

SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH  
MARCH 14, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on March 14, 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, Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

**Absent:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** By the Assembly

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### Mayor's Report:

**State Police Report** for January 2019, 47 incidents, 18 Security checks at 55 Second Street (Schwenksville Elementary) for a total of 67.

Mayor Giunta introduced Reverend Adrian Tierson the new Pastor at Heidelberg United Church of Christ.

**Fire Company Report:** Chris Melville reported Three (3) Fire calls for the month of February 2019.

**Emergency Management Report:** Chris Melville report: Began bi-annual review of Emergency Operations Plan. Identified temporary EOC locations – awaiting confirmation.

**Fire Marshall Report:** Chris Melville report: dispatched to 1000 forest Lane for an automatic fire alarm. Began reviewing properties impacted by the Knox Box Ordinance.

**Ambulance Report:** Gail Phillips read the report for February 2019 stating Plymouth Community Ambulance had three calls for Greenfield Senior Living and five calls for the Borough. PCAA Memberships are available anytime; please call 610-277-2776 & ask for the billing department.

**Trash Exemption Requests:** Borough Council is declining to take action and will let Whitetail use their own discretion to remove customers from their service list.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Aileen Johnson from the Perkiomen Valley Library at Schwenksville. The Library agreed with the idea to close Church Street from Library Lane to Main during Community Day and asked if a golf cart can be used to transport people from the Library to Main Street. Council agreed this would be ok. The Used Book Sale will be held Saturday May 4, 2019, 10 am -12 pm. Aileen also thanked Council for their support of the Library.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT Dave Leh, P.E.:** Meadow Park/Plaza has the punch list items to finish.

**Observation Deck Project:** The design for the deck has been completed as well as for the Raingardens. They were submitted to the County for review. A building permit application was submitted by the Borough and Castle valley has reviewed it. The County is allowing the project to be split into two projects, Observation Deck and Raingarden. Gilmore is asking for authorization to request three quotes or go out to bid if necessary. **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Lee Ann Miller for three quotes under \$20,000 each for the Observation Deck/Raingarden Project. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Stormwater MS4 MAP.** Gilmore recommends updating the MS4 Stormwater Map in stages to bring it into compliance with DEP MS4 standards by the next permit renewal date. Gilmore is asking for authorization for 16 hours of engineering to complete the update. **Motion** Todd Larsen **second** Greg Pocius to cap the engineering at 16 hours to update the MS4 mapping. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

Rental Registration Ordinance needs to be updated.

Municipal lien was satisfied for 95 Woodland Avenue.

Real-estate matter will be deferred because it is better discussed at an Executive meeting at a later time. Potential Sale of Borough Hall.

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

**Minutes:** Dispense with the reading of the February 14, 2019 minutes and approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 Council Meeting as amended. **Motion** by Greg Pocius and **seconded** by Todd Larsen. All in favor, **Motion carried 4-0-1** Darren Rash abstained as he was absent from the February meeting. The February 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes were deferred until the March Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending February 28, 2019, the current invoices due for payment total \$42,891.16. This includes \$25,436.04 from the General Fund, \$3,266.85 from the Liquid Fuels Account, \$3,746.59 from Capital Fund and \$10,441.68 payroll and taxes. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Todd Larsen to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$42,891.16. All in favor, **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Resolution No. 2019-10** – Revised Schwenksville Borough CDBG Application: **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to adopt revised street repairs and stormwater improvements to Pleasantview Avenue and Highland Avenue. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Resolution No. 2019-11** – A Resolution Authorizing the Closing of Liquid Fuels PLGIT Account and Opening a Money Market Account (Liquid Fuels) with Uninvest Bank & Trust. **Motion** Greg Pocius **second** Todd Larsen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-11 the closing of PLGIT Liquid Fuels account and opening a Money Market Account (Liquid Fuels) at Uninvest Bank & Trust. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Resolution No. 2019-12** – Bank Resolution for Univest Bank & Trust Money Market Account (Liquid Fuels) naming Darren W. Rash, Lee Ann Miller and Gail L. Phillips as the signatories. **Motion** Todd Larsen **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to adopt Resolution No. 2019-12 naming Darren W. Rash, Lee Ann Miller and Gail L. Phillips as the signatories. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

### **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 February 28, 2019 Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Funds was \$48,920.05 and Total Expenditures was \$54,949.05 for a net loss of \$-6,029.00. General Fund experienced a net gain of \$392.77. General Fund Assets total \$381,686.02; Capital Fund Assets total \$-19,757.14; Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$58,849.28 and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$19,260.84 for a combined Assets total of \$440,039.00.

**Electronic Recycling Drop-off in Skippack is June 1<sup>st</sup>** and the Borough's cost is \$625 this year to participate. **Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Greg Pocius for the Borough to participate in the Recycling Drop-off in Skippack on June 1<sup>st</sup> at a cost of \$625. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Grant Update/Pavilion Project:** MONTCO 2040 Grant is submitted. However, we were notified that we were not selected for the PECO Green Region Grant. The question is do you want to leave the pavilion in the scope of the project. Council would prefer to leave the pavilion in the scope of the project and maybe get donors for the wish list of items.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Community Day:** The Borough will have a table for Community Day and have information about the Donor Program. The Authority has once again said they will pay for the Porta Pottys for Community Day. The Committee thanks them for their help.

### **Park Board:**

Walk around at the Plaza and Meadow Park Saturday March 30, 2019.  
Plaza cleanup April 6, 2019  
Playground Mulching and Meadow Park cleanup April 13, 2019.

**Historical Committee:** The committee will start meeting the first Monday of the month. Still working on the Observation Deck, walking tours etc. Received correspondence from Andreas Schwenk who is a 29-yr. old author from Berlin Germany, He believes that his ancestors who were related to Hans Michael Schwenk who came over with the family may be the original Schlenk's. The committee received donation form Frank Renninger's family some of which are quite interesting.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:** Regarding the Zoning Ordinance. It has been put on the Google drive. Please have all feedback to Anne by June 1, 2019.

Todd Larsen attended the introductory Environmental Advisory Board meeting at Lower Frederick Township. Todd doesn't believe this is anything that the Borough would be interested in. Todd gave the information to Anne.

Ms. Miller asked Mr. Pocius about the Authority's work on the asphalt side of the bridge and whether it will be replaced with concrete. Mr. Pocius replied that it will be concrete.

**Adjournment - Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker by **second** Todd Larsen by to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**NEXT MEETING(S):**

April 4, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00pm

April 11, 2019 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm – location to be determined

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Phillips  
Secretary