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**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 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. None.
4. COUNCIL ACTIONS
 - a. Minutes
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2023, Council Agenda Meeting and the September 6, 2023 Council Meeting.
 - a. Moved by F. Quinn, 2nd by J. Miser. All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - b. Finance
 - i. MOTION: I move to approve the Borough of Swissvale paid bills in the amount of \$429,679.62.
 - a. Moved by W. Price, 2nd by S. Alfonso Wells. All Ayes, Motions carries.
5. Reports
 - a. C.O.G. Report – Weldianne Scales
 - i. There was a meeting on September 28; Open discussion about events that took place while on break.
 - ii. W. Scales commented that she hopes C.O.G. will show interest in DEI services in the future by hiring a DEI officer to implement

trainings/policies. Noted that Swissvale is one of the only communities in C.O.G. pursuing D.E.I. initiatives.

- b. CONNECT Report – Shawn Alfonso Wells
 - i. Presented Committee with new projects.
 - ii. Predicted new finances for future projects.

- c. Building Committee Report – William Price
 - i. The contract requires for demolition to be completed by late November.
 - ii. The asbestos abatement is in the permitting process. Once abatement is complete, demolition will begin.
 - iii. G. Bachy met with a contractor to explore options for live feed cameras.

- d. President’s Report – Chris Ansell
 - i. Review of ribbon cutting ceremony for EV chargers.
 - ii. Executive session following meeting for matters of personnel.

- e. Mayor’s Report – Deneen Swartzwelder
 - i. Rotary will host trivia night at Pub in the Park, Wednesday, October 11 at 7 PM in honor of National World Polio Day.
 - ii. Rotary will host a Sip and Paint event at Pub in the Park, Tuesday, October 17 at 6 PM in honor of National World Polio Day as well as Swissvale Rotary.
 - iii. Rotary is raising awareness for the Senior Center.
 - iv. Halloween Parade will be on October 28 at 12 PM; Pumpkin Palooza will be 12:30 to 3 PM located on the corner of McClure and Monroe.
 - v. Trick or Treat- October 31 from 6 to 8 PM.
 - vi. Veterans Breakfast-SEDCO will host on Saturday, November 11 at Swissvale Presbyterian Church; sign up at Swissvalesedco@gmail.com.

- f. Borough Manager’s Report – Greg Bachy
 - i. Finance Committee is meeting on Wednesday October 11 to discuss the budget for next year.
 - ii. Surplus equipment needs to be sold. No objections from Council to selling items.
 - iii. Thursday, October 5 at 11 AM is the next Regional Police meeting with Braddock Hills and DCED.
 - iv. Two part-time police interviews will take place on Wednesday, October 11 at 4.30 PM via Zoom.
 - v. The next Human Relations Committee meeting will take place on October 12 at 5:30 PM via Zoom.
 - vi. C.O.G and Connect are hosting a Regional Fire Forum to discuss the state of fire services. It will take place on October 18 at 6 PM. Location TBA.
 - vii. SVFD fish fry will take place on October 6 from 11 AM to 7PM at the fire department.

- g. Borough Engineer’s Report – Robert Zischkau
 - i. The demolition contractor should be in town within the next two weeks

- ii. The Alcosan Grow Grant will be funding the M48 project. Amount unknown.
 - h. Water Authority Report – Tracey Crombie-Collins
 - i. PENNVEST Phase I confirmed extended deadline, pending items that have not been finished, contact WPJWA.
 - ii. There were 29 mainline breaks, 2 in Swissvale
 - iii. 22 distribution services in Swissvale
 - iv. The new online payment system is now available
 - 1. Council asked to clarify information for new payment system
 - 2. T. Crombie-Collins explained new account numbers will be issued and residents would have to create an account with the 3rd party vendor for online billing.
 - i. Solicitors Report – Robert McTiernan
 - 1. Nothing to report
6. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 7:27 p. m. Moved by S. Alfonso Wells, 2nd by W. Scales. All Ayes, Motion carries.