

SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on November 8, 2018 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

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

Also, present, Engineer Dave Leh, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager, Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

**Absent:** Blake Dunbar Jr. Esquire

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** By the Assembly

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Mayor's Report:** State Police Report for October 2018, 51 incidents, 48 Security checks at 55 Second Street (Schwenksville Elementary) for a total of 99.

Brian Lukens updated Council on his property which was destroyed by fire in December of 2017. The house will be torn down and the lot cleared of debris after the investigation is complete. Brian and Tracy started the "Lukens Foundation" in honor of their sons Bryan Jr. and Parker who perished in the fire; the property will remain in the ownership of the foundation but there are no plans to rebuild a residential house there. Mr. Lukens apologized for not being able to give a timeline for when this will occur and stated that he understands his neighbors and the Borough have all been very patient.

that he updated the Emergency Contact Information for the Borough with 911 Center. Updated Contact Information (same as 140 Main) and designated 300 Main Street as the Schwenksville Borough Annex.

Emergency generator needs repair and he will look into the cost.

Meeting with NWS scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> to review flood maps and gauge readings.

**Ambulance Report:** Gail Phillips read the reports for October 2018 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance had 13 calls for Greenfield Senior Living and two calls for the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776 & ask for the billing department.

Jim Rodgers Central Perk Rotary Club reported that the 2018 Halloween Parade was a success. Still need someone to lead the Parade possibly the Mayor Giunta or the Patriotic Order Sons of America (POSoFA). He recommended adding a new prize category for floats and will need additional Prize money. He requested the Borough consider increasing the funding from the Borough to \$2,500. More or better NO PARKING signs are needed on Parade Route (Second Street).

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Linda Wilde of 63 Main Street read a statement of her opinion that code enforcement for property maintenance on south Main Street is not being addressed. She complained that her neighbor has squirrels going into the attic of the neighbor's home through holes in the roof. She thinks they could be chewing through wires that might be there and believes it is a fire hazard. Also, she looked into the second story windows of the neighbor across the street and can see that they have cardboard boxes piled in front of their windows and she is afraid if there is a fire someone will be become trapped. Ms. Wilde is very upset and feels that no one cares and accused the Borough of not performing property maintenance code enforcement. Council advised Ms. Wilde that she needs to complete the Borough's Complaint Form for new complaints and advised her that the Borough has investigated the multiple complaints she has already filed with the Borough and that while she might not agree with the result of the investigation, they were never-the-less investigated.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT Dave Leh, P.E.:** Meadow Park & Phase II Plaza Construction payment #10 \$34,214.87 to James R. Kenney Construction. **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Lee Ann Miller to authorize payment #10 in the amount of \$34,214.87. all in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Rainstorm flooded Meadow Park damaging some of the trees that were planted in the Meadow. Contractor will replant and stake new trees.

Wall cap is scheduled for the weekend.

Plaza/Park furniture to arrive next week.

Still waiting for the lights.

**ARLE Grant Project Report:** Work completed. No payment requests have been submitted.

**Sink Hole** – Recommend for the CDBG Grant Application for repair the next 40 ft of the stormwater pipe on Centennial Street.

**Design/Engineering proposal for Observation Deck Project** – Authorize Gilmore to move forward with the design not to exceed \$6,000 and accept James Heller's proposal for \$6,425.

**Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Blake E. Dunbar Jr., Esquire:** Mr. Dunbar was absent from tonight's meeting. Council agreed to settle the litigation with the owner of 566 Main Street.

**ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:**

**Minutes:** Dispense with the reading of the October 11, 2018 minutes and approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 Council Meeting. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker and **seconded** by Todd Larsen. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending October 31, 2018, the current invoices due for payment total \$29,764.18. This includes \$14,068.29 from the

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General Fund, \$747.75 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$0.00 from Capital Fund and \$14,948.14 payroll and taxes. **Motion** by Greg Pocius **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$29,764.18. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Resolution No 2018-19:** A Resolution Revising/Replacing Resolution No. 2018-08 establishing rental fees for the use of the Electronic Sign. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Greg Pocius to adopt Resolution 2018-19. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Resolution 2018-20:** A Resolution indicating how excess interest declared by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board for Fiscal Year 2017 shall be allocated. Schwenksville Borough desires that the excess interest being declared for fiscal year end 2017 be allocated to the Borough's account as indicated in the Excess Interest Allocation Election Worksheets which will be completed by the PMRS contact on behalf of the Municipality and filed with the System. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Greg Pocius to adopt Resolution 2018-20. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Draft 2019 Budget: **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Lee Ann Miller to authorize advertisement for the 2019 Budget for public comments and adoption at the December Council Meeting. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Trash Contract for 2019-2021 – Whitetail was the lowest responsible bidder. The price per residential unit for 2019 is \$21 per month/\$63 per quarter/\$252 per year. The service days and services provided will remain the same. **Motion** Todd Larsen **second** Greg Pocius to award the three-year trash contract to Whitetail Disposal subject to final legal review. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Adopting the Knox Box Ordinance:** Ordinance No. 395 – Fire Prevention Rapid Entry System Requirement which shall require the installation of Lock Boxes on the exterior of structures to aid the Fire Department to gain access to the structure when responding to an Emergency Call for Service. **Motion** Todd Larsen **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to adopt Ordinance No. 395. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.** Chris Melville is ready to notify the affected property owners.

#### **Manager's Report – Anne Klepfer**

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, 2018 through October, 2018 Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$576,187.52 and Total Expenditures was \$556,048.97 for a net gain of \$20,138.55. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$2,490.44. General Fund Assets total \$383,519.57; Capital Fund Assets total \$174,223.87 and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$63,273.94 and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$19,276.55 for a combined Assets total of \$640,293.93.

**Street Light Program Consultant Proposal:** Mike Fuller's proposal for One Year is \$500. It's been a year since we installed the LED lights. Mr. Fuller will help in the period now where the

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purchase cost needs to be measured up against the energy and rebate savings promised the Borough. **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Lee Ann Miller to approve the \$500 for Mike Fuller's further assistance in the LED Lighting Program. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Historical Committee:** The Plans for the Historical Markers and the Medallions for the sidewalks on Main Street with the Committee getting the materials to Council for approval and how to approach the residents that will have a marker in front of their property. If anyone objects to the marker in their sidewalk the Borough has the right to place them as long as they don't conflict with the utilities, as the sidewalks are in the Borough right of way.

**Revitalization Committee:** The Committee is still working on the list of items for the Plaza that people can contribute to.

The Committee has concerns about the stone walls that are not being maintained. Castle Valley will take a look and send a letter to those properties.

Update on 700 Main sidewalk and wall. The owner will be making repairs in the Spring.

Old Post Office: the sides are done and the building is up off the ground.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Miller asked Mrs. Klepfer if there was an update on Berger Road situation in Lower Frederick Township. Mrs. Klepfer has no update. Council would like Mrs. Klepfer to send a letter to Lower Frederick Township Supervisors for an update on the road.

**Adjournment - Motion** by Greg Pocius **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Litigation. Not needed.

**NEXT MEETING(S):**

December 6, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00pm  
December 13, 2018 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips  
Secretary