

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
June 6, 2018

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, and Mayor Gillespie were present.

Thomas Knights and Madalynn Guthrie (Junior Council Member) were absent.

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

Correspondence

- Worthington Borough, May 14, 2018, request for special Fire Police.
- Saxonburg Village III, May 22, 2018, landscaping at Dollar General.
- Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Company, May 29, 2018, closure of Main Street for Community Day.
- Saxonburg Village III, June 5, 2018, drainage ditch on South Butler Street.
- SHRC, June 6, 2018, road closures for the Arts Festival.
- Sister City Society, June 6, 2018, road closures for Roebling 5K Run/Walk.

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 and possible litigation. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

Minutes President Weinzierl asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of May 2, 2018. Hearing none, they were approved as printed.

Public Comments

Karen Kennedy

- Karen stated that the street dedication ceremony was wonderful, and she suggests investing in a better sound system.
- Karen wanted to know why some properties in town, such as the Dollar General and behind Dinnerbell Square, were allowed to keep their properties in terrible conditions. Karen explained all the issues that they have had with these properties in the past. She does not understand why this is allowed, and hopes the Borough starts to take action.

Fred Caesar

- Fred stated that he spoke at the 135th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Bridge on May 24, 2018. He also made a pitch to the producer of "Roebling's Bridge" to film more segments in Saxonburg.
- Fred explained that Boy Scout Troop 557 from Sarver started their community service project of helping to replace the clay-straw walls in the Wire Rope shop.
- Fred stated that the Museum is now operating on their summer hours of Thursday-Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are also a few new displays.
- Fred also explained that the Friends of Saxonburg Museum will be creating a Facebook page to help with advertising and fund raising.

SHRC

Scott Herbst

- Scott stated that SHRC has gotten a new cleaning service.
- Scott explained that on Saturday, September 29, 2018 there will a music festival at Cooper Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person.

SABA

Joshua Novotny

- Josh stated that the next SABA meeting is Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Centennial Hall.
- Josh also stated that the Summer Picnic has been postponed and SABA is working to get it rescheduled.

Sister Cities

David Felsing

Roebling 5k Run/Walk

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/David Felsing to hold the Roebling 5K Run/Walk as part of the 2018 Saxonburg Festival of the Arts on Saturday morning, September 8, 2018, with all proceeds going to the Saxonburg Borough-Muhlhausen Sister City Society, to have the SHRC advertise the race as part of the Festival of the Arts, and to approve closing the Borough streets for this event, contingent upon the receipt of the proper documentation of the times and roads affected for the closure. The motion carried.

Mayor

William Gillespie Jr.

- The Mayor explained that the Chief Gregory B Adams Way Street dedication was a huge success.
- The Mayor stated that he has invited the County Commissioners to visit Saxonburg once again. He will update everyone with more information when he gets it.

Chief of Police

Joseph Beachem

- The Chief stated that a two-day drug interdiction training was just completed.
- The Chief explained that the Citizens Police Academy is going very well. There was a K-9 demonstration that was added, and they just visited the 911 Center and the County Jail.

Manager

Mary Papik

Ordinance No. 466 – 2009 Uniform Commercial Code

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to adopt Ordinance No. 466, stating that Saxonburg Borough enforces the 2009 Uniform Commercial Code and its amendments. The motion carried

Ordinance No. 467 – Sewers and Sewage Disposal

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/David Felsing to approve the solicitor to review Ordinance No. 467, and to advertise the Ordinance for adoption at the July 11, 2018 meeting. The motion carried.

Certificate of Appropriateness – Three Rivers Art Glass

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to approve the “Certificate of Appropriateness” for the signage at Three Rivers Art Glass. The motion carried.

Certificate of Appropriateness – Saxonburg Coffee and Tea

- Mary explained that HARB did not recommend approval as the pole that the sign would be on was for business identification only. HARB recommended that the sign could be placed on the tent or on an A frame.

- After a discussion of the alternate sign placements, Council decided the safest place for the sign was on the pole.

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Joshua Novotny to approve the “Certificate of Appropriateness” for the signage at Saxonburg Coffee and Tea. The motion carried

Certificate of Appropriateness – 311 W. Main Street

Motion was made and seconded by Joshua Novotny/Carol Neubert to approve the “Certificate of Appropriateness” for the siding replacement at 311 W. Main Street. The motion carried.

Proposal Approval – Carol Drive

- Mary explained that the culvert on Carol Drive has collapsed, and currently that section of the road has been closed to traffic.

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to approve the proposal from Holbein, Inc. in the amount of \$13,756.00 for the repairs to the Carol Drive storm culvert and road.

Money Transfer from Liquid Fuels Account to Borough General Fund – Carol Drive Repair

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Scott Herbst to transfer \$13,756.00 from the Liquid Fuels Account to the Borough General Fund to pay for the repair on Carol Drive. The motion carried.

2018 Street Project Advertisement

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Carol Neubert to advertise the “2018 Street Project” with a bid opening on July 2, 2018, and the awarding of the bid at the July 11, 2018, Council meeting. The motion carried.

Storm water

- Mary explained to Council that Bella Drive is experiencing issues with the settling and separating of the pipes. Insight Pipe will be out on Thursday, June 7, 2018 to look at the issues and see if the issue can be repaired or if all new pipe will need to be placed. Mary stated that if this isn’t taken care of soon, the road will need to be shut down like Carol Drive.
- Council discussed how issues like this could be prevented from happening.

High Weeds

- Mary provided Council with the high weeds procedure. She explained that in corporate property owned cases, nothing can be done overnight, it is a time-consuming process. She is currently working through these steps for some properties in town.

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by Joshua Novotny/Scott Herbst to approve the bills as presented. \$17,171.56 paid from the Borough’s General Fund, of which \$10,737.83 is the Borough’s portion of the expense and \$6,979.73 is the Authority’s portion of the expense. In addition, decrease adjustments in May from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$26,885.41 of which \$10,942.87 was the Borough’s portion of the expense and \$15,815.80 was the Authority’s portion of the expense, and payroll for May 2018. The motion carried.

Solicitor

Michael Gallagher had no report

Old Business

Borough News Letter

- Scott stated that he has been in communication with the Borough News and a clarification will be posted in the July issue.

New Business

SVFC – Road Closure

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Scott Herbst to approve the closure of W. Main Street from Pittsburgh Street to Isabella Street on Monday, July 16, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm. for a Community Day. The Motion carried.

SHRC – Road Closure

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Joshua Novotny to approve the road closures for the 2018 Saxonburg Festival of the Arts on Friday, September 7, 2018 through Sunday, September 9, 2018 as requested in their letter.

- Council discussed some time issues in the letter
Patricia Rinebolt and Joshua Novotny withdrew their motions.

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/David Felsing to table this issue until the July 11, 2018 meeting. The motion carried.

Per Capita Tax Exoneration – Kevin Krause

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Scott Herbst to exonerate Kevin Krause, 18 Pine Drive, from Per Capita Taxes, per Council's motion on July 5, 1972, to exempt full-time college students from Per Capita Taxes. The motion carried.

Per Capita Tax Exoneration – Maura Thinnies

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to exonerate Maura Thinnies, 408 Aderhold Road, from Per Capita Taxes, per Council's motion on July 5, 1972, to exempt full-time college students from Per Capita Taxes. The motion carried.

Executive Session The meeting recessed at 8:19 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 9:34 p.m. with the following motions being made

Aderhold Road Lot

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/David Felsing to advertise the Aderhold Road Lot for sale.

- Council had discussions about this motion
Scott Herbst and David Felsing withdrew their motions.

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/David Felsing to authorize the solicitor to conduct a title search on the Aderhold Lot if needed, and if not needed to advertise the property for sale. The motion carried with Patricia Rinebolt voting nay.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Samantha R. Strickland
Secretary