

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2017

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on April 13, 2017 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

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

Also, present, Blake Dunbar Jr. Esquire, David Leh, P.E, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager, Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

Absent, Todd Larsen

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Mayor's Report**, Mayor Giunta read the State Police statistics of 21 incidents for March 2017. State Police have been sitting at the Fire Company lot and the closed gas station. Daily Bread Food Pantry has a new 1 year lease on Ridge Pike and is working with people in Lower Frederick on a possible new building to be built to specifically address their needs.

**Fire Company Report**, Chris Melville was out on a Fire Call was not able to attend the meeting.

**Ambulance Report**, Gail Phillips read the report for March 2017 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance had 13 calls for Greenfield Senior Living and 4 calls for the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776 & ask for the billing department.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

David and Joan Smith owners of 341 Cherry Street have concerns that the snow plowing was not done this past winter as it was done in the past. The Smith's would like the Borough to continue plowing in front of 341 Cherry Street. It was explained that cherry Street is not an ordained street and there is only one house that takes access from Cherry Street, which is currently vacant, and that the Borough feels it should only plow up to the property line. The decision from Council is to write a policy about plowing un-ordained roads and distribute the policy to the affected property owners.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT: No report**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Council Affidavit**

Blake Dunbar Jr. reported that Greg Pocius needed to sign an affidavit for his employer stating that he would withdraw from all decisions and deliberations related in any manner to matters related to his employer. Mr. Pocius signed the affidavit in front of Notary Joseph Giunta. The Affidavit was read into the record of the Meeting.

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"I Gregory J. Pocius, having been duly cautioned and sworn hereby state the following based on personal knowledge:

1. I am a member of the Borough Council of the Borough of Schwenksville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Schwenksville Borough Council is the governing body of the Borough of Schwenksville.
2. I am also an employee of KeyBank National Association ("KeyBank") and serve as Vice President, Asset Recovery Group.
3. KeyBank and KeyBanc Capital Markets, Inc. ("KBCM") are each subsidiaries of KeyCorp.
4. I am not an officer or employee of KeyCorp.
5. I own stock in KeyCorp, which represents less than .1% of the outstanding shares of that company.
6. In connection with my commencement of service on Borough Council of the Borough of Schwenksville, I am providing notice of my association with KeyBank and plan to withdraw from all decisions and deliberations related in any manner to matters related to my employer.

Further Affiant Sayeth Naught.

Signed. Gregory J. Pocius and Sworn Before Notary Joseph A. Giunta on April 13, 2017.

Shared Driveway Easement Agreement 390 Main Street. Nothing has been submitted to the Borough yet.

**ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:**

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the March 9, 2017 **Regular** Meeting Minutes and approve the March 9, 2017 **Regular** Meeting Minutes as amended by Lee Ann Miller. **Motion** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Sarah Knickerbocker. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0.**

Treasurer's Report: Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending March 31, 2017, the current invoices due for payment total \$52,725.25. This includes \$33,812.29 from the General Fund, \$1663.87 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$10,131.59 from payroll and \$7,117.50 from Capital Fund. **Motion** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Sarah Knickerbocker to pay the bills totaling \$52,725.25. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0.**

Resolution for 2017 CDBG Grant Application: Resolution 2017-08 authorizing the filing of the Community Development Block Grant. **Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Greg Pocius to file the Community Block Grant for the Main Street Phase II Sidewalk Improvement project in the amount of \$185,280 and pledges matching funds for Engineering Expense estimated at \$30,880.00. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0.**

Final Approval/Notice to proceed for Main Street Mural: Motion by Sarah Knickerbocker second Greg Pocius to approve the Mural Project and the \$5,000 payment to the artist Teresa Hagg.

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**Motion carried 3** yay with **Motion carried 4** yay with Lee Ann Miller abstaining from the vote because she owns property nearby and wants to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

DVHT Trust Agreement – Health Care Trust to provide Health Insurance to Borough Employee. **Motion** to approve agreement by Greg Pocius **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0**.

Approval of Aetna PPO Plan for Gail Phillips – **Motion** to approve the Aetna PPO Plan Greg Pocius **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0**.

Consideration/approval of Delta Dental Plan for Gail Phillips - **Motion** to approve the Delta Dental Plan by Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Greg Pocius. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0**.

Harry Phillips Health Insurance-Authorization to reimburse Harry Phillips for Medicare supplement Plan “F” and Silver Scripts Prescription Plan. **Motion** to authorize reimbursements Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Greg Pocius. All in Favor, **Motion carried 4-0**.

### MANAGER’S REPORT

Finance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the summary Financial Report. For the Period January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 total income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$131,798.84 and Total Expenditures was \$109,428.73 for a net gain \$22,182.27. General Fund experienced a net loss of -\$10,182.27. General Fund Assets total \$268,287.26, Capital fund Assets total \$20,479.95 and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$61,929.32 for a combined Assets total of \$350,696.53.

Manager’s Report: A monthly activity report was submitted to Council by Mrs. Klepfer.

Montgomery county Borough Association Dinner to be held at Woodside Lodge on Thursday April 27, 2017. Schwenksville, Trappe and Collegeville are the hosts for the dinner and the speaker is Jamie Ridge, President/CEO Suburban Realtors Alliance

Newsletter Recognition- Congratulations Schwenksville Borough on tying for first place with another Borough for submitting our newsletters for the Borough Association Communication Competition at Ms. Miller’s suggestion. Lee Ann Miller and Anne Klepfer have accepted the invitation for the Luncheon on May 9 to accept the award on behalf of the Borough.

Tax Certification Resolution: Mrs. Rowley requested an increase in the amount she can charge for Tax Certifications. The current charge is \$15, Mrs. Rowley would like an increase to \$20 or \$25 per cert. There was no motion by Council on this matter.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Property Committee: No Report

Historical Committee: The Committee purchased a voice recorder to interview older residents.



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Revitalization Task Force: The committee talked about the Mural and approved the design. They are also having a "meet the artist" at Community Day, Teresa Hagg will answer questions for an hour. Mr. Larsen will supervise.

The Flag Emblem: The Committee received new designs from the County Planners for the Flag Emblem. The Emblem could be used in the Mural's, sidewalk medallions and an actual Borough Flag. In the Emblem, there is a "Heart" that the Committee would like to use in various ways.

Parks and Recreation Committee: The Committee will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 12:00PM now until October. The second Saturday of each month we will police Meadow Park.

Clean up day for Schwenksville will be Saturday April 22, 2017. Please meet at Meadow Park at 9am. We will mulch the playground, get stone for the end of the access road into Meadow Park. Still looking into getting a grill to place permanently near the pavilion. For Community Day, we will use disposable tablecloths and look into redoing them in August when the weather is warmer.

Ryan from the Watershed will try to clean up the rain garden.

Community Day: May 6<sup>th</sup> 10-3. Lee Ann and Gail have an idea to include a pot luck community picnic along with the June concert. Also, to purchase a volleyball net and balls that can be set up at the concerts for anyone to use. Darren Rash will donate his volleyball net to the Borough. The Committee will purchase two volley balls.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Rash went to the breakfast sponsored by Senator Robert Mench. Topic was School Taxes that would be raised for the State Police which would be about \$25 per person. Senator Mench approves if the money goes to the State Police but the money will actually go to Penn Dot.

**Adjournment - Motioned** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Sarah Knickerbocker to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**NEXT MEETING(S):**

May 4 2017 Planning Commission 7PM @ Borough Hall  
May 11, 2017 Council Regular Meeting 7PM @ Borough Hall

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail L. Phillips  
Secretary