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### **BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE COUNCIL AGENDA APRIL 26, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

1. AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL – Present: C. Ansell; W. Scales; S. Alfonso Wells; W. Price; J. Miser; F. Quinn; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. Molly Rice and Rusty Thelin, RealTime Arts (formerly RealTime Interventions)
    - i. Provided an update on Swissvale Art Projects.
  - b. Katyana Gradler (On behalf of SAGE: Swissvale Area Garden Enthusiasts)
    - i. Presented about the Swissvale Edible Garden Tour 2023.
    - ii. Council approved a \$150 donation to the Edible Garden Tour.
4. AGENDA ITEMS
  - a. Discuss Garbage Truck purchase
    - i. Two motions – One to purchase the vehicle and second to approve financing.
      1. This purchase was part of the approved vehicle replacement plan to replace every 10 years. Mr. Bachy asked for proposals from the two largest companies and received two quotes. The Public Works Committee is asking Council to approve the purchase and financing of the truck. Prices have increased significantly recently, but the budget can cover the purchase. Public Works Committee met and is in favor of the purchases.
  - b. Discuss agreement with Duquesne Light for EV Charging and an agreement with Greenedge Technology.
    - i. C. Ansell gave updates on the project.
    - ii. Discussion by Council. Council authorized Mr. McTiernan to work with Greenedge’s lawyer to work out an amicable agreement. C. Ansell suggested that Council table the Greenedge contract vote at next week’s meeting until the contract can be further reviewed.

- c. Discuss the Pollinator Garden
  - i. C. Ansell gave background information regarding the RSA Grant from Senator Costa's Office.
  - ii. Discussion by Council.
- d. Ratify the hiring of a part-time Police Officer
  - i. Mr. Bachy gave background on the interview and hiring process.
- e. Ratify the hiring of a part-time firefighter
  - i. An interview is scheduled for Friday with the Fire Committee.
- f. Discuss hiring Note Counsel for the Borough Building borrowing
  - i. Mr. Bachy stated that having a Note Counsel is typical for this size loan. The fee is \$15,000 for the service. Mr. McTiernan recommends the use of a Note Counsel.
- g. Discuss an ordinance to approve the Kenmawr Bridge Transfer Agreement between Allegheny County and Swissvale
  - i. Mr. Bachy provided details and background on the Kenmawr Bridge Project. Council must accept ownership and maintenance of the curbs and sidewalks, guide rails, roadway lighting, rain garden and storm water management, traffic signals, and the retaining wall that supports the turning lane. The Borough will be responsible for winter maintenance.

## 5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. POLICE – Chief Watson
  - i. With nicer weather, officers will be doing park and walk and bike patrols.
  - ii. The LEAD Program continues. Social referrals have started, providing services to community members.
- b. CODE and FIRE – Chief Wilhelm
  - i. Thanked everyone who supported the fish fry.
  - ii. Call volumes have been consistently increasing.
  - iii. A local fire was mitigated quickly by the fire fighters' efforts.
- c. PUBLIC WORKS – Jordan D'Ambrosio
  - i. Not present
- d. BOROUGH MANAGER - Greg Bachy
  - i. The Annual Litter Clean Up day was Saturday. About 20 volunteers helped. Mr. Bachy thanked everyone who came out.
  - ii. The Hazardous Waste Event is from 9 am – 1 pm on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Park. Must bring proof of residency.
  - iii. Mr. Bachy and Mr. Zischkau had a meeting with the County regarding grants and bidding for the trail project. He is waiting on the signed contract from the County.

- iv. The Borough is looking to do line painting as a joint project with Edgewood along S. Braddock Ave. Mr. Bachy is working with Edgewood's manager to get the entire corridor done. He is waiting to hear from Parking Lot Paving to find a date.
    - v. Mr. Bachy is working with Mr. McTiernan to get all borrowing documents in place.
    - vi. Applications for the Human Relations Commission are due on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - vii. Mr. Bachy expressed his condolences to the Sullivan family. Tim Sullivan, a long-time Public Works employee, passed away.
    - viii. S. Alfonso Wells asked about repainting of crosswalks and repainting curbs. The Public Works department will work on crosswalks.
    - ix. C. Ansell asked about the potholes under 376.
    - x. W. Scales asked about the hiring of summer help. Mr. Bachy confirmed that the Borough is hiring for summer help which is available to anyone age 14+. Primary responsibilities include lot mowing and park maintenance. Pay is \$12 an hour up to 40 hours a week.
  - e. COUNCIL PRESIDENT – President Ansell
    - i. Appointed F. Quinn to the DPW Committee.
  - f. SOLICITOR – Robert McTiernan
    - i. Nothing in addition to report.
- 6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS
  - a. W. Scales was not present during item 4c and shared her thoughts on the pollinator garden proposal.
  - b. W. Price asked about procedural practices.
- 7. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE AGENDA MEETING AT 8:59 P.M. Moved by J. Miser. 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Scales. All ayes, motion carries.