

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2014

Council Vice President Rudy Micsko at 7:00 PM called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on March 13, 2014 to order.

Present, Rudy Micsko, Lee Ann Miller, Lisa Dull, Craig Dunham and Mayor Joe Giunta.

Also, present Dave Leh, Borough Engineer, Solicitor Blake Dunbar Jr., Esquire, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager and Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by the assembly

Special Business: Rudy Micsko started with the vacancy for Borough Council; this is tabled until the special meeting Thursday March 20, 2014 at 7:00pm. Mr. Homan of 224 Pleasantview Avenue has an interest in the vacant Council seat. Mr. Grauer of 85 Main Street is also interested in the vacant Council seat and also interested in serving on the Parks Board. Mr. Micsko asked both gentlemen to submit a letter of interest to Council and a decision will be made at the Special Meeting.

Council has received a letter of interest from Robert Johnson of 243 2nd Street for the vacant seat on the Schwenksville Authority Board. Council has reviewed and a **motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **second** by Craig Dunham to appoint Robert Johnson to the Authority Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2017. All in favor, **motion carried 4-0**. Mrs. Klepfer will send a letter to the Authority informing them that Robert Johnson was appointed to the Authority Board.

Park Board vacancy is tabled until the Special Meeting on Thursday March 20, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Reorganization of Council is tabled until the March 20, 2014 Special meeting.

Trooper Crummy, Pennsylvania State Police, Skippack Barracks was invited to tonight's meeting to talk with residents. Trooper Crummy is the Community Operations Education Officer for Skippack Barracks. Trooper Crummy said that things are going well the last three months in Schwenksville. The State Police remind everyone to lock their vehicles, garages and take all your valuables out of your vehicles. Residents have concerns about the bus stop in front of 78 Main Street and that drivers don't stop for the bus and are concerned about the children. Trooper Crummy said to call with any concerns. She also clarified the Statistical Report provided monthly.

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the February 20, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and approve the same, as presented. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Lisa Dull. All in favor, **Motion Carried 4-0**.

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AUDIENCE: Linda Wilde from 63 Main Street, the minutes from February 2014 under Revitalization; Linda wanted to know about the South End Main Street meeting with residents. Ms. Miller responded that she and Anne met with Dave Leh and are working out details to attempt to address the resident feedback received at the last meeting. When they are prepared, another meeting will be scheduled. Ms. Miller also clarified that the Main Street Streetscape Plan that the Revitalization Committee is working on is a different project that is reported on from time to time in Borough Council Minutes and should not be confused with the South Main Street Sidewalk and Parking Improvements Project.

Rose Marie Grauer of 85 Main Street asked if a meeting can be set for her to talk about the parking in front of her home on Main Street. The parking in back of her home is too hard to get to due to the slope of the driveway. The Borough is willing to meet individually with residents upon request or with property owners with unique circumstances.

Sarah Knickerbocker of 77 Main Street asked if the draft plan has been changed. Ms. Miller responded no, the draft plan has not been changed. She confirmed that the public meeting will be specifically for the residents of South Main Street. Ms. Miller also said that the grant from the County has been approved but that the Borough needs to apply for a Highway Occupancy Permit from PENNDOT.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Gail Phillips reported that for the period ending February 28, 2014, the current invoices due for payment total \$55,830.68. This includes \$37,995.34 from the General Fund, \$6,022.34 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$9,353.00 from payroll and \$2,460.00 from Capital Fund. **Motion** by Lisa Dull and **seconded** by Lee Ann Miller to pay the bills totaling \$55,830.68. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0.**

FINANCE REPORT: Mrs. Klepfer's report: For the period January 1, 2014 through February 28, 2014, Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$54,601.90 and Total Expenditures was \$87,098.47 for a net loss of \$32,496.57. General Fund experienced a net loss of \$26,924.73. Assets: General Fund Assets Total \$760,450.55; Capital Fund Assets total \$136,823.82; and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$36,347.13 for a combined Assets total of \$933,621.50.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: MS4 Stormwater Management Ordinance.

SECTION 1. Amending the Schwenksville Borough Code of Ordinances by replacing the existing Stormwater Management Ordinance with the Schwenksville Borough MS4 Stormwater Management Ordinance to promote health, safety and welfare within the Borough and its watershed by minimizing the harms and maximizing the benefits described in the Ordinance to provide stormwater management standards, stormwater management site plan requirements, stormwater operation and maintenance requirements, fees and expenses, prohibited discharges and enforcement and penalties.

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Motioned by Lee Ann Miller **seconded** by Craig Dunham to authorize Blake Dunbar Jr. advertise the MS4 Ordinance. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Hoff Properties: Centennial Street Apartments:
The meeting scheduled for February 24, 2014 was postponed by the attorney for the Hoff Properties. Hoff Properties and the attorney were to meet with Borough representatives to address Council's concerns regarding the Plan.

Murray Property; 51 Park Avenue: the application for a variance to permit the installation of a holding tank; subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Council.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mrs. Klepfer read the report for February 2014, 18 Calls, 102 Men in service, 15:04 time in service.

AMBULANCE REPORT- Gail Phillips read the report for the month of February 2014; there were 9 calls for Schwenksville and 21 calls for Greenfield of Perkiomen Valley. Please consider becoming a member in 2014.

MAYORS REPORT: The State Police report for the month of February 2014 indicated 27 incidents. As a reminder, Please lock your cars.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT – Mrs. Klepfer reported: CDBG Project for 2014 Application: 2nd Street Project.

Motion by Lisa Dull second by **Craig Dunham** to approve Resolution No. 2014-05 authorizing the submission and directs and authorizes the Borough Manager as the official representative of the CDBG Project for 2014 Application. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0.**

Electric in the Park: have one quote and waiting for second quote. Also, Anne is waiting to hear back from the Fire Company about using existing power from the Fire House. Need approval from the County to go across the Trail.

Fuel Tax – Trash Contracted Price Increase:

Advanced Waste is asking to have a 13cent price increase for each quarter to cover the rising price of fuel. This is ok with Council.

Memorial Bench and Plaque: in memory of Arthur Fairclough the consensus was to have Anne order a bronze plaque to be presented at Community Day, May 3rd and Council will look into choosing a bench and perhaps a tree or garden to plant next to the bench.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: No Report

REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE: No Report

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ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Clean Up Day April 12th from 9-12. Volunteers Needed.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: No Report

STREETS AND LIGHTS: No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Giunta asked if there is a time table for closing the Rt. 73 Bridge when construction starts at Plank Road and Rt. 29. Borough has not been told of this by PENNDOT.

It was **motioned** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Lisa Dull **to adjourn** the meeting at **8:54 pm**. All in favor, **motion carried**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary