

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2011

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:30 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on May 12, 2011 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Maureen Giacomucci, Lee Ann Miller, Ray Yeanish and Mayor Joe Giunta. Rudy Micsko joined the meeting in progress at 7:45pm.

Also, present Robert Brant 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 April 14, 2011 Council minutes and approve the April 14, 2011 Council minutes. Motioned by Maureen Giacomucci and seconded by Ray Yeanish. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dispense with the reading of the March 23, 2011 Joint Meeting minutes and approve the March 23, 2011 Joint Meeting minutes. Motioned by Maureen Giacomucci and seconded by Ray Yeanish. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE: There were no comments from the audience.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending April 30, 2011, the current invoices due for payment total \$37,619.07. This includes \$24,250.77 from the General Fund, \$1,008.98 from the Liquid Fuels Account, and \$12,359.32 from payroll. Motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Maureen Giacomucci to pay the bills totaling \$37,619.07. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Arthur Fairclough reviewed the financial statement from Rudy with Council. The Actual Income is \$173,000 and the Budget to date is \$159,000. Real Estate Taxes have been coming in and the earned income tax receipt is approximately 6% less than last year.

ENGINEERS REPORT – David Leh reported that the Borough received four bids for the Second Street paving project. Gorecon Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$29,867.45. The ADA rams will not be upgraded due to budgeting constraints and will be included with a future road project allowing the Borough to budget properly for the improvements.

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Dave is recommending Gorecon Inc. for the Second Street paving project at a cost of \$29,867.45.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO AWARD THE SECOND STREET PAVING PROJECT TO GORECON INC. AT A COST OF \$29,867.45. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

David Leh provided an update on the Boyer Lane drainage that a field survey was conducted and a cost estimate was done for the three phases.

- Boyer Lane – rebuild existing macadam curb and extending it another 40ft. \$2,000
- Cedar Lane will need an additional inlet to tie into the existing drain and putting 30 ft paved swale up above \$5,000.
- Miller Lane will require reshaping some of the paving and rebuild some of the macadam curb, \$2,000.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RUDY MICKO TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEER AND BOROUGH MANAGER TO SOLICIT PRICES FOR THE WORK SINCE IT IS UNDERNEATH THE \$10,000 REQUIREMENT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.
RAY YEANISH ABSTAINED FROM THIS VOTE.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Robert Brant asked if there were any questions about the report. The Animal Ordinance was given to Council to review. Mr. Brant asked Council to send any questions and comments to Mike Galla.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Chief Jim Keyser read his report as follows, for the Month of April 2011, 4 calls, 43 men in service for a total of 1:58 minutes in service. For the Month of March 2011, 13 calls, 109 men in service for a total of 5:05 minutes in service.

The 2010 financials were reviewed by the accountant and found to be in order.

Arthur asked about a burn permit for the Flag Retirement Ceremony that the Patriotic Order Sons of America will be hosting in June. John Markely from the order would like a burn permit for that day. Jim Keyser said one is not needed since they will be using a barrel but will issue a permit.

AMBULANCE REPORT: No Report

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta reported that the State Police calls for the month of April 2011 were 30. One calls was a theft from motor vehicle, the Mayor stated that it is important to keep vehicles locked.

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The Borough received a letter from Harrisburg indicating that they were not aware Schwenksville did not have a police department. A letter will be sent indicating that the Police department is inactive and that there are no plans to resuscitate the department.

Mike has been in contact with Mark Brashe about getting information and prices on cameras for the park.

Speeding on Game Farm Road is still a concern along with the brush at the intersection of Game Farm and Smith Road. Mike will contact Lower Frederick Township.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mike Galla reported the following

Ches-Mont Disposal - Consent to Assignment

Ches-Mont Disposal is again looking to sell their company. The proposed buyer is Interstate Waste Services of Pennsylvania, LLC. Like before, Ches-Mont Disposal is asking that the Borough pass a Consent To Assignment. Even though the Company would be sold, the contract for trash services would not change.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RUDY MICKO TO SIGN THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT LETTER FOR CHES-MONT DISPOSAL. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Forest Lane – Bid Documents

The Borough is still waiting the environmental review approval for the Forest Lane CDBG Grant. Mike received an email from the County on May 2, 2011 stating that they expect the environmental review to be completed within a week or two. It was recommended by the County that bid documents for the project be compiled. There are two options to consider with regards to the bid documents:

1. The Borough Council could authorize the engineer to compile the bid documents without having the environmental review. This will allow the Borough to move ahead sooner with the project since the bid documents need to be reviewed by the County. Also, the Borough is responsible for all engineering costs therefore grant funds would not cover bid document expenses.
2. If the Borough is not comfortable with spending the funds to compile the bid documents until the environmental review is complete, Council could authorize the Engineer to begin compilation of the bid documents once the review is received.

MOTIONED BY RUDY MICKO AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE BID DOCUMENTS FOR FOREST LANE PROJECT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Emergency Operations Plan

Doug Neal, Schwenksville Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed the Emergency Operations Plan with Council at the April meeting. It was decided that Council would like time to review the plan before any approval action took place. An electronic copy of the plan was sent to all Council Members after the last meeting. If Council is comfortable with the plan, a motion and vote to approve the plan is needed.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY MAUREEN GIACOMUCCI TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS PLAN AS PRESENTED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence

The Perkiomen Chamber of Commerce has an article about the coordination the Borough is doing with Univest Bank about the Albright structures.

Pennypacker Mills will be holding the Civil War Reenactment on June 4 and 5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting this month and they are working on finalizing a historic overlay ordinance.

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: A meeting will be held on May 18th. The Main Street Parking Plan will be reviewed on June 29th at the town hall meeting.

Mike, Borough Manager, Dave, Borough Engineer Anne, Montgomery County Planner, Holly the designer for Montgomery County, and Leo Bagley the Transportation Department Head met with two PENNDOT representatives about the delineation of parking spaces on Main Street. The representatives are ok with the scope of the project and provided the Borough with requirements on lane width, and inlet distance. Dave and his staff are working on the recommendations that Lee Ann and the committee suggested. It is anticipated that this project will be completed this summer.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Community Day was a success and the income was \$5,517 with a surplus of \$700. The summer concerts will cost \$850.00.

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

Wednesday July 6 – “Midnight Shift”

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Wednesday August 10 – “Dog Bite Money”

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Lee Ann met with Charles Rittenhouse to get an estimate on fixing the Borough Hall slate roof.

Purchase of new chairs for the borough.

MOTIONED BY RAY YEANISH AND SECONDED BY RUDY MISCKO TO BUY TEN NEW CHAIRS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

STREETS AND ROADS: No Report

STREET LIGHTING: No Report

ALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: The Borough has all but one easement signed. The alleyway can be constructed without the outstanding easement but this easement is needed for the construction of parking spaces.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: Arthur and Mike met with Dave Leh to discuss the drainage. Dave has finished the survey and will put a design together for the sub base drainage system.

Lee Ann would like to see more electric outlets for the Meadow for Community Day activities.

OLD BUSINESS: The Borough Association Dinner is on Thursday May 26, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS: The 2010 census population numbers indicate that the Borough has experienced an 18% loss in population compared to the 2000 census. Arthur handed out sheets showing that the census as of April 1, 2000 the borough had 1,698 and was adjusted down to 1,333 on the same day. The Borough according to the 2010 census is 1,395 for an increase of 3.9%.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Rudy motioned to go into executive session @ 9:10pm seconded by Maureen Giacomucci, all in favor.

Session was held to discuss a personnel matter.

Rudy motioned to go back into regular meeting @ 9:30pm seconded by Ray Yeanish.

No action was taken.

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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 9:30pm. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gail L. Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "P".

Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary