederick and Perkiomen. If Council passes said resolution, a majority of the current members must agree to Schwenksville joining.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-06 FOR SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH TO JOIN THE JOINT APPEALS BOARD ESTABLISHED BY SKIPPACK, NEW HANOVER, ROYERSFORD, COLLEGEVILL, TRAPPE, LOWER FREDERICK AND PERKIOMEN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Trail Cleanup

The Trailhead at 73 & 29 needs spring cleaning. Gary Schneider submitted a quote totaling \$1,575.00 to weed, mulch and install the bollard.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO HAVE GARY SCHNEIDER COMPLETE THE WORK AT THE TRAILHEAD FOR \$1,575.00. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Street Sweeping

The annual spring street sweeping will be conducted by R&S Sweeping on April 26 and 27th.

Correspondence

Central Perkiomen Valley Rotary Club is holding the Carnival in June and is looking for Sponsor donation.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO DONATE \$100.00 TO SPONSOR THE CARNIVAL. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTIN CARRIED.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

- A Notice of Violation for the operation of a kennel as discussed during the March meeting was sent to 816 Summit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No Report

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: A public meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2011. This meeting will involve the presentation of ongoing projects to the Community.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Community Day is Saturday April 30 from 10am to 4pm. clean up day is Saturday April 16 from 10am to 12pm.

Music in the Meadow Summer Concerts 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Wednesday July 6 – “Midnight Shift”

Wednesday August 10 – “Dog Bite Money”

The Red Hill Band has been cancelled for Flag Day.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Lee Ann will be meeting Charles Rittenhouse to get an estimate on fixing the slate on the Borough Hall roof.

STREETS AND ROADS: No Report

STREET LIGHTING: No Report

ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: A new flagpole will be installed at the meadow in the same spot where the old one is.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The 2010 census population numbers indicate that the Borough has experienced an 18% loss in population compared to the 2000 census. Mike and Arthur will be attending a census meeting on May 5, 2011 and hope to get more information about this decline in our population.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Rudy motioned to go into executive session @ 9:35pm seconded by Maureen Giacomucci, all in favor.

Session was held to discuss a real estate matter.

Rudy motioned to go back into regular meeting @ 10:04pm seconded by Ray Yeanish.

Ray Yeanish motioned to approve Caramenico easement, seconded by Rudy Micsko.

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Next meeting will be May 12, 2011 @ 7:30 PM

It was motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Rudy Micsko to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary