

Schwenksville Borough
Council Meeting
December 12, 2019

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on December 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, Chris Melville, Maureen Harte 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 November 2019, 38 incidents.

Fire Company Report: Mr. Melville reported 4 calls for the month. 39 total calls for the year.

Emergency Management Report: The Limerick Drill went well. PEMA reported that our space was too small but understood our circumstance. Mr. Melville thanked everyone who participated.

Fire Marshal – Mr. Melville reported that the fire department was dispatched to 700 Main Street for a dryer fire. A follow-up was done with the property owner requesting smoke detectors to be added to the premise – non were noted.

Fire company was dispatched to the rear of 565 Main Street for an electrical and brush fire. A letter was sent to the Borough Manager requesting an inspection be the Code Enforcement Officer about the neglected area to the privately owned transformer.

Ambulance Report: Mrs. Phillips read the report with additional calls reported by Chris Melville for November 2019 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance responded to 6 calls at Greenfield and 12 calls for the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776 & ask for the billing department.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: No comments

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Dave Leh, P.E. Project updates. PennDOT has partially completed line painting of Main Street. They will return to finish the yellow lines and parking spaces.

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Mr. Leh reported that he obtained three written quotes for the repair of Centennial Street Storm Pipe for approximately 15 lineal feet. James R. Kenney Excavating and Paving Inc. was the lowest quote. Mr. Kenney recommended replacing 45 lineal feet. Sarah Knickerbocker **moved** to award the job to Mr. Kenney based on his unit price of \$350.00 and accept his recommendation to replace 45 lineal feet. Chris Melville **second** the motion which was **approved unanimously**.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Wendy Feiss McKenna, Esquire. Council has the Solicitor's report.

Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment & Map Change – Ordinance #399 -

Wendy Feiss McKenna opened the public meeting for consideration of adoption of Ordinance #399 at 7:19pm. This Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 258, and readopting Chapter 176 of the Borough's Codified Code includes the rezoning of one property from Manufacturing and Industrial to Village Commercial –1. which is the totality of the Map Change. The Ordinance also, reformats and updates the zoning code. Ms. McKenna read the following:

Schwenksville Borough

Schwenksville, Montgomery County Pennsylvania

Ordinance No. 399

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND MAP CHANGE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 258, THE SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1993, AS AMENDED, AND RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 176, ZONING, OF THE SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO BE CITED AS THE SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2019 AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM MI MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO VC -1 VILLAGE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Exhibits to be marked:

B1 –Legal Notice Schwenksville Borough Planning Commission Meeting November 7, 2019. B2 – Proof of Publication October 21 and October 24. B3 –Legal Notice borough council Meeting December 12, 2019. B4 – Proof of Publication November 18 and November 25. B5 –Law Library. B6 –Schwenksville Borough Planning Commission Minutes. B7 – Affidavit posted on the property by Borough Manager and on the Borough Hall door. B8 – Montgomery County Review November 12, 2019 with a recommendation to adopt Zoning Ordinance 399. B9 – Ordinance No. 399.

Council added that the last rezoning was done in 1993. The only property being rezoned is 97 Main Street and the owner responded to the notification and indicated no objections. Council thanked the County Planning Commission and Brian Olszak.

Ms. McKenna closed the public hearing at 7:28pm. No public comments. Mr. Rash asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #399. **Motion** by Chris Melville **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0**

ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the November 14, 2019 and Special meeting November 25, 2019 approve the minutes of November 14, 2019 and November 25, 2019. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker and **seconded** by Chris Melville. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Treasurer's Report: Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending November 30, 2019, the current invoices due for payment total \$51,974.75. This includes \$22,870.09 from the General Fund, \$11,130.30 payroll and taxes \$15,468.44 from Capital Fund and, \$276.00 from Construction Fund, and \$2229.92 from Liquid Fuels. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller **second** Maureen Harte to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$51,974.75. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Ordinance #400 - Adopting 2020 Tax Rates. **Motion** Maureen Harte **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to adopt Ordinance No. 400 2020 Tax Rates. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion to adopt the draft 2020 Budget totaling \$2,768,380 –Motion Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Maureen Harte to adopt the 2020 Budget with no tax increase. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Web Design proposal from Revize LLC – Motion Lee Ann Miller **second** Chris Melville to authorize accepting the proposal from Revize for a total first year cost of \$8,400 and annual tech support thereafter of \$2,400 and authorize the first payment of \$4,400. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Manager's Report – Anne Klepfer

Finance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the Financial Report for the Period January 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019 Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$641,983.46 and Total Expenditures was \$593,211.21 for a net gain of \$48,772.25. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$56,132.65. General Fund Assets total \$443,072.72; Capital Fund Assets total \$12,768.45; Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$51,990.39 and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$19,358.15, 300 Main Street Construction Fund Assets equal \$22,070.03 for a combined Assets total of \$550,036.09.

2020 Holiday & Meeting Schedule – Council authorized advertising of the 2020 Holiday Schedule and Meeting Schedule.

Equipment rental & Operator Bid – Tabled until January 2020 council Meeting.

Draft Capital Budget – Mrs. Klepfer is looking for recommendations from Council.

Draft Ordinances/Resolutions for review – Meeting Procedure Resolution and Road Restoration Ordinance. Council directed Mrs. Klepfer to place them on the Agenda Action Items for January 2020.

Pavilion for Plaza – This is a budgeted project. Mrs. Klepfer is waiting for one more quote but would like to put a deposit of \$1,000 to secure the 2019 pricing with Country Lane Gazebo.

Motion Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Maureen Harte to authorize \$1,000 to Country Lane Gazebo subject to being the lowest quote. **Motion carried 4-0** with Ms. Miller is abstaining on any discussion or vote to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest. Ms. Miller is part owner of the adjacent property at 250 Main Street.

Tom Laconis/Tax Collector Expenses – Mr. Laconis is requesting \$390.84 for office expenses and certification class. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Chris Melville to reimburse Mr. Laconis \$390.847. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0**. Council asked Mrs. Klepfer to prepare a draft policy that could be adopted to provide future council's with guidance on this matter.

Revitalization Task Force: Reviewing, catching up and moving forward. Looking for new members.

Property Committee – Waiting for documents for Ms. Mckenna to review from Uhrig.

Park Board – Ms. Miller is asking that the trash be emptied at the park.

Darren and Chris put a new trap on the Post Office building.

Other Business:

There are several vacancies on Committees that need to be filled. Please contact Lee Ann with any names you may have of persons interested in joining any of the Committees.

Anne reached out to Jodi to wish her the happiest Holiday under the circumstances and that we are all thinking of her and the family and that we all miss Todd.

Addendum: Mayors Report, Mayor Giunta performed one wedding in 2019.

Adjournment - Motion Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Chris Melville to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. **Motion carried 5-0**.

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NEXT MEETING(S):

January 6, 2020 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm @ Borough Hall
January 9, 2020 Planning Commission 7:00pm @ Borough Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L Phillips
Secretary/Treasurer