

SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH

April 11, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on April 11, 2019 to order at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 140 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

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

Also, present, Blake Dunbar Jr. Esquire, Engineer Dave Leh, P.E., Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager.

Absent: Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By the Assembly

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor's Report:

State Police Report for March 2019, 26 incidents including 11 Security checks at 55 Second Street (Schwenksville Elementary). Most notable is a Drug Possession arrest.

Fire Company Report: Chris Melville reported One (1) Fire calls for the month of March 2019 with no losses to report.

Emergency Management Report: Chris Melville report: continued review of the Emergency Operations Plan and that he has identified a temporary EOC location for the period of renovations to 300 Main Street.

Ambulance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the report for March 2019 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance which includes 21 calls for the month. They are no longer separating out calls to Greenfield Living from the general Borough calls. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776 & ask for the billing department.

Local Government Week: Mrs. Klepfer told Council that State Representative Marcy Toepel provided a Resolution passed by State Representatives to recognize all of the great things Local Government Officials contribute to their Communities. She also provided the Borough with a State Flag to fly.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: There were no audience comments.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Dave Leh, P.E.:

Meadow Park/Plaza: Punch list items to be reviewed tomorrow and they will come up with a time table to finish.

CDBG Sidewalk Project: There is a pre-construction Meeting scheduled for April 24th and James Kenney will be starting work shortly.

T.A. Set-Aside Project: The environmental clearance process identified possible Bog Turtle habitat but Dave Leh said not to worry, there are no Bog Turtles along Main Street.

Observation Deck Project: The design for the deck has been completed as well as for the Raingardens. We sent the two projects out to five different contractors and we received very high proposals from those who responded. However, Gary Schneider submitted quotes today for both projects that are acceptable. Mr. Leh asked Council to accept Gary Schneider's proposals with a total cost for both projects not to exceed \$43,000.00. **Motion** Todd Larsen **second** Greg Pocius to accept the two individual contract proposals that combined will not exceed \$43,000.00 All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Blake E. Dunbar Jr., Esquire:

Rental Registration Ordinance Amendment: **Motion:** Greg Pocius **Second**, Sarah Knickerbocker to authorize advertisement of the Rental Registration & Inspection Ordinance Amendment, subject to correction of a few typos. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Verizon Franchise Renewal – Special Council has forwarded Red-Lined Templates for a renewal Franchise Agreement, 10 year contract, non-exclusive that can be terminated for cause, provides for a 5% of net cable revenue fee paid to the Borough. Also, the Borough needs to conduct a Public Hearing to take public comments on the Franchise Agreement renewal process. **Motion:** Lee Ann Miller **Second**, Todd Larsen to authorize advertisement of a Public Hearing for the Verizon Franchise Renewal. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Lee Ann Miller asked if Verizon would come to remove old wires that are no longer in use. Apparently it is a common problem and isn't something they regularly do.

Resident Brian Pippert, asked if this is for the Communication Towers. It is not. Mrs. Klepfer explained how the Franchise Agreements Work; that it in order to market their cable television services Cable Companies are required to enter into Franchise Agreements with municipalities. Mr. Pippert asked how the Borough spends the fees collected. Mrs. Klepfer explained that it is a General revenue business fee.

ACTION ITEMS – MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES:

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the February 28, 2019 Special Meeting minutes and the March 14, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes and approve the minutes subject to some minor typographical revisions. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker and **seconded** by Greg Pocius. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Treasurer's Report: Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending March 31, 2019, the current invoices due for payment total \$44,980.85. This includes \$26,683.49 from the General Fund, \$15,540.19 from Capital Fund and \$13,350.98 payroll and taxes, \$793.50 from the Construction Fund and \$4,152.88 from Liquid Fuels. **Motion** by Todd Larsen **second** Lee Ann Miller to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$44,980.85 . All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

Resolution No. 2019-13 – A Resolution Authorizing the Incurrence of indebtedness for up to \$1,049,890 for the Renovations of a new borough hall and community room. This number is a not to exceed number. Motion by Greg Pocus, Second by Todd Larsen, All in favor. **Motion carried 4-0-1.** Lee Ann Miller abstained to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest because she owns property adjacent to the new borough hall.

Manager's Report – Anne Klepfer

Monthly Report A monthly activity report was submitted to Council by Mrs. Klepfer.

Finance Report: Mrs. Klepfer read the Financial Report for the Period January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$153,317.71 and Total Expenditures was \$101,443.12 for a net gain of \$51,874.59.00. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$22,624.00. General Fund Assets total \$402,164.88; Capital Fund Assets total 72,475.61; Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$90,600.93 and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$19,260.84 for a combined Assets total of \$584,502.26.

Electronic Recycling Drop-off in Skippack is June 1st

Plaza Dedication : A Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony is planned for Friday, April 26, 2019.

Committee Reports:

Community Day: The Borough will have a table for Community Day and have information about the Streetscaping Donor Program. Community Day has been a little bit slower coming together this year. The committee feels more vendors are still needed and a few more group performances. The big day is Saturday May 4th from 10:00 AM to 3 PM and she hopes everyone will be there.

Park Board:

Playground Mulching and Meadow Park cleanup is set for April 13, 2019. Anyone willing to help should just show up.

Meetings need to get scheduled to discuss Park Rules, New Signs for the Boat Ramp and Meadow Parking Lot. Ms. Miller said the signs warning that the parking is subject to flooding need to get up as soon as possible.

Historical Committee: The committee is meeting first Monday of the month. The Committee is reviewing the Draft Zoning Ordinance and would like to make recommendations to add some historic preservation language to the Ordinance. She will make those recommendations to Council in June.

Adjournment - Motion Sarah Knickerbocker by **second** Todd Larsen by to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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NEXT MEETING(S):

May 2, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00pm

May 9, 2019 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm – location to be determined

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Klepfer
Borough Manager