

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2011

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:30 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on June 9, 2011 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Maureen Giacomucci, Ray Yeanish, Rudy Micsko and Mayor Joe Giunta

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

Absent Lee Ann Miller

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** By the Assembly

**MINUTES:**

Dispense with the reading of the May 12, 2011 Council minutes and approve the May 12, 2011 Council minutes. Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Rudy Micsko. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE:** Kelly and Charles Rich 1007 Main Street have a concern about their neighbor at 1005 Main Street and the overgrown weeds in his front yard along with junk in the backyard. Mr. Fairclough informed Mr. and Mrs. Rich that a letter has been sent to the owner requesting that the weeds be cut and maintained properly. Mr. and Mrs. Rich also would like to see the weeds cut in the front of 1001 Main Street.

John Schaffer of 1003 Main Street would like to have someone look at the fire pit in his neighbor's yard as it is sitting too close to his driveway and car. Chief Keyser will look into the fire pit and make a change if needed.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:**

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending May 31, 2011, the current invoices due for payment total \$42,669.91. This includes \$28,356.12 from the General Fund, \$1,008.98 from the Liquid Fuels Account, and \$13,304.81 from payroll. Motioned by Rudy Micsko and seconded by Ray Yeanish to pay the bills totaling \$42,669.91. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Rudy Micsko reviewed the May 2011 financial report with Council. Totals for the end of May – Assets \$792,275.26, Liabilities \$179,827.30 Equity \$612,447.96. Total Income \$310,455.29, Expenses \$200,823.00, Net Income 109,632.29.

**ENGINEERS REPORT** – David Leh reported that Council authorized at the last month's meeting to solicit quotes for the work to be done at Boyer Lane, Cedar Street and Miller Street. Information about the project was sent to nine contractors and the Borough received three responses. The low quote was \$9,902.90 by R.J. Sell Excavating. The other two quotes came in at \$17,000 and \$20,000. Dave Leh recommended awarding the contract to R.J. Sell Excavating.

**MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCI TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO R. J. SELL EXCAVATING FOR \$9,902.60. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

Update on the Second Street Project – A pre-construction meeting will take place in the next few weeks.

Forest Lane update – The Borough is still waiting on the environmental approval. Final specs are being put together and will be submitted to the county for approval.

Main Street Parking Plan - Dave is meeting with PennDOT to discuss the plan and their proposed changes.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Blake Dunbar Jr. asked if there were any questions about the report. The Animal Ordinance is on hold at this time.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT:** Chief Jim Keyser read his report as follows, for the Month of May 2011, 12 calls, 83 men in service for a total of 9:58 minutes in service.

The Fire Company also assisted the State Police in a DUI check point netting six DUI arrests and two drug offences.

Sunday June 12 from 2-4 the Patriotic Order Sons of America along with the Boy Scouts will be holding a Flag retirement ceremony and also dedicating the new 50' flag pole in Meadow Park.

**AMBULANCE REPORT-** Report for the month of April 2011 there were five calls for Schwenksville and twelve calls for the Colonnade. Report for the month of May 2011 two calls for Schwenksville and 8 calls for the Colonnade.

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Joe Giunta reported that the State Police calls for the month of May 2011 were 26. Mayor Giunta stated that it is important to keep vehicles locked.

Mayor Giunta received a letter from the Census Bureau to access their website for the information about the census.

Mike Galla received notification that Lower Fredrick Township would be willing to co-sign a letter to PENN DOT requesting a study for adding STOP signs at Game Farm Road and Smith Road.

**BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT** – Mike Galla is at the Lands Trust meeting to accept the \$5,000 PECO grant for the Meadow Park Rain Gardens

Zoning and Code Enforcement –

- Two letters were sent to 1005 Main Street about weeds and broken sewer grinder pump, the pump has been fixed.

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- A letter was sent to 31 Main Street about roosters.
- A letter was sent to 102 Second Street about a blocked sidewalk and dilapidated fence.
- The Barber Shop still is not in compliance with the sign ordinance.

Once the Borough receives a majority approval from the municipalities in the Joint Board of Appeals for a membership, a representative for the Borough must be assigned to the board. This representative needs to have a certain level of experience in the construction field.

Mike informed Council that the Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program would like to know if the Borough would like to Opt –in which means staying with the Montgomery County program or opt-out which allows the Borough to apply directly to HUD or for State Community Block Grants. Mike will gather more information and make the best decision for the Borough.

**MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKSKO AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO PERMIT THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE DECISION FOR THE BOROUGH WITH REGARDS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:** No Report

**REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE:** Lee Ann Miller was absent from the meeting but will email the agenda for the June 29<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting at the Library at 7:00pm.

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

Wednesday July 6 – “Midnight Shift”

Wednesday August 10 – “Dog Bite Money”

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Lee Ann Miller was absent from the meeting.

**STREETS AND ROADS:** No Report

**STREET LIGHTING:** No Report

**ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** No Report

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD:** Survey for the park is done.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Next meeting will be July 14, 2011 @ 7:30 PM

It was motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Rudy Micsko to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm.  
All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail L. Phillips  
Council Secretary