

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2015

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on July 9, 2015 to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

Present, Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Todd Larsen, Phil Berardi, and Greg Pocius.

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

Absent: Mayor Joe Giunta, Blake Dunbar Jr., Esquire, and Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager,

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Trooper Deany Wright was present to discuss on –going Public Safety concerns. Trooper Wright handed out the Statistics Report for the past couple of months. Trooper Wright suggested that the banks put up NO LOITERING signs.

Mayor Giunta was absent, no report.

Fire Company Report, Doug Neil reported eight calls for the month of June 36 Firefighters Responded, 628 Minutes in service. Fire Company will be cleaning up the trailer to get it ready for Folk Fest after July 22.

Ambulance Report, Gail Phillips read the report for June stating Plymouth Community Ambulance had 27 calls in the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776.

Audience: No comments

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the June 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes and approve the June 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes as presented. **Motioned** by Phil Berardi and **seconded** by Todd Larsen. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

ACTION ITEMS –Motions, Resolutions, Ordinances

Treasurer report submitted and payment of the Borough July bills, totaling \$27,330.92. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Philip Berardi to approve the treasurer report and to pay the bills totaling \$27,330.92. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Acceptance of Mark John's Resignation Letter dated June 12, 2015. **Motion** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Phil Berardi to accept the resignation of Mark John as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer and Assistant Zoning Officer. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.** Mr. John will finish any outstanding permits he still has left.

Appointment of UCC Service Provider: With the resignation of Mark John a Resolution to appoint Code Inspections, Inc. of Horsham, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Greg Pocius made a

motion and **seconded** by Phil Berardi to adopt **Resolution 2015-17** appointing Code Inspections, Inc. of Horsham, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as the Borough's Third Party Code Enforcement Services. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

MANAGER'S REPORTS: Mrs. Klepfer was absent from the meeting. Mrs. Klepfer submitted her reports prior to the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Dave Leh reported that a Preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 16 at 10am for the 2nd Street Improvement Project.

S. Main Street Project bids came in too high. Two bids were received one from Ramos & Associates for \$352,405.00 and one from Reamstown Excavating and Concrete for \$304,867.00. Mr. Leh's recommendation is to reject these bids, ask the County for an extension, and rebid in the fall. **Motion** by Phil Berardi and **seconded** by Greg Pocius to reject the two bids and rebid in the fall. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.** S. Main Street residents will receive an update.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park and Rec. Board: The board recommended getting its own checking account. After a discussion, Council agreed that they do not need one. The band for Wednesday July 15 concert @ 6:30 has been changed to "Midnight Shift". The Park Contest is going well. Our activity will be held Wednesday July 22 @ 7pm. Please join us for a free self-defense class with the people from Ju-Jitsu Spring Mount. Please visit Meadow Park and help us win the \$10,000 with your votes.

Historical Preservation Committee: Ms. Miller talked about the survey forms submitted to the State who reviews these types of things in order to see if the Borough would qualify or recommended for a National Register District. Although we have many nice buildings, they would not recommend the Borough for a National Register District. One reason is that the center of town has the Sabo apartment the firehouse and the vacant ground where the Lumberyard was. They considered it a cohesive district and recommended other options. The Historic committee researched various ways of protecting local districts. The district that might be best for the Borough is an overlay district. This is where you designate a certain area normal zoning applies. The Historical Committee drafted an ordinance after reviewing different ordinances from other municipalities. One section for demolition of buildings will to be reviewed and made clearer. A town hall meeting was held to discuss the historic questions with mixed reviews. The survey form has a section for history for each property. The committee is working on filling in the history on each of the forms.

Revitalization Task Force: Ms. Miller announced that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 28 @ 7pm.

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Property: Borough roof repair with snow guards will cost \$2,500 to \$3,000. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Greg Pocius to go ahead and have the roof repairs done in the fall. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Street & Lights: Mr. Berardi mentioned that the streetlight at Centennial and Second Street is out.

Mr. Berardi and Mr. Pocius wanted to know what Council would like them to report on. Mr. Rash and Ms. Miller said to talk with Mrs. Klepfer and have her give them the current road repair list. Mr. Berardi will give Mrs. Klepfer names for electricians.

Other Business: Trademark renewal fee is \$1,745 for another 10 years. Mr. Rash will talk to Mr. Dunbar on this subject.

Police Task Force met to talk about public safety, how we fund it. Lower Fredrick has been willing to talk to the Borough about the coverage. A question can be placed on the ballot in November for a vote. Note: the County needs the information 90 days before the election.

Motioned by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Phil Berardi to Adjourn at 9:11pm **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEXT MEETING(S): August 6, 2015 Next Planning Commission Meeting
August 13, 2015 Borough Council Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary