

BOROUGH OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2017

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on May 11, 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, Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager, Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

Absent: Engineer David Leh.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor's Report, Mayor Giunta read the State Police statistics of 27 incidents for April 2017. The Daily Bread has a new temporary spot at 3839 W. Ridge Pike in Lower Providence Township. If anyone knows of land in the area for sale please talk to Mr. Giunta. Daily Bread Food Pantry is looking for dry goods, personal care items and cleaning items.

Fire Company Report, Fire Chief Ed Graf read the report for March 2017. There were 6 Calls, 17 men in service and 6:31 time in service. For the month of April 2017 there were 12 call, 45 men in service and 17:07 time in service.

Mr. Ed Graf submitted a letter to inform Schwenksville Borough Council that the Schwenksville Fire Company's intent is to consolidate Fire Fighting operations with Lower Frederick Fire Company. A formal vote by the members of the Schwenksville Fire Company will occur Monday, June 12, 2017. After said meeting the Schwenksville Fire Company would recommend to Borough Council that Lower Frederick Fire Company be adopted as the official Fire company providing the Fire Protection services to the Borough. Ms. Miller expressed appreciation to the Fire Company's service to the Community and that it is with regret that Council receives their letter.

Ambulance Report, Gail Phillips read the report for March 2017 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance had 6 calls for Greenfield Senior Living and 13 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 were just following up on the snow plowing for unordained streets. Mrs. Klepfer stated she is working on policy about plowing un-ordained roads and distribute the policy to the affected property owners before the next snow fall.

Aileen Johnson from the Schwenksville Library thanked Council for their support and left the Summer Activities flyer and a Flyer for June Jazz @ The Zoo on June 1 5pm to 8pm.

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Evan Kenny is renting the Main Street Eatery and wanted to introduce himself and Suzette to Council. The restaurant will have a new name "Snoozy's Café" and will serve breakfast, lunch and ice-cream.

Brian Pippert, member of the Schwenksville Park & Rec. Board and also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America addressed Council for their support to help pay some of the costs for new lighting at the Flag Pole in Meadow Park. Council is in favor of paying for a portion of the improvement that will benefit Meadow Park and bring the Borough's flag pole into compliance with flag regulations. Ms. Miller asked the PO SofA if they could please check to see if the light comes in a warmer temperature. The Borough using a 3,000 K color temperature and the specs for the light submitted for the flag pole will be much cooler and "bluer". Ms. Miller also asked if the light could be design to light up more than just the flag. Mr. Rash responded that the Park Board meets on Friday May 26 at noon and this will be discussed. Council agreed that since the money for the improvement will come out of the Park Board's Budget that the Park Board would have the authority to decide what portion of the \$1600 invoice the Borough would pay. Council will approve it on a future bill list.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report

ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the April 13, 2017 **Regular** Meeting Minutes and approve the April 13, 2017 **Regular** Meeting Minutes as amended by Todd Larsen. **Motion** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Lee Ann Miller. All in favor, **Motion carried 4 yay and Todd Larsen abstained.**

Treasurer's Report: Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending April 30, 2017, the current invoices due for payment total \$54,455.64. This includes \$24,859.03 from the General Fund, \$7,793.95 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$13,022.45 from payroll and \$8,780.21 from Capital Fund. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker and **seconded** by Todd Larsen to pay the bills totaling \$54,455.64. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

DVHT Trust Agreement – Resolution 2017-09 Health Care Trust to provide Health Insurance to Borough Employees. **Motion** to adopt Resolution 2017-09 by Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Special Counsel Proposal – Crown Castle is a Communications Company that installs and manages cell phone towers and now "mini cell networks". The Company is looking for a Right-of-Way use Agreement with the Borough. This could be a source of income for the Borough. Mr. Dunbar and Mrs. Klepfer recommend Dan Cohen to help negotiate the best agreement. The Borough used Mr. Cohen's assistance in negotiating the Cable Franchise agreements. Mr. Cohen's fee would be \$4,500. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to hire Dan Cohen to negotiate the agreement with Crown Castle but not to exceed \$4,500. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Shared Driveway Easement Agreement and Authorization for property appraisal will be discussed at the Executive Session.

Authorization for Solicitor to prepare an amendment to Ordinance Number 325 (Recognizing Schwenksville Fire Company) and authorization to advertise said amendment. – **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Todd Larsen to authorize the Solicitor to amend and advertise amended Ordinance #325. All 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 April 30, 2017 total income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$325,898.36 and Total Expenditures was \$153,395.07 for a net gain \$172,503.29. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$141,539. Assets: General Fund Assets total \$417,384.23, Capital fund Assets total \$17,780.77 and Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$60,292.71 for a combined Assets total of \$495,457.71.

Public Announcements:

Borough Association Communication Award: Schwenksville Borough is proud to announce that the Schwenksville Newsletter "Pathways" received a First-Place Recognition in the Borough News Municipal Newsletter Contest! Winners were selected based on content, presentation and "readability". Mrs. Klepfer and Ms. Miller attended a luncheon to accept this award.

Montgomery County 2040: A Shared Vision Grant: We are pleased to announce that Schwenksville Borough has received a 2017 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant for the Main Street Pedestrian Plaza. The \$200,000.00 grant, aimed at implementing the county comprehensive plan, *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*, is one of thirteen recently awarded by the Montgomery County Commissioners.

Streetscaping Guidelines & Plan: Council needs to read the Planning Commission's comments and the Task Force response. Mrs. Klepfer would like to have this on the June Agenda for adoption.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Property Committee: No Report

Historical Committee: No Report

Revitalization Task Force: The Committee will be meeting soon to discuss details that would be required by some of the projects that are upcoming, sidewalk medallions, flag emblem. Committee would make recommendation to Council for final approval. Also, Anne and Lee Ann met with a metal artist to get ideas for some of the detailed items for Main Street. This would be presented to the Park & Rec. Board to see if they have any interest in the metal art.

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Parks and Recreation Committee: The Committee will meet on the 4th 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 May 13, 2017. Please meet at Meadow Park at 9am. Still looking into getting a grill to place permanently near the pavilion.

Ryan from the Watershed will be meeting with Mr. Rash, Mrs. Klepfer and Mr. Leh next week.

Community Day: May 6th 10-3. Lee Ann and Gail had challenges this year due to the weather.

Lee Ann went to plan B to accommodate all of the vendors. The Committee will be meeting soon to review the day.

OTHER BUSINESS: With no other business Mr. Rash announced that Council will be going into the Executive Session at 8:24pm and excused the audience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Session was held to discuss Real Estate Matters.

Council resumed the regular meeting @ 8:49pm.

No action was taken.

Motioned by Sarah Knickerbocker and **seconded** by Greg Pocius to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEXT MEETING(S):

June 1 2017 Planning Commission 7PM @ Borough Hall

June 8, 2017 Council Regular Meeting 7PM @ Borough Hall

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail L. Phillips
Secretary