

SAXONBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 2017

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

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

Joshua Novotny was absent

Also in attendance were Michael Gallagher/Solicitor, Mary Papik/Manager, Chief Joseph Beachem, Fred Caesar, Richard Markovich, Hannah Finke, Judy Ferree, Mike Hilterman, Samantha Strickland, and John Shannon.

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 legal issues and the Union Contract. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

Correspondence

- The Mullen family, May 1, 2017, a thank-you for the flowers at Gerry Mullen's funeral.
- 185th & 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee, May 2, 2017, request to close W. Main Street and N. Rebecca Street on Saturday, July 15, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., for the "Celebration Parade," and to close W. Main Street from Pittsburgh Street to Rebecca Street from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a "Mingle on Main."

Minutes President Weinzierl asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meetings on April 5, 2017. Hearing none, they were approved as printed.

Public Comments

Fred Caesar 185th & 175th Anniversary Celebration

- Fred thanked Council for the vote to create the position of "Museum Curator." He was appointed to that position by the Saxonburg Historic & Restoration Commission (SHRC) at their meeting on April 6, 2017. He wants to preserve the history of Saxonburg for future generations.
- He asked everyone on Council to be available from July 14 – 16, 2017, to be part of the celebration activities, and be with the dignitaries who will be visiting Saxonburg. Some of the activities are the following:

Friday, July 14, 2017

- The Roebling family and the Sister City visitors will be arriving.

Saturday, July 15, 2017

- The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and Council was asked to walk in the parade. He also gave a review of the activities during the parade.
- "Mingle on Main" will be from 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Clifford Zink will be at the Library in the afternoon to sign copies of his book.
- The Roebling Family will lay wreaths on the graves of their ancestors in the afternoon, along with the Sister City visitors.
- In the evening, there will be a reception and dinner at Cooper Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. The cost for the dinner will be \$52.00 per/person.

Sunday, July 16, 2017

- Sunday morning there will be a service at the old Saxonburg Memorial Church, which was built by John Roebling.

Saxonburg Historic & Restoration Commission (SHRC)

Scott Herbst

- Scott stated that everyone should have received the financial reports from 2016, that were prepared by the new SHRC Treasurer.
- The Arts Festival Committee discussed closing a section of W. Main Street on Friday and Saturday nights, so that vendors will not have to take down their sites and put them back up the next day. If the street cannot be closed, Scott asked if they could leave their tents up on the sidewalks. Mary reported that tents could be left up if they did not interfere with pedestrian traffic on the sidewalks, or vehicle traffic on W. Main Street. ADA requirements state that the sidewalks cannot be blocked. Council decided not to approve closing a portion of W. Main Street overnight during the Arts Festival, so that it would not hinder businesses and Sunday church services.
- A security system was installed at the Museum and Cooper Hall.
- Mary stated that insurance for the Arts Festival was covered under the Borough's Liability Insurance Policy.

Mayor

William Gillespie Jr.

Saxonburg Sister City Society Letterhead

- The Mayor reported that there is tentative approval for the 501C3 designation for the new "Saxonburg Sister City Society."
- The Society will need to develop a letterhead for donations, and the Mayor asked if the Borough Seal could be used on the new letterhead. Council agreed to permit using the Borough Seal on the letterhead.

Chief of Police

Joseph Beachem

- The Police Officers have received "Criminal Investigative and Taser Training." The next training will be on "Drug Interdiction."
- The 2014 Police vehicle was taken to the Ford dealership for an emergency recall, and was repaired the same day.

Manager

Mary Papik

Certificate of Appropriateness – Mimi's on Main

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/David Felsing to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for a name change and sign for "Mimi's on Main," at 225 W. Main Street. The motion carried.

Certificate of Appropriateness – Main Street Bake Shop

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Patricia Rinebolt to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for a color change to the awing and shutters at the "Main Street Bake Shop," at 170 W. Main Street. The motion carried.

Certificate of Appropriateness – Batch

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Patricia Rinebolt to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for painting of the building and replacing gutters and downspouts for "Batch," at 230 W. Main Street. The motion carried.

2017 Street Project Advertisement

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/David Felsing to advertise the “2017 Street Project” with a bid opening on June 5, 2017, and the awarding of the bid at the June 7, 2017, Council meeting. The motion carried.

Resolution #3-2017/Municipal Radar

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to adopt Resolution #3-2017, a petition to the House of Representatives and Senators to support the changes in Section 3368 (c), (2) of the Motor Vehicle Code, to permit local Police Departments to use electronic speed meters or radar for speed detection. The motion carried.

Resolution #4-2017/Small Games of Chance.

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Scott Herbst to adopt Resolution #4-2017, a petition to the House of Representatives and Senators to support changes to House Bill No. 290, Session of 2013, which would have no monetary limit to prizes awarded from “games of chance,” by a licensed eligible organization during any time-period, so long as the provision outlined in Section 502(a), distributions of proceeds is not found in violation. The motion carried.

Solicitor

Michael Gallagher had no report.

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Scott Herbst to approve the bills as presented. \$20,743.42 paid from the Borough’s General Fund, of which \$13,109.37 is the Borough’s portion of the expense, and \$7,634.05 is the Authority’s portion of the expense. In addition, checks paid in April from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$4,057.53 of which \$1,342.07 was the Borough’s portion of the expense, and \$2,715.46 was the Authority’s portion of the expense. There were also decrease adjustments in January, February, March and April from the Borough’s General Fund in the amount of \$37,760.99 of which \$19,557.29 was the Borough’s portion of the expense and \$17,840.57 was the Authority’s portion of the expense, and payroll for April 2017. The motion carried with David Felsing abstaining.

Old Business

None

New Business

185th & 175th Anniversary Celebration/Mingle on Main – Street Closures

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to close W. Main Street at the Borough line and N. Rebecca Street on Saturday, July 15, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., for the “Celebration Parade,” and to close W. Main Street from Pittsburgh Street to Rebecca Street from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a “Mingle on Main.” The motion carried.

Per Capita Tax Exoneration – Mona Cramer

Motion was made and seconded by Thomas Knights/Scott Herbst to exonerate Mona Cramer, 100 Commons of Saxonburg Apt. 600-1, from Per Capita Taxes, per Section 1 of Ordinance #266. The motion carried.

Per Capita Tax Exoneration – Amber McIntire – Full-time College Student

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to exonerate Amber McIntire, 465 W. Main Street, from Per Capita Taxes, per Council’s motion on July 5, 1972, which exempts full-time college students from Per Capita Taxes. The motion carried.

Act 205 Actuarial Valuation Reports Police/Non-uniformed Pension Plans

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to authorize the President of Council to sign the paperwork for PSAB to initiate payments from both pension plans to Thomas J. Anderson & Associates, Inc. for the filing of the “2017 Act 205 Actuarial Valuation Reports for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans.” The motion carried.

Saxonburg Area Authority Board Vacancy

- There is a vacancy on the Saxonburg Area Authority Board, due to the passing of Gerry Mullen. Gerry was a representative of Saxonburg Borough on the Authority Board, and his term expires December 31, 2019.

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to appoint Patricia Rinebolt to fill the unexpired term of Gerry Mullen on the Saxonburg Area Authority Board, as a representative of Saxonburg Borough, with the term expiring December 31, 2019. The motion carried.

Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy

- There is also a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board due to the passing of Gerry Mullen, and his term expires August 31, 2017.
- Council decided to wait to fill this vacancy.

Letter of Appreciation to Gerry Mullen’s Family

- The Mayor suggested that a letter be sent to the Mullen family expressing Council’s appreciation for all that Gerry did for the Borough by serving on the Planning Commission, Saxonburg Area Authority Board, Zoning Hearing Board and the Historic & Restoration Commission.
- The Secretary was instructed to write the letter for Council’s approval.

Executive Session The meeting recessed at 7:43 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters and the Union Contract.

Adjournment The meeting reconvened and adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with no further actions being taken by Council.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Linda L. Kovacic
Secretary