

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2014

Council President Rudy Micsko at 7:00 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on October 9, 2014, 2014 to order.

Present, Rudy Micsko, Lee Ann Miller, Lisa Dull, Craig Dunham, Joe Homan, and Mayor Joe Giunta.

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

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

MINUTES: Dispense with the reading of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and approve the same as presented. **Motion** Joe Homan **second** by Lisa Dull to defer the approval of the September minutes until the November meeting due to the changes. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

AUDIENCE: Roy Miller 320 Centennial St. What is the progress for repaving of the streets especially Boyer Lane? Mr. Dunham will report on the roads later in the meeting.

Jason Golden of 43 Seth Road, Perkiomenville is here representing Skippack Ambulance and on the status of the Ambulance Agreement.

Chief Thomas Trojansky from Plymouth Ambulance would like to know the status of the Agreement presented to Council at the September meeting. The Solicitor will address this question under his report.

Tom Slater 741 Boulevard Avenue Schwenksville has given council his resume and letter of intent for the vacancy on the Schwenksville Borough Authority. Council has not yet received a letter of resignation from the Authority Board member but accepted Mr. Slater's letter of intent. Council may appoint a new member at the November council meeting.

Jeannie Catton of 55 Main Street would like to know the status of the two plans she received about the S. Main Street project. Mrs. Klepfer said PennDot has the two plans for review and that the Borough is waiting for a review letter.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending September 30, 2014, the current invoices due for payment total \$54,989.57. This includes \$39,157.58 from the General Fund, \$859.78 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$10,826.51 from payroll and \$4,145.70 from Capital Fund. **Motion** by Lisa Dull and **seconded** by Craig Dunham to pay the bills totaling \$54,989.57. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

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FINANCE REPORT: Mrs. Klepfer's report: For the period January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$444,074.65 and Total Expenditures was \$378,872.46 for a net gain of \$65,202.19. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$61,974.58. Assets: General Fund Assets Total \$823,393.65; Capital Fund Assets total \$22,763.30; and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$41,552.93 for a combined Assets total of \$887,709.88.

New Computer: Mrs. Klepfer needs a motion to purchase a new DELL computer check # 10230 for \$848.99. Motion **Lee Ann Miller** second by **Lisa Dull**. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

The two Borough Credit cards have a balance of \$500 each. Mrs. Klepfer is asking Council if they would raise the amount on the cards by \$500 each. Council suggests an increase of \$1,000 for each card, making each card \$1,500 limit. Motioned by **Craig Dunham** seconded **Joe Homan**. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

2015 Budget: Council has received the 2015 Budget Draft along with Mrs. Klepfer's memo. The General Budget balanced at \$456,838, Capital Project Fund balanced at \$349,450, and Liquid Fuels balanced at \$58,000. Two local roads are in need of work one being Maple Street between Main Street and 2nd Street. The other one is Walnut Street as it has places where the road is completely gone. At the November Meeting Council will need to authorize the Draft 2015 Budget for public review, authorize for advertising, and authorize the Tax Levy Ordinance.

Ms. Miller asked that Darren Rash introduce himself to Council. Darren has submitted a letter of intent and resume for a position on Council when needed. Darren has been a resident of the Borough since April 2007 and is a member of the Schwenksville Planning Committee, and was formally on the Zoning Hearing Board. Darren works for NextGen Healthcare Information Systems in Horsham, PA.

Mrs. Klepfer is applying for a Recycling Grant. An article will be placed in the next newsletter on how the residents can help with more recycling.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Leh reported that the repairs needed for the 2nd street handicap ramps are complete. The repairs for the alleyway project listed on the punch list were not completed.

The Centennial Street Culvert repairs will start within the next couple of days starting with minor structural repairs to make it safe to get the equipment in there to do the clean out work. The cleanout work is scheduled for last week of October. When that is complete, they will make the formal repairs along the entranceway.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Mr. Dunbar reported on the Ambulance Agreement. Council has had a chance to review the agreement. Mr. Dunbar has made some changes in the agreement. Resolution 2014-12 states that Schwenksville Borough is authorized to enter into an agreement between Schwenksville Borough and Plymouth Community Ambulance Association

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of Montgomery County to appoint Plymouth Community Ambulance Association of Montgomery County as the official ambulance service of Schwenksville Borough in accordance with the terms of the Agreement between parties.

Lower Fredrick has signed the agreement. If Lower Fredrick terminates the agreement, Schwenksville will also terminate the agreement.

Motion Lee Ann Miller **second** Craig Dunham to adopt Resolution 2014-12 to adopt and sign the agreement between Schwenksville Borough and Plymouth Community Ambulance Association of Montgomery County to appoint Plymouth Community Ambulance Association of Montgomery County as the official ambulance service of Schwenksville Borough in accordance with the terms of the Agreement between parties. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – No Report

AMBULANCE REPORT- Gail Phillips read the report for the month of September 2014; there were 4 calls for Schwenksville and 16 calls for Greenfield of Perkiomen Valley. Please consider becoming a member in 2014.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Giunta read the report from The State Police for the month of September 2014, indicating 24 incidents.

Mayor Giunta also sits on the board of the Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission and reports that the Committee has approved the ordinance amendment of 11 parcels from VC-1 to VC-2 as being generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mrs. Klepfer reported: Resolution No. 2014-11 This is A Resolution Authorizing Multimodal Transportation Fund Joint Grant Application for \$70,516.00 for LED Street Lighting Replacements. This is a joint grant application with Trappe Borough and Schwenksville’s estimated cost is to be approximately \$8,000. **Motion** Joe Homan **second** Lisa Dull to adopt Resolution 2014-11. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0**.

Five Year Capital Plan: Mrs. Klepfer is working on updating the plan.

Ordinances: Mrs. Klepfer is still going through the following ordinances to update the information on the Property Maintenance Code, Sidewalks/Street, Park & Rec, and Snow Emergency.

Sewer Authority Vacancy/Resignation of William Gauger – Mrs. Klepfer will ask the Authority for the letter of resignation from Mr. Gauger.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No Report

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REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: The committee will be having a meeting to consider some of the details of the Main Street Plan they have been working on, specifically related to the crosswalk styles and details in the sidewalks. The committee will also brainstorm some ideas what can we do for the S. Main Street Project as we are severely limited in expense and limited in not being able to use the brick as we normally use it because of the sidewalk width. We want to come up with some other special feature to add interest and character to the south end.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: No Report

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: The repairs of the roof and the placement of the snow guards on the north side of the building are complete. The hole in the eave on the South side still needs repairing.

Holiday Lights: Ms. Miller and Mrs. Phillips surveyed the poles on S. Main Street and see three outlets that are now crowded with wires/tree branches. These are not suitable to hang holiday lights on. Ms. Miller met with Mr. Ensminger and came up with the best three poles to have holiday lights on. Mrs. Phillips will get an estimate to install electric but that this is not in the budget at this time. Mr. Dunham mentioned LED Solar Panels. Mrs. Phillips will contact the Electrician and the company where the holiday lights were purchased.

STREETS AND LIGHTS: Mr. Dunham had a conversation with Mr. Miller about his concerns for Boyer Lane. Mr. Dunham and Mrs. Klepfer completed a survey of all the roads in the Borough. Boyer Lane is not a priority at this time, as there are other roads in need of repair due to the traffic volume or the poor condition of the road. Mr. Miller would like a reflector placed at the corner of Boyer Lane and Miller Street to show where the edges of the road are. Mr. Dunham said that can be done.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: Ms. Dull is waiting for the proposals from Gary Schneider to install the benches at the park.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Micsko informed council that he sold his home, and that he will be resigning from Borough Council as of October 30, 2014. Mr. Micsko thanked everyone for the hard work put in daily to keep the borough running and he will miss everyone.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00pm

It was **motioned** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Lisa Dull **to adjourn** the meeting at **9:44 pm**. All in favor, **motion carried**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary