

Schwenksville Borough
Council Meeting
September 12, 2019

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on September 12, 2019 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Present, Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Sarah Knickerbocker, and Mayor Joe Giunta.

Also, present, Wendy Feiss McKenna Esquire, Engineer Dave Leh, P.E., Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager and Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

Absent: Chris Melville

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor's Report: Mayor Giunta reported from the State Police for August 2019, 57 incidents. Several disturbance complaints, traffic stops and thefts from vehicles.

Fire Company Report: Mr. Melville Absent from meeting. Report on File.

Emergency Management Report: Mr. Melville Absent from meeting. Report on File.

Fire Marshal – Mr. Melville Absent from meeting. Report on File.

Ambulance Report: Mrs. Phillips read the report for August 2019 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance responded to 12 calls at Greenfield and 3 calls for the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776 & ask for the billing department.

Resignations – Greg Pocius from Council, Sewer Authority and Park & Rec. Board, Siobhan Pocius from Tax Collector (will finish out the 2019 Tax duplicate until settlement of it). Pam Ruoff from Auditor. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to accept the resignations with regret and Tax Collector Siobhan Pocius to finish the 2019 Tax Duplicate. All in favor. **Motion carried 3-0.** Thank you all for your service to the Borough.

Motion Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to appoint Tom Laconis Tax Collector through 12/31/2019; his duties will be effective contingent upon election confirmation and upon the issuance of the 2020 Tax Duplicate as submitted by the County. All in favor. **Motion carried 3-0.** Mayor Giunta swore in Tom Laconis as Tax Collector. Congratulations Tom.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Ailene Johnson from the Perkiomen Valley Library Schwenksville reported that the Summer Reading Program in the Parks was successful.

The Library has structural problems and will be undergoing a 4million dollar construction project. Mrs. Klepfer asked about submitting a building permit application and plans for the project. Ms. Johnson said the contractor would be taking care of the application. Mrs. Klepfer warned that the process could take longer than two weeks for a public/commercial building.

Jim Rogers requested \$500 increase for the Halloween Parade to cover prize money for the participants. Council will consider when doing the 2020 budget but not for this year.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Dave Leh, P.E. Project updates.

2017 CDBG Sidewalks discussion of restoration for the 100 block of Main Street. The Borough will be meeting with property owners to come to a consensus on the fine grading details and best method to address the area surrounding a manhole at 163 Main Street. Limited Grant Funds are available for a change order for improvements beyond typical grading and seeding. The majority of Council was in favor of doing what it takes via grass seed, sod or hydro seeding in order to get the bank stabilized but were opposed to building any structures to retain the yards other than around the manhole. Letters will be sent to property owners inviting them to an on-site meeting with the contractor and Borough Engineer.

Rain Garden/Observation Deck Update – request for payment of two invoices for Gary Schneider \$7087.50 and \$7,052.50. **Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Lee Ann Miller to pay the invoices to Gary Schneider. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Borough Sink Holes – Sink hole at 2nd and Maple was repaired. Two sink holes on Woodland Avenue also repaired. Request payment to J R Kenny for \$15,200. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to pay J R Kenney Invoices 11-1144 and 11-1145 totaling \$15,200. **Motion carried 3-0.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Wendy Feiss McKenna, Esquire. There were no questions to Wendy about the report.

ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the August 8, 2019 and approve the minutes of August 8, 2019. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker and **seconded** by Chris Melville. All in favor. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Treasurer's Report: Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending August 31, 2019, the current invoices due for payment total \$118,037.89. This includes \$34,034.33 from the General Fund, \$10,854.60 payroll and taxes \$43,189.40 from Capital Fund and, \$9,588.00 from Construction Fund, \$0.00 from Trash Fund and \$20,370.56 from Liquid Fuels. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Lee Ann Miller to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$118,036.89. All in favor, **Motion carried 3-0.**

Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System: Mrs. Phillips presented Borough Council with the 2020 MMO worksheet. The Borough owes nothing to the fund. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to accept the 2020 MMO worksheet as presented. **Motion approved 3-0.**

Manager's Report – Anne Klepfer

Finance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the Financial Report for the Period January 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019 Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$556,447.41 and Total Expenditures was \$416,681.36 for a net gain of \$139,796.05. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$113,553.30. General Fund Assets total \$521,042.83; Capital Fund Assets total 31,024.12 Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$87,633.54 and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$19,476.82 for a combined Assets total of \$672,561.53.

Zoning Ordinance Review – Changes recommended by Brian Olszak our Montgomery County Planner include definitions of raising, removal, demolition of entire structures. Also, extending some of the steps and procedures that are currently in the Vc1 and VC2 districts with the regard to removing principle structures extending that also to the Commercial District. Special review of the accessory buildings in the VC1, VC2 and Commercial Districts. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker that we make the changes

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recommended by Brain Olszak our Montgomery County Planner to our Draft Zoning Ordinance and accordingly send back to the Planning Commission for their input and comments. We additionally request that the definitions of the Historical structures be looked at and also the we consider Not removing the increase in building footprint as one of the triggers for a Conditional Use as Brain suggested. All in favor, **Motion carried 3-0.**

2020 Budget –Mrs. Klepfer is working on the draft budget and will be meeting with the Finance Committee. Council will have the draft budget for review for the October meeting.

Univest Interim Loan Agreement/Settlement – Bond Counsel recommends settlement to pay off the line of credit. Interest rate at Univest is 3.44% Mr. Rash and Mrs. Phillips will sign and seal the documents for paying off the line of credit with Univest.

300 Main Street Renovation:

Due to the renovations at 300 Main Street, residents will no longer be voting at 300 Main Street. Every registered voter will be receiving a new voter id card with the information on where to vote.

Committee Reports:

Park Board: No Report:

Revitalization Task Force: Meeting is planned for this fall. We already discussed Main Street Parking. Currently working on the Streetscaping Catalogue to publicize, anyone with any ideas is encouraged to participate.

Historical Committee: reported under the Zoning Code Ordinance Review above.

Other Business: The Property Committee and anyone that wants to volunteer to help demolition of kitchen etc. will meet at 300 Main Street Saturday September 14th 7:30am.

Adjournment - Motion Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Lee Ann Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.
Motion carried 3-0.

NEXT MEETING(S):

October 3, 2019 Planning Commission 7:00pm @ Borough Hall
October 10, 2019 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm @ Borough Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L Phillips
Secretary/Treasurer

