

**SAXONBURG BOROUGH**  
**July 11, 2018**

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

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

Joshua Novotny was absent.

Also in attendance were Mary Papik/Manager, Chief Joseph Beachem, Sean Gallagher/Solicitor, Wendy Graham, John Rickard, Robert Hughes, Diane Hughes, Veronica Cadello, Audrey Gerlach, Walter Gerlach, Ann Schnur, Fred Caesar, David Martin, Jeff Speakman, Bob Shipe, Joyce Hutterer, Paula Grubbs, Joe Sepich, Rachel Leahy, Carol Bowne, Terry McCormick, Frank Petrilla, Sandra Simpson, Aaron Piper, Gretchen Piper, Marilyn Stahl, and Lorraine DiDomenico.

**Correspondence**

- II-VI, June 25, 2018, announcing the dates of their Community Early Warning System testing.
- Max Gardina, June 27, 2018, resignation from the Saxonburg Borough Police Department
- Terry McCormick, July 10, 2018, expressing interest in serving on SHRC.
- Michael Lazaroff, July 10, 2018 expressing interest in serving on the Library Board.

**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 June 6, 2018. Hearing none, they were approved as printed.

**Public Comments**

Wendy Graham Aderhold Road Lot

- Wendy stated that she moved here in 1960 and grew up playing on this lot. It was promised for the children, and Council would be doing a disservice to the children and the community if they take away this land.

Robert Hughes Aderhold Road Lot

- Robert does not agree with the sale of the Aderhold Road lot, it is beautiful green space that should be saved.

Audrey Gerlach Aderhold Road Lot

- Audrey stated that Green Acres is a wonderful neighborhood and she is very pleased with the people and property. She loves to admire the huge oak trees on the lot, and it would be a terrible shame to lose them.

Walter Gerlach Aderhold Road Lot

- Walter has happily lived in Saxonburg since 1960. The lot is a part of history, and there is nothing to gain from taking that history away.

David Martin Aderhold Road Lot

- David stated that he has lived on Aderhold Road for thirty years, and this lot was promised to him and his children, and all the other residents. He asked what the reason for selling is and says there should be no reason.

Jeff Speakman Aderhold Road Lot

- Jeff has lived on Aderhold Road for thirty years and stated that taking away the lot is like taking away part of the Community.

Joyce Hutterer Ordinance No. 467 – Sewers and Sewage Disposal

- Joyce stated that she is a local realtor that is in opposition to Ordinance No. 467. She stated that this Ordinance would cause unnecessary hardships on both sellers and buyers, and that there is no such thing as a certified plumber who the Ordinance states needs to complete the inspection.
- She would love the opportunity to meet and speak with the Borough to help with the Ordinance.

Joe Sepich Aderhold Road Lot

- Joe stated that this green space was specifically put in to stay a green space and that it is disrespectful of Council to sell it.

Frank Petrilla Ordinance No. 467 – Sewers and Sewage Disposal

- Frank stated that he is the president of Saxonburg Village II. He said that Ordinance No. 467 would put unnecessary hardships onto all residents. He also wanted to know how the Ordinance applied to condos, and he believes it is an unfair Ordinance.
- Frank also asked if there were any plans in place to fix the collapsed culvert on Bella Drive. Mary, the Manager, informed him that a contract is in place, and is expecting the repairs to begin by the end of July.

Sandra Simpson Aderhold Road Lot

- Sandra stated that she played on this lot as a child, and that it is such a beautiful green space. Sandra presented Council with a petition of fifty-three signatures stating that they do not want the Borough of Saxonburg to sell this lot.

Aaron Piper Aderhold Road Lot

- Aaron stated that selling the lot is a shortsighted act. It is an irreplaceable piece of property, and he would be very happy to hear that Council has reconsidered keeping it.

Lorraine DiDomenico Ordinance No. 467 – Sewers and Sewage Disposal

- Lorraine stated that she is a member of the Butler County Association of Realtors, and she is in opposition to Ordinance No. 467. She stated that there is no such thing as a certified plumber and that there are many unanswered questions in this Ordinance. She would be happy to sit down with anyone and answer any questions they may have to help correct the issues in the Ordinance.

Vice President Patricia Rinebolt

- Patricia wanted to thank the Green Acres residents for their support in coming out to speak tonight and their signatures on the petition.
- Patricia talked about Covenant K, and how no documents could be found at the Butler County Court House stating that Covenant K has been removed from the Aderhold Road Lot.

- She also provided Council with a letter from John V. Thompson stating that he hopes Council does not sell the property.
- Patricia hopes that Council will reconsider and not put the Aderhold Road Lot up for sale.

**SHRC**

Scott Herbst

- Scott stated that at the June SHRC meeting Hannah Finke resigned her positions as SHRC Chairperson, Treasurer, Arts Festival Chairperson, and Hall Manager. Council member Knights has stepped up and is helping with the Arts Festival. Borough Manager, Mary Papik, is completing the duties of Treasurer, and Fred Caesar is filling in as Hall Manager. Scott stated that if anyone is interested in any of these positions, please come forward.
- Scott stated that there is a Model T event this Sunday, July 15, 2018 at Cooper Hall and invites all to attend the public portions of the event.
- Under new business Scott will be asking for a motion to remove James McLafferty from SHRC. On Behalf of all members of SHRC, with heavy but grateful hearts thank James McLafferty and his family for this dedicated service.
- The next SHRC meeting is Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Cooper Hall.

**Mayor**

William Gillespie Jr.

- The Mayor stated that another successful Citizens Police Academy has been completed, and there should be another one in the near future.

**Proclamation – “Model T” Celebration Day**

**Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to adopt the Proclamation that makes July 15, 2018 “Model T” Celebration Day. The motion carried.**

**Chief of Police**

Joseph Beachem had no report.

**Manager**

Mary Papik

**Ordinance No. 467 – Sewers and Sewage Disposal**

- Mary stated that this Ordinance was completely Borough driven and Saxonburg Area Authority has nothing to do with it.
- She also explained that a property does not have to be inspected every time it is sold, only if it has been three years or more since the last sale/inspection, will it need inspected again.

**Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Scott Herbst to adopt Ordinance No. 467, regarding Sewers and Sewage Disposal in Saxonburg Borough.**

- Council had discussions about this motion

**David Felsing and Scott Herbst withdrew their motions.**

**Ordinance No. 468 – Volunteer Service Credit Program**

**Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Scott Herbst the approve the solicitor to advertise the Ordinance for adoption at the August 1, 2018 meeting. The motion carried with Carol Neubert voting nay.**

**Certificate of Appropriateness – 319 W. Main Street**

**Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Thomas Knights to approve the “Certificate of Appropriateness” for the remodel of 319 W. Main Street. The motion carried.**

**2018 Street Project**

- The bid opening took place on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., and the results were the following:

**Milling and paving of Constitution Avenue and paving of Short Street**

East Coast Paving & Sealcoating, Inc.	\$23,042.90
Independent Enterprises, Inc.	\$23,450.00
Protech Asphalt Maintenance, Inc.	\$24,321.60
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$24,566.40
Wiest Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$26,496.90

Motion was made and seconded by Thomas Knights/Scott Herbst to award the contract to East Coast Paving & Sealcoating, Inc. for milling and paving of Constitution Avenue and paving of Short Street, in the amount of \$23,042.90. The motion carried.

**Bills**

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Thomas Knights to approve the bills as presented. \$21,562.80 paid from the Borough’s General Fund, of which \$12,705.28 is the Borough’s portion of the expense and \$8,857.52 is the Authority’s portion of the expense. In addition, a check in July for \$726.13, decrease adjustments in June from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$64,035.44 of which \$22,887.41 was the Borough’s portion of the expense and \$41,021.29 was the Authority’s portion of the expense, decrease adjustments from the Revenue Fund in June in the amount of \$13.84, and payroll for June 2018. The motion carried with Patricia Rinebolt abstaining.

**Solicitor** Sean Gallagher

- The Solicitor explained that he and Mike Gallagher completed a title search on the Aderhold Road lot, and it is clear and the Borough has the authority to sell it.

**Old Business**

**Aderhold Road Lot**

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Thomas Knights to advertise the Aderhold Road Lot for sale. The motion carried with Patricia Rinebolt and Carol Neubert voting nay.

**New Business**

**Resignation from Police Department – Max Gardina**

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Thomas Knights to accept the resignation of Officer Gardina from the Saxonburg Borough Police Department contingent upon him being needed to testify on an outstanding matter. The motion carried.

**SHRC – Appointment**

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Thomas Knights to appoint Terry McCormick to a vacant Borough seat on the Saxonburg Historic & Restoration Commission effective immediately and expiring in February 2022. The motion carried.

**SHRC – Removal**

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Thomas Knights to remove James McLafferty from the Saxonburg Historic & Restoration committee, with regrets. The motion carried.

**Library Board – Appointment**

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Scott Herbst to appoint Michael Lazaroff to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of James Knapik which expires in December 2019. The motion carried.

Planning Commission

- Thomas Knights asked if a replacement was still needed for Edward Gulicks seat on the Planning Commission. Mary stated that yes, a replacement was still needed.
- Thomas Knights asked if Edward Gulick would need replaced on the Saxonburg Area Authority Board as well as he is no longer a resident of the Borough. Mary explained that no, he would not as he is still a property owner. Council asked the Solicitor to look into this issue between resident and property owner.

**SHRC – Appointment**

**Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Thomas Knights to appoint Carol Neubert to a vacant Borough seat on the Saxonburg Historic & Restoration Commission effective immediately. The motion carried.**

**Executive Session** The meeting recessed at 8:32 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

**Randall's Auto Repair – Stormwater Bill**

**Motion was made by David Felsing to pay the bill from Randall's Auto Repair for stormwater damage in the amount of \$2,060.00. The motion died for a lack of a second.**

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Samantha R. Strickland  
Secretary