

SAXONBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 6, 2017

President Weinzierl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Carol Neubert, Scott Herbst, Joshua Novotny, Sherry Weinzierl, Patricia Rinebolt, David Felsing, Thomas Knights, and Mayor Gillespie were present.

Also in attendance were Mary Papik/Manager, Chief Joseph Beachem, Michael Gallagher/Solicitor, Fred Caesar, Karen Kennedy, Peter Watt, and Carol Young.

Executive Session President Weinzierl announced that under the terms of Act 84, Section 8A, subsection 1, Council would meet in Executive Session just prior to adjournment, to discuss personnel matters. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required

Correspondence

- Murrin, Taylor, & Gallagher, November 3, 2017, 2018 proposal for services.
- Senator White, November 14, 2017, Bill 271 ancillary casinos.
- Jefferson Township Supervisors, November 30, 2017, Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Bonniebrook Road.

Minutes President Weinzierl asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on November 1, 2017. Hearing none, they were approved as printed.

Public Comments

Fred Caesar

- Fred stated that “Stuff the Cruiser” was another success with the cruiser being stuffed three times, and \$303 in cash being donated. The items are being distributed to the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots.
- Fred gave an update on net proceeds from the 185th & 175th Anniversary Celebration. The net proceed is \$3,486.31. A huge success as well.
- Fred stated that on Saturday, December 16, 2017 the film “Roebing’s Bridge” will be shown at Cooper Hall. Tickets are available at the South Butler Community Library and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. A reception will start at 5 p.m. in the museum and then the movie will be shown in Cooper hall. The producer, director, and three main actors will also be in attendance and open to answer any questions.

SHRC Scott Herbst

- Scott reminded Council about the Christmas Potluck dinner on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Cooper Hall.

SABA Joshua Novotny

- Josh reminded Council about the Holiday Mixer at the Mainstay on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

- The Mayor explained that the South Butler Community Library has some great programs and fundraisers going on.

- The Mayor and the Police Department will be at II-VI on Friday, December 15, 2017 for a meeting.
- The Mayor stated that the Chief Adams memorial service on Monday, December 4, 2017, went well. Also, the medallions have arrived and medallions 1,2, and 3 have been mailed out.
- The Mayor explained that the Saxonburg Borough Police Department did not receive the COPS Grant.

Chief of Police Joseph Beachem had no report

Manager Mary Papik

Tax Ordinance #465

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to adopt Tax Ordinance #465 which establishes the Borough's taxes for 2018. The motion carried.

2018 Saxonburg Borough Budget

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Joshua Novotny to adopt the 2018 Saxonburg Borough Budget. The motion carried.

2018 Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance

- Mary explained that Dental and Vision insurance rates remained the same as 2017. The Health insurance rate went up 15.2% from the current rate, however the aggregate is in line with the Union Contract, and no further evaluation is necessary.

Motion was made and seconded by Joshua Novotny/Scott Herbst to approve the 2018 health, vision, and dental insurance rates. The motion carried.

Aderhold Park

- Mary stated that A.L.M Tree Pros will be starting the work on Monday, December 11, 2017.

Electronic Payments

- Mary explained that if the Borough would do electronic payments for permits, it would reduce the work for the staff. She is unaware of the service charge that would be issued through the bank, but the cost for this software is included in the software package that was approved in the 2018 Budget. More information to come in the upcoming months.

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Carol Neubert to approve the bills as presented. \$20,001.50 paid from the Borough's General Fund, of which \$12,412.62 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$7,588.88 is the Authority's portion of the expense. In addition, a check for the Authority's Revenue fund in the amount of \$6.61, decrease adjustments in November from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$26,704.782 of which \$12,830.51 was the Borough's portion of the expense and \$13,747.57 was the Authority's portion of the expense, and payroll for November 2017. The motion carried with Patricia Rinebolt abstaining.

Solicitor Michael Gallagher had no report

Old Business None

New Business

Ordinance #464 – Amendment to Chapter 17, §106 of Ordinance 460

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Joshua Novotny to adopt Ordinance #464 which states that park hours for Roebling Park, Cooper Hall, and the Saxonburg Museum, shall be determined from time to time by Resolution of Borough Council. The motion carried.

Resolution #8-2017 – Park Hours

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Patricia Rinebolt to adopt Resolution #8-2017 which states that Roebling Park shall be open to the public from sunrise to sunset daily, and shall be closed to the public from sunset to sunrise daily, except for authorized functions when it shall be open until 11 p.m. The motion carried.

Resolution # 9-2017 – Fred Caesar

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Scott Herbst to adopt Resolution #9-2017 which is honoring Fred Caesar for his exemplary service to many organizations within the Borough. The motion carried.

Proclamation – “Roebling’s Bridge” Recognition Day

- This proclamation will be presented at the showing of the film “Roebling’s Bridge” in Cooper Hall on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to adopt the Proclamation that makes December 16, 2017 “Roebling’s Bridge” Recognition Day. The motion carried.

Reappointment to Saxonburg Area Authority Board – Scott Herbst

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Joshua Novotny to reappoint Scott Herbst to another five-year term on the Saxonburg Area Authority Board, as a representative of Saxonburg Borough, which will expire December 31, 2022. The motion carried.

Reappointment to Saxonburg Planning Commission – Gerald Neubert

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/David Felsing to reappoint Gerald Neubert to another four-year term on the Saxonburg Planning Commission, which will expire December 31, 2021. The motion carried.

Reappointments to Saxonburg Zoning Hearing Board – Frank Miller & Harry Fleischer

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Joshua Novotny to reappoint Frank Miller and Harry Fleischer to another four-year term on the Saxonburg Zoning Hearing Board, which will expire December 31, 2021. The motion carried.

Reappointments to HARB – Mary Papik, Jack Hutterer, & Gretchen Kaltenhauser-Gkurzawa

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Carol Neubert to reappoint Mary Papik, Jack Hutterer, and Gretchen Kaltenhauser-Gkurzawa to another three-year term on the Historic Architectural Review Board, which will expire December 31, 2020. The motion carried.

Constitution Avenue

- The Mayor and councilmember Knights asked about the Jefferson Township agreement on Constitution Avenue that was mentioned in the Superintendents report. Mary Explained that Constitution Avenue is a high priority to be paved in 2018. We will pave our section of the road, and are unaware if Jefferson Township will be paving their section in 2018.

Utility Company Construction Requirements

- Councilmember Knights wanted to point out that a lot of research should be done before putting any Ordinances into effect on construction within the Borough by utility companies, and suggested to possibly have the Solicitor look into it.

Executive Session The meeting recessed at 7:29 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

2018 Office Employee Wages

The motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Thomas Knights to approve the 2018 office employee wages as presented by the manager. The motion carried.

Police Chief Employment Contract

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/ Carol Neubert to approve the Police Chief Employment Contract. The motion carried.

Police Chief Wage Increase

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to approve a 4% wage increase for the Police Chief. The motion carried.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Samantha R. Strickland
Secretary