

SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 30, 2019

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on April 11, 2019 to order at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Annex 300 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

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

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

**Absent:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** By the Assembly

**Special Business:**

**Police Services Study** – Discussion facilitated by Lower Frederick Township Police Chief Paul Maxey.

Chief Paul Maxey addressed Borough Council and members of the public and reviewed the Regional Police option contained in the Perkiomen Valley Regional Police Study dated October, 2018, as well as two options for purchasing local police services. No proposal has been provided to Schwenksville Borough as of yet. Rather, Chief Maxey explained that in Lower Frederick, the cost of a full-time police officer's salary and benefits is approximately \$134,859.00. Therefore, if Schwenksville wanted 40 hours per week (approximately 6 hours per day) of police coverage that's how much it would cost. If we needed fewer hours per week, it would adjust downward using an hourly rate. He also illustrated that if we went to 80 hours per week of service which equates to approximately 12 hours per day of coverage, the cost would be greater than a Regional Police Option that would provide 24 hours of coverage. The purpose of this illustration was to suggest, that if we start small, but like the results, it would still be possible to form a regional police agency in the future.

The Borough explained how to determine what your tax liability is. You take the assessed value of your property and multiply it by the tax rate measured in mills and then divide that product by 1,000. For example, a home assessed at \$176,000 multiplied (x) by the current Schwenksville Borough Tax Rate of 6.4 mills divided by (/) 1000 = \$1,126.40 in local tax.

Schwenksville Borough Council took public comments and questions and made a statement that they will continue to meet with the neighboring townships to discuss local policing needs and different options for services. Borough Council is currently weighing the next step for engaging the public on this important subject. Public comments may be, and are highly encouraged to be, submitted to [aklepfer@schwenksville-pa.org](mailto:aklepfer@schwenksville-pa.org) or [gail@schwenksville-pa.org](mailto:gail@schwenksville-pa.org) or to Borough Council C/O 140 Main Street, Schwenksville PA 19473.

**Next Step** – Steering Committee Meeting with Borough Council and communication with the public.

**300 Main Street Renovation Project Update** – The bids for the project were opened on May 23, 2019. Five bids were received and all were over budget. The Property Committee will be meeting on June 6, 2019 to discuss the project and the bids. Mrs. Klepfer indicated that the bids came in higher than expected. No action taken.

**Sewer Lateral Repair** – 300 Main Street has a collapsed pipe. Franc Environmental's estimate for repair is \$2,560 to repair and \$1,500 to repair the asphalt. The Schwenksville Borough Authority will provide

Mrs. Klepfer with a proposal to repair the pipe as well. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Todd Larsen accept the least expensive proposal, not to exceed \$4,060 for the sewer lateral repair. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Sale of 8 Burner Stove & Gas Grill on Muni Bid** – there were three bids, the top bid is \$735. **Motion** Todd Larsen **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to accept the bid of \$735. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.** Darren Rash will enlarge the kitchen door in order to get the stove out of the building.

**Other Business:**

Lee Ann Miller informed Council that the Schwenksville High School Reunion Committee will be borrowing three of the Albright Houses that are currently at Perkiomen Township building and will be displayed at the Woodside Inn on June 15, 2019. Council has no objection to the use of the Albright Houses.

Lee Ann Miller would also like more time to review and submit her questions about the Zoning Update that is due June 1, 2019 to Mrs. Klepfer. Council agreed to extend the time to submit questions until August 1, 2019.

**Adjournment - Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker by **second** Todd Larsen by to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**NEXT MEETING(S):**

June 6, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00pm

June 13, 2019 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L Phillips  
Secretary/Treasurer