

Schwenksville Borough Council Meeting  
Thursday August 13, 2020 at 7 PM via ZOOM

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council meeting on August 13, 2020 to order at 7:00 PM via ZOOM, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

**Present,** Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Sarah Knickerbocker, Chris Melville, Maureen Harte.

**Also, present,** Engineer Josh Hagadorn, Damon Drummond, Traffic Engineer, Solicitor Wendy McKenna, Borough Manager Anne Klepfer and Borough Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

**Absent:** Mayor Joe Giunta

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** By the Assembly

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & Special Business**

Meeting Announcements from Darren Rash: I want to thank everybody for attending.

Due to the Corona Virus Covid-19 Restrictions on public gatherings and the ineffectiveness of Social Distancing in Borough Hall, Schwenksville Borough will be conducting Monthly Borough Council Meetings On-line via Zoom.

Participants are asked to Authenticate by signing into Zoom to avoid “Zoom Bombers”  
Borough Hall is closed to the Public until further notice.

On-line Meetings are permitted in accordance with Emergency Declarations for a Pandemic.  
Public Comments during the Public Forum should be submitted via the Chat Feature.

On-line Attendance & Public Forum Comments and Questions are available On-line.  
The Meeting will be Recorded and Meeting Minutes will be kept as usual. The written meeting minutes will be the official record of the meeting after they are approved at a subsequent meeting.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Giunta absent from meeting. Mr. Rash noted that there were 40 incidents for the Borough reported by the State Police.

### **Fire Company/Fire Marshal/EMC/Ambulance Reports:** Chris Melville

Continue to monitor the COVID situation.

As of July 31, the Borough has increased to 15 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

**Fire Marshal 29 April** – July 16, 2020 – Fire Alarm at 1000 Forest Lane, July 20, 2020 – Fire Alarm at 700 Main Street.

**EMS Calls** Borough Total: 9 (1 of these calls were handled by an outside agency) Greenfield Total: 6

**Public Forum – No Comments**

**Engineer's Report:**

**Traffic Concerns** – Damon Drummond, Traffic Engineer talked to Council about traffic concerns at Main/Game Farm/Mine Hill Road. Will see if changing the louvers on the traffic light on Main Street will help people notice the STOP sign at Game Farm and Mine Hill. Also, will talk with PennDOT about the speed limit signs and again about a left turn signal at Main and Gamefarm.

Josh Hagadorn, Engineer updated on drainage complaints –

1. 153 Centennial Street post office sink hole. Work was done at the property beside the post office, will run camera to see damage.
2. 251 Centennial Street – received damage in basement, will run camera to see if the new pipe in the easement is capped off. Home owner is responsible for the damage to the floor on their property.
3. 421 Centennial Street – Culvert runs underneath the property and the culvert is blocked by debris. Gilmore recommends who owns and who is responsibility it is. The Borough is responsible for formal infrastructure that is in the Rights-away of the roads or where we have arranged easements and have improved a natural drainage area. Do not believe it is part of our MS4 system.
4. 49 Main St/61 Main St – sink hole from deteriorated pipe. Cone has been placed. This is the Borough's responsibility to fix.
5. Repaving of Pleasantview Avenue complaint of water runoff. Possible solution to put in curbing or use asphalt to deter water runoff. Follow up with the County.
6. Woodland Avenue – A sinkhole has formed at the top of the hill. Previous repairs were made at the sinkhole that had formed and the concern is that the entire pipe that continues down the road and crossed over Woodland would potentially need to be replaced. A grant application was submitted to DCED for A PA Small Waters Grant to help with the repairs and we should hear from them in November.

Working with the contractor for repairs due to the washout at the Observation Deck due to the storm.

**Solicitor's Report:** Wendy Feiss McKenna; Executive Meeting was held at 6:30 pm concerning potential Litigation.

**Action Items – Motion's, Resolutions, Authorizations:**

**Minutes:** Dispense with the reading of the July 9, 2020 and approve the minutes of July 9, 2020, **Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Lee Ann Miller. All were in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending July 31, 2020, the current invoices due for payment total \$69,004.16. This includes \$229,534.72 from the General Fund, \$8,393.50 payroll and taxes \$19,859.29 from Capital Fund and \$10,826.65 from Liquid Fuels, Fire Museum Fund \$390.00. **Motion** by Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$69,004.16. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**300 Main Street Renovation Project Action Items:**

**Payments:**

**Payment #8-** \$129,312.09 – Uhrig Construction - **Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Chris Melville to approve payments to UHRIG Construction. **Motion carried 4-0** with Lee Ann Miller abstaining from the vote as she is part owner of the adjacent property at 250 Main Street.

**Resolution #2020-15-** Application to Montgomery County Transportation Program Grant – Summit Avenue.

**Resolution 2020-16** -Amending Resolution No. 2020-12 and authorizing application to the CFA/DCED Multi-modal Transportation Grant for Summit Avenue Improvements.

**Motion** Lee Ann Miller **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to adopt Resolution #2020-15 and Resolution #2020-16. **Motion carried 4-0** with Chris Melville abstaining from the vote as a neighboring property owner.

**Borough Halloween Parade** – The Rotary Club inquired as to whether or not the Halloween Parade should be planned and scheduled. Since Council was not provided with any amended plans that address the CDC guidelines for public gatherings, and if a decision is needed immediately, Council decided that due to COVID-19 and social distancing, the 2020 Halloween Parade should be canceled. **Motion** Chris Melville **second** Maureen Harte. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Manager's Report**

**Finance Report-** For the fiscal period January 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020. Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund was \$477,343.54 and Total Expenditures was \$487,590.71 for a net loss of \$10,247.17. General Fund experienced a net loss of \$14,008.87. Assets: General Fund Assets total \$302,605.93; Capital Fund Assets total \$7,837.64; Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$53,015.26; and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$19,027.81; 300 Main Street Construction Fund Assets equal \$16,030.83 for a combined Assets total of \$398,517.47.

**Budget Requests/Review Requests** – Please see email that Anne sent out about requests for the Budget Committee and use the link provided in the email.

**Auction of 140 Main Street** – The agreement with Alderfer Auctioneer has been executed.

**Landscaping beside Borough Hall** – Lee Ann would like to place more plants at a cost of less than \$100. Council had no objections.

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**OTHER BUSINESS –**

Planning Commission made a formal Recommendation to review the structure and composition of the Borough Authority and explore regionalization. Mr. Rash said the Authority was prepared for the Emergency and how they shut down the equipment as the flood waters came up to try to save the equipment. Mr. Melville would like to thank Ed and Kelvin for staying around to help to stop the flood waters from getting into the Authority Property.

Lee Ann Miller will abstain from the discussion as she is an adjoining property owner at 250 Main Street.

**Adjournment:** Sarah Knickerbocker made the **motion, second** Chris Melville to adjourn the ZOOM meeting at 8:17pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Next Meeting(s):**

September 3, 2020 Planning Commission 7:00pm via ZOOM

September 10, 2020 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm via ZOOM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L Phillips  
Secretary/Treasurer