

SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Council Vice President Lee Ann Miller at 6:30PM, called the Schwenksville Borough Council Special Meeting, February 5, 2015 to order.

Present, Vice President, Lee Ann Miller, Darren Rash, and Craig Dunham, and Mayor Joe Giunta.

Also, present, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager, and Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips

Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the assembly

Tonight's meeting is to appoint Council Members to fill the unexpired terms of Joe Homan and Barbara Lisa Dull.

Ms. Miller invited Todd Larsen to introduce himself to Council. Todd lives at 160 4<sup>th</sup> Street with his wife Jodie and son Eric since 2002. Todd works for Merck & Co. as a Radiation Safety Specialist. Todd served on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Vacancy Term Ending 2015– **Motion** by Darren Rash **second** by Craig Dunham to appoint Todd Larsen to Council to fill the seat vacated by Joe Homan. All in favor, **Motion carried 3-0**.

Ms. Miller invited Philip Berardi to introduce himself to Council. Philip manages an industrial distribution company called Fastenal in Audubon, PA. We are one of the largest industrial distribution companies in the country. He oversees a group of sales representatives that work directly with manufacturing companies throughout the tri-state area. He has been with the company for a little over three years. Prior to working for Fastenal, he spent time studying at Penn State Berks and Harrisburg Community College. During those years, he held two part-time jobs and was a live-in firefighter at a paid department in Wyomissing, PA. Philip has lived in the Borough since 2013.

Vacancy Term Ending 2015 – **Motion** by Craig Dunham **second** by Darren Rash to appoint Philip Berardi to Council to fill the seat vacated by Barbara Lisa Dull. All in favor, **Motion carried 3-0**.

Ms. Miller informed Council that a few positions need to be filled, one being President of Council. Ms. Miller is currently Vice President and has been conducting the meetings since Joe Homan's resignation. Ms. Miller will not be able to be the President of Council and we need to be watching and thinking about how we can structure Council and the various activities. Mr. Rash serves on the Planning Commission, and has agreed to take over the Parks Commission. There is a need for someone to serve on the Finance Committee, Streets & Roads Committee, and Revitalization Task Force.

Mrs. Klepfer gave Philip and Todd new member packets. Ms. Miller talked about the Sunshine Law indicating that no more than two Council members can be present to meet together unless

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advertised as a public meeting. All of our business needs to be conducted at an advertised meeting except for litigation matters, real-estate matters and personnel matters; these will be handled at an Executive meeting before or after a regular Council meeting.

The S. Main Street Project, which is a Streets and Roads Project that the Borough has been working on, is now at the tail end of the design phase and needs to be finished so it can go out for bid and start the construction this year or the Borough will lose the grant. The residents of S. Main Street have various concerns, there have been several public meetings and Council is making an effort to listen to the residents' concerns and incorporate any design features to meet their needs. If Council members are made aware of complaints, the person addressing them should be directed to complete a complaint form and submit it to Gail, who will then process it and direct it the right person and together we will respond and keep our response stapled to the original form in the notebook. Everyone always has the right to come before Council and speak publicly. Ms. Miller also said S. Main Street is on the agenda for the next Council meeting and that Mrs. Klepfer will be sending materials to Council for the meeting.

Ms. Miller wants the record to reflect that Ms. Miller runs into conflict of interest concerns occasionally because her family owns the property that used to be the Lumberyard Company and that a land develop plan has been approved for several commercial, mixed use buildings. There are times when there are things that will be related to the Lumberyard property and for those occasions Ms. Miller will have to recuse herself from voting or commenting.

The next regular meeting is February 12, 2015 at 7:00pm. New Council Members will submit Affidavit of Residency and Mayor Giunta will swear in the new members preceding the meeting.

Darren Rash motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm second by Craig Dunham, All in favor, Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail L. Phillips  
Council Secretary