

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on October 10, 2019 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Present, Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Sarah Knickerbocker, Chris Melville 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:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor's Report: Mayor Giunta reported from the State Police for September 2019, 47 incidents. Several disturbance complaints, traffic stops and thefts from vehicles.

Fire Company Report: Mr. Melville reported 3 calls for the month. 30 total calls for the year.

Emergency Management Report: Mr. Melville reported the Limerick Drill will be November 19th and will be using the Library for the drill and encouraged an official who is available to participate.

Fire Marshal – Mr. Melville – No report

Ambulance Report: Mrs. Phillips read the report for September 2019 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance responded to 5 calls at Greenfield and 11 calls for the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776 & ask for the billing department.

Council Vacancy – Lee Ann Miller **nominated** Maureen Harte to fill the vacancy seat through December 31, 2019, **second** Chris Melville. Ms. Harte is on the ballot for the November election. All in favor. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Mayor Joe Giunta administered the oath of office to Maureen Harte and she took her seat on Council.

Authority Board Vacancy – Adam Slater and Darren Rash submitted letters of interest for the position. Chris Melville **nominated** Darren Rash **second** Lee Ann Miller to fill the vacancy on the Authority Board for the remainder of the term. All in favor. **Motion carried 4-0 with Darren Rash abstaining.**

Auditor Vacancy – Lee Ann Miller **nominated** Susan Rash to fill the vacancy seat through December 31, 2019 **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. All in favor. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Resignations – Brian Pippert from Park & Rec. Board. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to accept the resignations with regret and have Tax Collector Siobhan Pocius finish the 2019 Tax Duplicate. All in favor. **Motion carried 4-0**. Thank you all for your service to the Borough.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Karen Slater asked why Adam Slater, her son, was not considered for the Authority Board. Ms. Miller responded that it has been a practice for some time to appoint someone from Council to the Authority Board. Since Greg Pocius was a Councilman and has resigned it was Council's desire to continue that practice and appoint Mr. Rash to the vacant seat. Mr. Slater, Adam Slater's father, who is a current Authority Board member also asked why the Authority Manager Mike Sullivan couldn't just submit a written report to Council? He is also wondering why Mike Sullivan is not asked to attend the Council meetings and implied someone told him he should not attend. Mayor Giunta said he wanted to know who told him not to attend Borough Council Meetings and he would speak to Mr. Sullivan. The Authority Board has five members, having two members from the same family is not representative of the Borough. More discussion took place.

Kalena Pippert – In her opinion, she thinks that Council has strategically placed everybody where they want them. Council is not fairly representing the whole town. She called Council pompous and said they are full of themselves. Council responded that it is their job to place volunteers where Council feels they can best serve the community.

Jim Shott – Follow up on the letter that was sent to the residents on Summit Avenue about road repairs. Mrs. Klepfer responded the Borough has not heard if we will receive the grant for the work but will still be holding a meeting with the residents and has been collecting the responses to the letter.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Dave Leh, P.E. Project updates. 2017 CDBG Sidewalks. A letter was sent to the 4 residents in the 100 block of Main Street on how to restore the area behind the new sidewalk. The Borough now has letters authorizing the work to be finished and clearly indicating what work is to be done.

Rain Garden/ Observation Deck Project Update: The contractor has the deck complete and is working on the steps down to Meadow Park.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Wendy Feiss McKenna, Esquire. Council has the Solicitor's report. There were no questions for The Solicitor.

ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the September 12, 2019 and approve the minutes of September 12, 2019. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Sarah Knickerbocker as amended. **Motion carried 4-0 with Maureen Harte abstaining.**

Treasurer's Report: Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending September 30, 2019, the current invoices due for payment total \$65,998.56. This includes \$35,458.18 from the General Fund, \$16,125.53 payroll and taxes \$12,983.12 from Capital Fund and, \$483.25 from Construction Fund, and \$948.48 from Liquid Fuels. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Chris Melville to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$65,998.56. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Resolution 2019-20- Authorizing a PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for Woodland Avenue Stormwater Pipe Replacement. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to have Mrs. Klepfer apply for the grant for \$115,534 with a 15% match (\$20,388). **Motion carried 4-0 with Chris Melville abstaining as he owns a home on Woodland Avenue.**

Resolution 2019-21- Authorizing a PECO Green Region Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Main Street Pavilion with a 50% match from the Borough. **Motion** Chris Melville **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Ordinance Amendment - Authorize submission of Ordinance Amendment for the Road Restoration Specifications Ordinance to the Borough and Montgomery County Planning Commission for review and comment. Council agrees to let Mrs. Klepfer draft the ordinance amendment to the road restorations.

Re-advertisement for Bids for 300 Main Street- The advertised dates will be October 14 and October 21. Bid opening November 7th. **Motion** Chris Melville **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to re-advertise for bids for 300 Main Street. **Motion carried 4-0 with Lee Ann Miller abstaining as she is part owner of 250 Main Street.**

Manager's Report – Anne Klepfer

Finance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the Financial Report for the Period January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$578,232.72 and Total Expenditures was \$490,089.67 for a net gain of \$88,143.05. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$95,981.05. General Fund Assets total \$492,543.97; Capital Fund Assets total \$31,025.59; Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$53,512.79 and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$19,510.92, 300 Main Street Construction Fund Assets equal \$13,071.36 for a combined Assets total of \$609,664.63.

2020 Budget/Halloween Parade Budget. Jim Rogers from the Central Perkiomen Rotary is asking for an increase for the Parade budget of \$500. The Finance Committee recommended this increase and it is included in the draft budget. Chris Melville noted that the formula is backwards from an accounting perspective on the summary budget sheet.

Gate for between 140 Main Street and 160 Main Street – Ron Cessna from Cessna Industries has agreed to design and donate the pedestrian gate, cost \$15,000. Council agrees to move forward and thank you to Mr. Cessna for his generous offer.

Committee Reports:

Park Board: The signs for Meadow Park will be installed this weekend. Ms. Miller asked about adding another piece of playground equipment. The committee will discuss at the next meeting.

Other Business: None

Adjournment - Motion Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Chris Melville to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEXT MEETING(S):

November 7, 2019 Planning Commission 7:00pm @ Borough Hall

November 14, 2019 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm @ Borough Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L Phillips
Secretary/Treasurer