

Schwenksville Borough  
Council Meeting  
July 11, 2019

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

**Present,** Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Sarah Knickerbocker and Mayor Joe Giunta.

**Also, present,** Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager and Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

**Borough Council Vacancy:** Christopher Melville submitted his letter of interest for the Council vacancy. Lee Ann Miller **nominated** Christopher Melville **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to appoint Christopher Melville to the vacant seat left by the passing of Councilman Todd Larsen. This appointment will expire December 31, 2019. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken. All in favor. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Affidavit of Residency & Swearing in of New Council Member Christopher Melville.

Mayor Joe Giunta swore in New Council Member Christopher Melville.

Other vacancies will be advertised in the printed newsletter, website and the E-Newsletter.

**Absent:** Greg Pocius, Wendy Feiss McKenna Esquire, Engineer Dave Leh, P.E.,

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** By the Assembly

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Mayor's Report:**

**State Police Report** for June 2019, 50 incidents including 5 Security checks at 55 Second Street (Schwenksville Elementary). Most notable several traffic stops.

**Fire Company Report:** Chris Melville reported Six (6) Fire calls for the month of June 2019 with no losses to report. Five of those calls were false alarms at Univest Bank.

**Emergency Management Report:** Chris Melville report: No Report

**Fire Marshal – No Report**

**Ambulance Report:** No Report

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Alberta Lynch 808 Summit Avenue asked about when the curbs were put in on Summit Avenue and were the properties surveyed. Mr. Rash responded that the properties are not surveyed when putting in curbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Pippert of 99 Highland Avenue shared their opinions on agenda and non-agenda items. No action was taken relative to their comments.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Dave Leh, P.E. was absent for the meeting. Mrs. Klepfer gave the updates on the projects.

100 Block of Main Street: Contractor is finishing pouring of the concrete. Will be installing signs, bricks and Historical Marker and Medallion.

2017 CDBG Sidewalks – Payment #3 for \$33,515.69. **Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Chris Melville to approve payment #3 to James R. Kenney for \$33,515.69. All in favor. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Observation Deck/Raingarden: The Raingardens are in. The watershed Conservancy came out on Wednesday and finished the gardens. A change order is needed for Gary to put in the Belgian Blocks around the Raingardens. The blocks were given to the Borough by the County.

Sarah Knickerbocker **moved** to approve the change order not to exceed \$600.00 for the installation of the Belgian Block edging for the raingardens. The motion was **seconded** by Chris Melville and was approved unanimously.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Wendy Feiss McKenna, Esquire absent from Meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Dispense with the reading of the June 13, 2019 and approve the minutes of June 13, 2019. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker and **seconded** by Darren Rash. **Motion carried 3-0. One abstained.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending June 30, 2019, the current invoices due for payment total \$83,468.42. This includes \$19,345.51 from the General Fund, \$13,290.99 payroll and taxes \$50,104.43 from Capital Fund and, \$0.00 from Construction Fund, \$0.00 from Trash Fund and \$727.49 from Liquid Fuels. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$83,468.42. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Tax Refund for 920 Summit Avenue** – Authorization to Refund as determined by the County **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Chris Melville pending confirmation of the breakdown from the tax collector to refund 920 Summit Avenue. All in favor. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Resolution 2019-15:** A Resolution Authorizing Application for a Montgomery County Transportation Program Grant for Second Street between Perkiomen Avenue and the Borough Line. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Resolution 2019-16:** A Resolution Authorizing Application for a DCED Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Grant for Summit Avenue Road and Pedestrian Improvements. Project would be Summit Avenue and Pedestrian Improvements. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second**

Sarah Knickerbocker. **Motion carried 3-0.** Mr. Melville abstained as he resides on Woodland Avenue.

**Resolution 2019-17:** A Resolution Approving Emergency Repairs to Stormwater Pipes in Game Farm Road. Estimate cost from Eagle Contracting Inc. \$15,800. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to authorize the Emergency Repair to Stormwater Pipes in Game Farm Road west of Main Street subject to approval by the Borough Engineer and not to exceed \$15,800 using Liquid Fuels Funds. All in favor. **Motion carried 4-0.**

A second Emergency pipe repair at Game Farm was also uncovered. **Motion** Chris Melville **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to repair the second Emergency pipe repair with a cap not to exceed \$15,000 using Liquid Fuels Funds. All in favor. **Motion carried 4-0. [note: quote came in at \$5,950.00]**

### **Manager's Report – Anne Klepfer**

**Finance Report:** Mrs. Klepfer read the Financial Report for the Period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$474,489.01 and Total Expenditures was \$295,437.10 for a net gain of \$179,051.91. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$151,155.57. General Fund Assets total \$530,803.07; Capital Fund Assets total 2,943.59; Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$89,247.13 and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$19,404.67 for a combined Assets total of \$642,398.46.

**Print Newsletter** – A printed newsletter will be put together and include the vacancies that have incurred due to resignations. Council was invited to submit other articles or ideas for news articles. Mr. Rash indicated that he would like to include a Citizen Survey regarding Regional Police or Local Police Services. Residents will be given the choice of submitting a written survey or completing an on-line survey.

Council should have received an invitation to the Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce new office in Trapp on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**LERTA Program** – Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance allows for the abatement of taxes on qualifying new construction and or improvements to existing structures for a period of up to ten years. Council has no objections if Anne wishes to talk with the County about this Program.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Park Board** – Anne gave a price on new trash cans, board agrees the cost of these are too high, will be looking at other trash cans for the park.

Signage for the park are being worked on.

Rules update, the board is working on the signage and will need an updated Resolution.

Darren put up three of the four new banners on the trail lights.

**Historical Committee** – Continue working on the Observation Deck. Meeting on the first Monday of the Month.

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**Adjournment - Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Lee Ann Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**NEXT MEETING(S):**

August 1, 2019 Planning Commission 7:00pm @ Borough Hall  
August 8, 2019 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm @ Borough Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L Phillips  
Secretary/Treasurer