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**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL
 - a. Present: C. Ansell; W. Scales; S. Alfonso Wells; J. Miser; W. Price; F. Quinn; A. Stribling; Mayor Swartzwelder
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Spiro Karoubalis (7414 Park Ave) - Abandoned house with trash at 7412 Park Ave and general lack of code enforcement on that street.
 - b. Steve Odonnell (1217 LaClair Ave) - Parking ticket issued for parking in the wrong direction.
 - c. Gaye Fifer (1125 LaClair Ave) - Parking ticket issued for parking in the wrong direction.
4. COUNCIL ACTIONS
 - a. Minutes
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023, Council Agenda Meeting and the August 2, 2023 Council Meeting.
 1. Moved by J. Miser, 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - b. Finance
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the Borough of Swissvale paid bills in the amount of \$872,730.77.
 1. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by J. Miser. All Ayes, Motion carries.

- ii. MOTION: I move to approve a donation of \$10,018.55 to the Swissvale Community Food Pantry from the remaining ARPA funds.
 - 1. Moved by A. Stribling, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - iii. MOTION: I move to approve Ordinance #23-03 authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Six-Million Five-Hundred Thousand Dollars.
 - 1. Moved by W. Price, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- c. Personnel
- i. MOTION: I move to approve a 1.5% salary increase for Jordan D’Ambrosio retroactive to July 25, 2023.
 - 1. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - 2. Comments by Mr. Bachy to give clarification. Mr. D’Ambrosio began working mid-year and so was only given half of a raise because he had only been working half a year. This was discussed in the executive session and was meant to complete his raise from last year. This is retroactive to his anniversary date.
- d. Contracts
- i. MOTION: I move to approve a contract with El Grande Industries for the construction of handicapped accessible curb cuts in the amount of \$30,000.00 for bid items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.
 - 1. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by F. Quinn. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - ii. MOTION: I move to approve a contract with Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the pre-demolition asbestos and hazardous materials abatement management services at the old Borough Building.
 - 1. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- e. Ordinance
- i. MOTION: I move to approve Ordinance #23-04 to restrict parking on a section of Aurelius Street for the charging of Electric Vehicles only.
 - 1. Moved by J. Miser, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - 2. Discussion by Council.
- f. Resolutions
- i. MOTION: I move to approve Resolution #23-18 approving the submission of a grant application to the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant Program for funding to construct handicapped accessible curb cuts in various locations in Swissvale.
 - 1. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by J. Miser. All Ayes, Motion carries.

- ii. I move to approve Resolution #23-19 approving the submission of a grant application to the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant Program for funding to replace the sanitary sewer line on Schley Avenue.
 - 1. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by A. Stribling. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- iii. I move to approve Resolution #23-20 approving the submission of a grant application to the Local Share Account Program for funding to make improvements at the Wilkins School Community Center.
 - 1. Moved by J. Miser, 2nd by S. Alfonso Wells. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- iv. I move to approve Resolution #23-21 approving the submission of a grant application to the Local Share Account Program for funding to study the need for traffic calming measures and implement traffic calming at various locations in Swissvale.
 - 1. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by S Alfonso Wells. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - 2. Clarifying comments by W. Scales.
- v. I move to approve Resolution #23-22 approving the submission of a grant application to the Local Share Account Program for funding for the M-48 Drainage Area Storm and Sanitary Sewer Separation project.
 - 1. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by S. Alfonso Wells. All Ayes, Motion carries.
- vi. I move to approve Resolution #23-23 approving the submission of a grant application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for funding for the M-48 Drainage Area Storm and Sanitary Sewer Separation project.
 - 1. Moved by S. Alfonso Wells, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.

g. Reports

- i. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales
 - 1. There will be a COG meeting at the end of the month.
- ii. CONNECT Report – Shawn Alfonso Wells
 - 1. CONNECT has officially separated from the University of Pittsburgh.
 - 2. Gave praise to Chief Watson and Chief Wilhelm for their work in CONNECT.
- iii. Building Committee Report – William Price
 - 1. The gas is being turned off tomorrow at the Roslyn Street location.
 - 2. Notice to proceed was given on August 30th to proceed with the demolition.

- iv. President's Report – Chris Ansell
 - 1. Commented on the EV charging station progress. CONNECT will be featuring Swissvale in their EV Charging tour. There will be a ribbon cutting on September 28th at 12:45 pm.
 - 2. A request was received from a resident on Woodstock Ave for a proposal for some ARPA Funds.

 - v. Mayor's Report – Deneen Swartzwelder
 - 1. Saturday, Sept 16th from 2-6 pm is a Food Truck Roundup & Fall Festival at Collingwood.
 - 2. September is "Love your Library Month" – matching funds for renovations.
 - 3. Carrie Furnace Events – Irish Festival, Sept 20th – Little Amal.
 - 4. SEDCO is sponsoring a Veteran's Breakfast on Nov 11th.
 - 5. Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Palooza on Oct 28th.

 - vi. Borough Manager's Report – Greg Bachy
 - 1. EV Charging Station installation started today.
 - 2. Dr. Castagna cleared meeting at Dickson School at October meeting. Agenda meeting will remain via Zoom.
 - 3. Police Regionalization meeting dates are being organized.
 - 4. There is a Zoning Hearing board meeting scheduled for Sept 21st.

 - vii. Borough Engineer's Report – Robert Zischkau
 - 1. Working on further grant funding for borough projects.
 - 2. Provided updates on the walking trail project from Memorial Park to Collingwood and Carrie Furnace.

 - viii. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins
 - 1. The new online payment system is now in service. The billing service is still being moved over. Residents will have to sign up with their new customer number in October.
 - 2. PENNVEST Lead line replacement continues.
 - 3. There were 29 main line breaks, none in Swissvale.
 - 4. There were 9 services repairs in Swissvale.

 - ix. Solicitors Report – Robert McTiernan
 - 1. Pleased to see the general obligation note be approved tonight.

 - x. Announcements –
 - 1. W. Scales – commented on the annual Collingwood day which took place over the weekend. The Darin Poindexter memorial was unveiled at the event. Thanked the Collingwood Reunion Committee for their work.
5. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:05 p. m. Moved by W. Scales, 2nd by S. Alfonso Wells. All Ayes, Motion carries.