

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on October 12, 2017 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Present, Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Todd, Larsen, Sarah Knickerbocker, Greg Pocius, Mayor Joe Giunta.

Also, present, Blake Dunbar Jr. Esquire, Engineer David Leh, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager, Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

Absent:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor's Report, Mayor Giunta read the report submitted by the State Police statistics of 24 incidents for October 2017. Mayor Giunta also had the privilege of being the crossing guard and noticed that most of the speeders are going down the hill. The flashing 15MPH sign is too far from where the school is. Mayor Giunta is going to speak with the representative from the School district who comes to the Regional Planning Meetings about moving the sign.

Fire Company Report: Chris Melville read the report for October 2017. There was one Call for the Borough.

Lower Frederick Fire Company is looking into ACT 172 – Earned Income Tax Credit for volunteers of Fire Companies. Mr. Melville will get a draft Ordinance from Lower Frederick Township.

Ambulance Report: No Report

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Jim Rogers from the Central Perkiomen Rotary Club reported about the Halloween Parade. Registered participants approximately 400, estimated attendees 1,000+. We distributed 700 Hot Dogs, 600 Soft Pretzels, 1000+ Candy Bars, 165 6oz Cups of Birch Beer and 22 Gallons, 6oz Cups of Hot Chocolate. Still need a Color Guard or lead vehicle, maybe the Mayor to start the parade or members of Council. We could even have business owners as parade starters. Other suggestions, band from the Perkiomen Valley High School, we were told that Thursday nights are their practice nights so they won't do the parade. More floats, Fire truck in the parade with a place for Santa on the truck that the children can see him.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Dave Leh, P. E. reported that there is no Park update. The HOP application for the Plaza project was submitted over a month ago and just today we got our comments back, there is one comment we have to talk through with them. The application will be revised and then we can get the approval.

ARLE Project: Scope of the project needed to be reduced due to the budget and has been approved by PennDOT. We need to revise the signal permit plan and get it approved so we can proceed to go out to bid and have it done in the Spring.

CDBG Project: The Borough was awarded the grant for the sidewalk replacement on the East/West sides of Main Street between Perkiomen Avenue and Maple Street and alleyway beside Borough Hall to the Lumber Yard Project. This project requires an HOP (Highway Occupancy Permit) Gilmore will start the survey and initial design now. There was a meeting with the Authority and once they have their contract awarded for their water line replacement project and they have a realistic time frame for completion then we need to be ready to award our bid. Our work will probably be done late July or early August.

Received the Revised Preliminary/Final Plan for the Hoff Properties.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Dunbar reported that his office received a revised plan for the Hoff Properties and if there is going to be any further additional use relief involving the steep slopes. Mr. Dunbar does not see the need and that the change in the steep slopes is acceptable. Mrs. Klepfer will forward a copy of Mr. Wieners letter to Mr. Dunbar.

The violation hearing for 566 Main Street is November 30, 2017.

ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AUTHORIZATIONS

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the October 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and approve the October 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. **Motion** Greg Pocius **seconded** Todd Larsen. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Treasurer's Report: Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending October 31, 2017, the current invoices due for payment total \$32,123.67. This includes \$15,884.53 from the General Fund, \$20.67 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$9,312.51 from payroll and \$6,905.96 from Capital Fund. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Greg Pocius to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills totaling \$32,123.67. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Draft 2018 Budget: **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Lee Ann Miller to authorize advertisement for the 2018 Budget for public comments and adoption at the December Council Meeting. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Real Estate Tax Ordinance for 2018: **Motion** Todd Larsen **second** Greg Pocius to advertise the 2018 Real Estate Tax Ordinance with no changes to the Tax Rate. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Monthly Report A monthly activity report was submitted to Council by Mrs. Klepfer.

Finance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the summary Financial Report. For the Period January 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 total income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$585,532.22 and Total Expenditures was \$457,348.49 for a net gain of \$128,183.73. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$110,555.60. General Fund Assets total \$403,807.58, Capital fund Assets total \$1,138.60; and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$46,957.19 for a combined Assets total of \$451,903.37.

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Winter Maintenance Policy: A resolution Repealing and Replacing the 1978 Winter Maintenance Policy and setting forth New Policy and Procedure for Winter Maintenance. **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Todd Larsen to adopt Resolution 2017-14 Winter Maintenance Policy. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mrs. Klepfer will attain proposals for shoveling Borough owned walkways.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Property Committee: The committee will be meeting with the architect on November 17th at 300 Main street. Will also have Josh Aiken from Aiken and Son walk through to discuss winterizing 300 Main Street.

Historical Committee: Met with the American Legion and they gathered the things that belonged to them from the Old Post Office building.

Revitalization Task Force: The Committee will be meeting on November 28th @ 7:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Christmas Lights will be put up on Saturday November 18th at 7:00am with the help from Red Hill Borough, Lower Frederick Fire Police, Paul Ensminger and members of Borough Council.

Adjournment - Motion by Sarah Knickerbocker **second** by Greg Pocius to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEXT MEETING(S):

December 7, 2017 Planning Commission 7PM @ Borough Hall
December 14, 2017 Council Regular Meeting 7PM @ Borough Hall

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail L. Phillips
Secretary