

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on February 9, 2017 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Present, Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Todd Larsen, 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, no one.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor's Report, Mayor Giunta read the State Police statistics of 22 incidents for January 2016.

Fire Company Report, Chris Melville reported 10 calls for the month of January 2017, 38 Firefighters Responded, 4:49 Time in service. Four calls in Schwenksville, Four calls in Lower Frederick, Two calls Upper Frederick. Fire Company is always looking for volunteers.

Ambulance Report, Gail Phillips read the report for January 2017 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance had 12 calls for Greenfield Senior Living and 6 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: Mr. Leh followed up on Mr. Slater's comments and requests that we look into the traffic signal @ Park Avenue and Game Farm Road and possible modifications to the signal sequencing. The engineers looked at three things; 1. A potential dedicated left turn arrow for North Bound Route 29 left onto Game Farm Road. Based on the numbers we have which are a few years old it would not be warranted, you need to have enough left-hand turns and enough conflict traffic heading the other way to permit a left turn arrow. 2. We looked at reversing the phases, right now Park Avenue goes first then Game Farm goes second. Mr. Slater asked to have them switched to see if that would make a difference. Mr. Leh said it would be about the same with a backup on Game Farm Road. 3. Looked at adding a third Stop sign at Summit and Game Farm to make it a three way Stop instead of a two way Stop. Game Farm is a Penn Dot Road and probably would not approve because of traffic backup onto Route 29. Mrs. Klepfer said if you ask Penn Dot for a traffic study. Ms. Miller would like a traffic study at Game Farm Road and Route 29 (Main Street. Mrs. Klepfer will call Penn Dot and ask for a traffic study.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Blake Dunbar Jr. reported that the Borough received a letter from Schwenksville Investment Properties requesting an 18-month extension of Land Development Approval. No action needs to be taken by Council on the extension request by Schwenksville Investment Properties because all projects within the specified time frame have been granted extensions by state law.

ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the January 9, 2017 **Regular** Meeting Minutes and approve the January 9, 2017 **Regular** Meeting Minutes as amended. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker and **seconded** by Todd Larsen. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer reports for January 31, 2017 submitted and payment of the Borough February 2017 bills, totaling \$36,061.28. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Todd Larsen to approve the treasurer reports and to pay the bills totaling \$36,061.28. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Appointment of Sewer Authority Board Member – Due to the resignation of Robert Johnson from the Schwenksville Borough Authority Board, Mr. Chris Thumm has submitted a letter of interest to Council to fill the position. Mr. Thumm has lived in the Borough since 1998, was a member of the Schwenksville Fire Company, a letter carrier for 33 years, good with people and now would like to volunteer his services to serve on the Authority Board. With no other applicants, Greg Pocius **motioned** to appoint Mr. Thumm to the Authority Board, for the remainder of a term ending 12/31/2017 **second** by Todd Larsen. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Resolution No. 2017-06-Tax Collector Compensation Resolution – Schwenksville Borough Council shall set the compensation of the Schwenksville Borough Tax Collector for collection of taxes on a per bill basis excluding duplicate bills, as follows

Section I.

For 2018:

The rate of compensation shall be \$27.00 per bill

For 2019:

The rate of compensation shall be \$27.00 per bill

For 2020:

The rate of compensation shall be \$27.25 per bill

For 2021:

The rate of compensation shall be \$27.25 per bill

Section 2:

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In addition to the foregoing compensation, the Tax Collector shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$27.00 for each interim bill rendered and collected and remitted during each year.

Section 3.

In no event, shall the total compensation received during a calendar year exceed five percent (5%) of the total Borough Real Estate Taxes collected and remitted during that calendar year.

Section 4.

The Tax Collector shall be paid at the next Council Meeting following receipt of cash payments and report of the number of corresponding bills collected; or corresponding properties liened.

Section 5.

The Tax Collector shall be reimbursed for actual expenses for supplies, processing, printing, blanks and forms necessary for collecting Borough Taxes as documented by receipts; and for the attendance of an annual meeting of the PSTCA in accordance to State Codes, including the registration fee;

Section 6.

The Borough shall pay for the required annual Bond.

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The Borough Shall pay for up to \$240 per year in in Bank Fees for maintaining a Bank Account for the collection of Borough Taxes.

Motion Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to adopt Resolution 2017-06 Tax Collector Compensation. There were no public comments. **Motion carried 4-1.**

Mrs. Rowley in an email also requested to increase the fee for certifications from \$15 per Certification to \$25 per Certification. Council would need to ask Mrs. Rowley how many certs she does per year before any changes to the fee is approved. Mrs. Rowley would also like to be reimbursed for training class and the \$35 registration fee. Council acted on allowing no more than \$250 for the training and registration fees for reimbursement for the tax collector.

Resolution No. 2017-07 – Montgomery County 20/40 Implementation Grant – This Resolution is for the Main Street Pedestrian Plaza that will be between 300 Main Street (Fire Company) and 350 Main Street (Sabo Apts.) The deadline is March 1, 2017. The total amount of the project is \$298,406. County Funds \$200,000, Local Funds \$35,552 from Capital Reserves and \$6,500 from the Schwenksville Fire Company. **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Todd Larsen to adopt Resolution 2017-07 Montgomery County 20/40 Implementation Grant. All of them were in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

MANAGER'S REPORT

Finance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the summary Financial Report. For the Period January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017 total income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$7,429.32 and Total Expenditures was \$24,467.93 for a net loss of \$17,038.61. General Fund experienced a net loss of -\$16,241.15. General Fund Assets total \$264,445.46, Capital fund Assets total \$25,508.12 and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$28,531.60 for a combined Assets total of \$318,485.18.

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

Street Light New Deposit with Univest Bank: Mrs. Klepfer asked for a **motion** that you Borough Council authorize Darren Rash, Anne Klepfer and Gail Phillips to be signers on the Business Checking Account with Univest Bank for the Street Light upgrade program. **Motion** Todd Larsen **Second** Lee Ann Miller, all in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Summit Avenue Speed Hump Proposal – Letters were sent to residents on Summit Avenue, Highland Avenue, Mt. view Avenue and Woodland Avenue. Mrs. Klepfer received comments from 13 residents most of whom are not in favor of speed humps for Summit Avenue. No motions were made so the speed hump proposal failed to move forward at this time. The Borough will use the Speed Display sign to monitor traffic on Summit Avenue.

Auditor's Training – Paula Steiger is one of the Borough's elected auditor's. Paula is asking Council for reimbursement of \$80 which is the cost to attend a comprehensive training course for auditor's. **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Todd Larsen to reimburse Paula Steiger \$80 to attend the training course. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Committee: Mayor Joe Giunta and Anne met with Ryan Beltz from the Perkiomen Watershed. During the meeting, they discussed the maintenance of the Raingarden at Meadow Park. Ryan Beltz emailed Anne and said that the Watershed would volunteer to take care of the maintenance of the Raingarden with volunteers. Anne had a quote from ProMark of \$6,000 to cleanup and maintain the Raingarden so this is a very generous offer.

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy is hosting their Annual Stream Clean-up day on **Saturday, April 8th between 9Am-12PM.**

Schwenksville Borough is partnering with Skippack Township and other neighboring municipalities to provide our residents with an electronics waste collection drop-off day. On Saturday, May 13, 2017 between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM residents may drop off electronics at Skippack Township's Palmer Park, Creamery Road, Skippack.

Property Committee: We are halfway through the installation of the four cameras, the placement of the cameras will be 2 on the front and 2 on the rear of Borough Hall. The labor and installation is being done as a donation.

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The committee is still looking into lighting behind Borough Hall. The committee had one estimate of approximately \$1,500. There is a location for a pole light which is something that was allowed for in the design, the conduit is there and we are looking into the cost of the light.

Revitalization Task Force: The artist for the Mural Project is still working on the next submission. Another meeting will be held when she is ready.

Historical Committee: The committee is working on getting resources together to be put on the website.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Miller asked about an official request to Lower Fredrick Township to help fix the problem with the private road at the end of Berger Lane out to Smith Road that the owner has closed to thru traffic. Mrs. Klepfer will contact Lower Fredrick Township about this matter.

Mr. Rash and Mayor Giunta thanked Anne again for all her work on getting the new street lights.

Adjournment - Motioned by Lee Ann Miller and **seconded** by Sarah Knickerbocker to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEXT MEETING(S):

March 2, 2017 Planning Commission 7PM @ Borough Hall

March 9, 2017 Council Regular Meeting 7PM @ Borough Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips
Secretary