

Schwenksville Borough  
Council Meeting  
Thursday November 12, 2020 7:00pm via ZOOM

Council President Darren Rash called the Schwenksville Borough Council Meeting on October 8, 2020 to order at 7:00 PM via ZOOM, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

**Present,** Darren Rash, Lee Ann Miller, Sarah Knickerbocker, Chris Melville, Maureen Harte and Mayor Joe Giunta

**Also, present,** Engineer Dave Leh, Solicitor Wendy McKenna, Borough Manager Anne Klepfer and Borough Secretary-Treasurer Gail Phillips.

**Absent:**

**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 can be made by unmuting yourself and asking to be recognized or can be submitted via the Chat Feature.

The Meeting will be Recorded and kept until the official Meeting Minutes are adopted as usual. The written meeting minutes will be the official record of the meeting after they are approved at a subsequent meeting.

**Executive meeting was held at 6:00 pm for a Real Estate Matter.**

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor did not receive the State Police Report this month. Mr. Rash noted that there were 38 incidents for the Borough reported by the State Police.

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

**Emergency Management** – Borough Emergency Operations Plan annual review completed and updated. It is currently with the County DPS for review.

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**Fire Marshal 15 Oct.** – The Fire Marshal was called to a report of a broken water pipe at 3311 Forest Lane.

**EMS Calls** Borough Total: (1 call handled by an outside agency)  
Greenfield Total: 4

**Public Forum** – No Comments

**Engineer’s Report:** Dave Leh reported that he received the second quote for the Observation Deck repairs but that Rich Sell was still the lowest quote. Additional repairs were added to the scope so the price is slightly higher than first quoted. They will also be starting on the road repairs on summit Avenue.

Flood Mitigation Study is for Councils information and that Mrs. Klepfer is looking for a grant to pay for the study.

**Solicitor’s Report:** Wendy Feiss McKenna; Solicitors written report was given to Council. The Auction of Borough Hall has been advertised for the on-line bidding November 13 through November 18<sup>th</sup> ending at 1:00pm. The walkthrough is scheduled for November 10 at 1pm -3pm. A Special Council Meeting will be held Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm to review and hopefully accept the bid.

**Bond Counsel** – Doug Rauch presented the **Loan Resolution 2020-22** for the renovations at 300 Main Street Schwenksville, PA 19473. The loan from the USDA totals \$1,049,890.00. Loan Resolution 2020-22 is a Resolution of the Council of the Schwenksville Borough AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING AND/OR EXTENDING ITS RENOVATION OF A FORMER FIRE HOUSE INTO A NEW BOROUGH HALL AND COMMUNITY ROOM. Four points 1. Authorize the Refinancing. 2. Authorize the Bond Issue. 3. Sets forth certain Federal and State Law Covenants. 4. General Authorization for the appropriate officers and representatives of the Borough to do all things necessary to sign all the documents to get to closing. Mr. Rauch’s office will file with the USDA. **Motion** Chris Melville to adopt Resolution 2020-22 as presented **second** Sarah Knickerbocker. **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.

**Ordinance No 403** -AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SCHWENSVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING FORTH ITS INTENT TO ISSUE ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES OF 2020, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FORTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$1,049,890). **Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Maureen Harte to adopt Ordinance No. 403. **Motion carried 4-0** with Lee

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Ann Miller abstaining from the vote as she is part owner of the adjacent property at 250 Main Street.

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

**Minutes:** Deferred the October minutes to the December meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Gail Phillips submitted the Treasurer report for the period ending November, 2020, the current invoices due for payment total \$40,047.40. This includes \$18,584.97 from the General Fund, \$13,704.03 payroll and taxes \$6,867.80 from Capital Fund and \$890.60 from Liquid Fuels. **Motion** by Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Lee Ann Miller to pay the invoices and payroll totaling \$40,047.40. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

**Payments:**

**Payment #11-** \$78,319.52 – Uhrig Construction and RK&CO \$1,070.90, Robert L Brant & Associates \$208.00 and \$2,532.14 interest paid. **Motion** Chris Melville **second** Sarah Knickerbocker to approve payments to UHRIG Construction and RK& CO and Robert L Brant & Associates. **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.

**Change order #23** changing the Substantial Completion Date to 11/13/2020. Motion Chris Melville second Maureen Harte to approve change order #23. **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.

**Finance Report-** For the fiscal period January 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020. Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund was \$565,737.60 and Total Expenditures was \$629,989.61 for a net loss of \$64,252.01. General Fund experienced a net loss of \$55,258.20. Assets: General Fund Assets total \$249,317.77; Capital Fund Assets total \$40,222.97; Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$40,259.75; and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$18,264.44; 300 Main Street Construction Fund Assets equal \$17,203.04 for a combined Assets total of \$365,267.97.

**Meeting Location Moving Forward** – All meetings will be virtual (ZOOM) until governor lifts the restrictions.

**Meeting Facility Usage** – Revisit in January and until governor lifts the restrictions.

**Dedication of New Building** – Virtual Tour delay. January discussion.

**2021 Draft Budget Presentation** – Borough Manager Anne Klepfer presented the 2021 Draft Budget as prepared by the Borough Finance Committee to Borough Council for Authorization to advertise the 2021 Draft Budget which has a tax increase of 1.4mils and to authorize to

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advertise the Tax Ordinance. All funds total \$1,165,685.00 and represents the smallest budget since 2016, indicative of a slowdown in activity. Council is reluctant to increase the tax but believes it is necessary to authorize **advertisement and Public Comment and also Authorize Advertisement of Tax Ordinance – Motion** Sarah Knickerbocker **second** Chris Melville to authorize to advertise both the Draft Budget with the 1.4 Tax increase and the Tax Ordinance. All in favor. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Ms. Miller would like to know if there would be one last Park/Plaza clean up November 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Klepfer said Uhrig is still working on cleanup around the building but other than that there are no conflicts.

**Adjournment:** Chris Melville made the **motion, second** Sarah Knickerbocker to adjourn the ZOOM meeting at 8:22pm. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Next Meeting(s):**

November 20, 2020 Special Meeting of Borough Council  
December 3, 2020 Planning Commission 7:00pm via ZOOM  
December 10, 2020 Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm via ZOOM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L Phillips  
Secretary/Treasurer