

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Council President Arthur Fairclough at 7:00 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on September 13, 2012 to order.

Present, Arthur Fairclough, Ray Yeanish, Lee Ann Miller and Lisa Dull.

Also, present David Leh, Borough Engineer, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager, and Gail Phillips, Council Secretary.

Absent: Mayor Joe Giunta and Rudy Micsko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the August 9, 2012 Council minutes and approve the August 9, 2012 Council minutes. Motioned by Lisa Dull and seconded by Lee Ann Miller. All were in favor and the motion carried.

AUDIENCE: Roy Miller of 320 Centennial Street extended a thank you for the work done on the drainage problem but that the water is still running past the drain.

Mr. Miller also reported that the street light at Boyer and Miller is out. Mrs. Phillips told Roy the light will be fixed on Monday.

Joe Laird 160 Main Street asked about the Alleyway Project. Mr. Fairclough told Mr. Laird that the developer is waiting for the EDU's before he can build and do their part of the alleyway entrance/exit per the grant specifications.

Lee Ann Miller and Arthur Fairclough are recommending Terry Mummert for replacing Harry Phillips on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Mummert has lived in the Borough since 2003, has an electrical engineering degree, member of the Schwenksville Fire Company, member of the Emergency Management Team with Jim Keyser, is detailed oriented, very organized, and works at a telecommunications company as a project manager.

Alberta Lynch of 808 Summit Avenue would like to know if there is a schedule for street sweeping. Mrs. Klepfer said the street sweeping is done in April and November.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT: Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending August 31, 2012, the current invoices due for payment total \$27,723.07. This includes \$17,477.98 from the General Fund, \$1,398.24 from the Liquid Fuels Account,

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\$8,846.85 from payroll. Motioned by Lisa Dull and seconded by Ray Yeanish to pay the bills totaling \$27,723.07. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System – Gail presented Borough Council with the 2013 MMO worksheet. Report on file at Borough Hall. Motion by Ray Yeanish to accept the worksheet and seconded by Lee Ann Miller. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Rudy Micsko was absent. Mr. Fairclough reported total income \$588,142.08, expenses \$402,463.64, net income \$185,678.44.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Dave Leh reported on the DCNR grant for Meadow Park. Mr. Leh is preparing the construction plans to submit to DCNR for the rain gardens, playground and ADA design for the playground.

Ms. Miller was wondering time wise when we expect to do the rain garden; do we have to wait to do the whole grant at once? Mrs. Klepfer has a letter from DCNR that outlines all the submittals the Borough has to do including the design plans that Mr. Leh is working on and they ask to submit the Borough response to that letter all at once.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT -Blake Dunbar Jr. reported that the Sewer Lateral Ordinance #370 is ready for advertisement.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION AND POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF PRIVATE SEWER SERVICE LATERALS WHEN:

- A. UPON TRANSFER OF TITLE OF THE PROPERTY TO WHICH THE PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL IS CONNECTED (Article IV);
- B. THE CONVEYANCE LINE TO WHICH THE PRIVATE SEWER SERVICE LATERAL IS CONNECTED, IS REPLACED OR REPAIRED (Article V);
- C. UPON INSPECTION OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BY SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH AUTHORITY (SBA) PERSONNEL OR, THEIR AUTHORIZED AGENT(S) (Article VI);

ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING THE INTRODUCTION OF PROHIBITED WATERS INTO SAID SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY LISA DULL TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SEWER LATERAL ORDINANCE #370 TO BE ADOPTED AT THE COTOBER 11, 2012 BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

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FIRE COMPANY REPORT - Jim Keyser read the report from Mark Brasch as follows, for the Month of August 2012, 13 – Calls, 67- Firefighters Responded, and 404 – Minutes in service.

Fire Marshall – Jim Keyser report for September 2012 that he met with Mark John and conducted a Fire Alarm Test, the system is working well.

Mr. Keyser has been in contact with Greenfield about their alarm system.

Mr. Keyser has given Jerusalem Lutheran Church and application to install a Knox Box.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Jim Keyser reported that he is working with the county updating the Borough's Emergency Response plan.

Mr. Keyser will also be attending the monthly EMC meeting on September 26th.

Mr. Keyser met with Anne and Mark about the new trees/shrubs that were planted around the telephone pole could be replanted because of the training exercises. The shrubs will be removed and planted elsewhere.

AMBULANCE REPORT- Gail Phillips read the report for the month of August 2012; there were five calls for Schwenksville and 16 calls for Greenfield of Perkiomen Valley.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Joe Giunta was absent. Anne Klepfer reported that the State Police calls for the month of August 2012 were 28.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Anne Klepfer reports:

Meadow Park: The Borough has a grant from DCNR for \$36,000. The Borough needs to have a match of \$16,300. The Borough also has a \$5,000 grant from PECO. The Borough will cover the other expenses with in kind services and a volunteer to help with the excavating. Mrs. Klepfer needs to get the revised budget approved by DCNR. Mr. Leh is working on completing the design plan.

Liberty Ministries: Bob Thompson and Phil Derstine on the stormwater management ordinance pertaining to their driveway drainage problem at Liberty Ministries. Mr. Thompson showed council the pictures of the driveway and how the gravel washes down to the sidewalk and the street. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Derstine will work with Mr. Leh with the plan to proceed. The engineer expenses will be paid by Liberty Ministries.

Maintenance Issues:

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Thomas Canigiani of 1005 Summit Avenue has maintained a part of Summit Avenue that is not ordained. Tom has lived there for fourteen years and has maintained the road and has asked the neighbors to help. Tom is asking for help in maintaining this piece of road. Council is in favor of ordaining this section of Summit Avenue. Council will authorize Mr. Leh to evaluate the road and make recommendations about Summit Avenue from Woodland Ave north before the Borough contacts all of the residents along it.

MOTIONED BY LISA DULL AND SECONDED BY LEE ANN MILLER TO AUTHORIZE DAVE LEH TO LOOK AT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A ROAD AND COMPARE WITH WHAT IS OUT THERE AND COME UP WITH WHAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO BUILD A PUBLIC STREET. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Clearfield Avenue: Anne has received complaint about cutting back the vegetation on the north side of the street. Letters will be sent to the residents to move any and all vehicles on the day the vegetation will be cut back.

Trail Head Maintenance: Anne will be meeting with Pro Mark on a price for twice a year maintenance and routine weed whacking/spraying at the Trail Head.

Line Painting: Anne is going to seek quotes for the line painting and is asking if there are any other streets to be added.

Sidewalk: Anne will ask Eric to fill in the hole on the sidewalk at the south end of town.

Borough Copier: The copier is old and they no longer make parts for it. The new copier will allow the office staff to copy black/color, scan and fax from the PC's. The cost to lease the machine is \$135.40 per month. Council has approved the lease for the new copy machine.

Stormwater Coalition renewal: The invoice to renew our share is \$133.05.

MOTIONED BY LEE ANN MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY YEANISH TO PAY THE INVOICE OF \$133.05 FOR THE STORMWATER COALITION RENEWAL. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Klepfer received an email from a resident about the steel storm grates being in bad shape on Perkiomen Ave. Since Perkiomen Ave is a state road, Mr. Leh recommends that PennDot the steel storm grates. Mrs. Klepfer will write a letter to PennDot maintenance dept. to inspect the storm grates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: the committee is working on answering the questions asked at the Town Hall Meeting and will be shared with the property owners.

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REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: a meeting was held at the end of August with Anne Leavitt-Gruberger and Holly Mager from the County on the concept plan for Main Street.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: the committee will be doing a follow-up meeting on Community Day and the summer concerts. The Christopher Dean Band scheduled for September 5 was cancelled due to rain.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: the new Sump Pump was installed by B Q Basement Systems and is working. There is one area that is still wet after it rains. B Q Basement has been called to take a look at the problem.

STREETS AND LIGHTS: Mr. Schaffer has been notified that a few street lights are out and they will be repaired. Mr. Schaffer has repaired the lights on 2nd street around the school.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting will be October 11, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

It was motioned by Ray Yeanish and seconded by Lisa Dull to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Council Secretary