

SAXONBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 2, 2017

President Sherry 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 where Sean Gallagher/Solicitor, Mary Papik/Manager, Chief Joseph Beachem, Fred Caesar, Karen Kennedy, Alan Snyder, Dave Johnston, and Judy Ferree.

Correspondence

- The Family of Darlene Gulick, July 6, 2017, a thank you letter.

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

Public Comments

Fred Caesar 185th & 175th Anniversary Celebration

- Fred thanked Council for signing the resolution in August 2016 to make 2017 the “185th Anniversary of the founding of Saxonburg and the 175th Anniversary of the Patent on the Process for Manufacturing Wire Rope, by John A. Roebling”.
- Fred presented Council with a limited edition commemorative stein from the celebration, a tasting stein, and a photograph from the parade. A stein has also been placed in the Saxonburg Museum.
- There were roughly 210 people at the celebration dinner, including Kriss Roebling and his family, the German Delegation, and Clifford Zink. The raffle and auction raised \$2,003 for the Friends of Saxonburg Museum, and another \$1,200 is expected after closing the rest of the accounts from the events and dinner. Fred stated that he will issue a report to the community when everything is finalized.
- Kriss Roebling and his family had an amazing time and were moved by the occasion. Roland Reichenbach, a member of the German Delegation, stated that everyone was very welcoming and inviting, making it a visit with good friends.
- Council greatly thanked Fred for all his hard work in making this wonderful celebration possible.

Karen Kennedy Main Street Walker

- Karen stated that she walks Main Street very often and had some questions regarding it.
- Karen wanted to know why there is a stretch of Main Street where there are no Flags hanging. Mary stated that that section of Main Street has not been redone yet, and there is trouble with the Flags not staying in the holders.
- Karen also wanted to mention that there are some buildings on Main street with very high weeds coming out of their shrubs and flower beds, and it is taking away from the beauty of the town.

Alan Snyder Saxonburg Postmaster

- Alan stated that the Post Office feels isolated from the rest of town. He asked for an open line of communication between the two. He would like to be notified of any street closings, parades, etc. so he can run the Post Office in an efficient manner.

Judy Ferree Discover Saxonburg

- Judy wanted to give us an update on this month's "Mingle on Main", August 17, 2017.
- Judy stated that during this month's Mingle, a Mayor's table will be held, which is where they line tables and chairs down Main Street and everyone can join in for a community meal to honor the Late Mayor Pamela Bowman.
- The Mayor's Table will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a grace and a few words being said around 6:30 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring their own dinner, or purchases from vendors or stores along Main Street.

SHRC Scott Herbst

- Scott first wanted to thank Fred for making the "185th & 175th Anniversary Celebration" a huge success.
- Scott stated that they are currently working with Friedman's on the 5k route for the "Arts Festival", as they have some objections. They hope to have this issue resolved at the next meeting, and he will update Council on this issue.

SABA Joshua Novotny

- Josh stated that SABA's next meeting is August 8, 2017 and all are welcome to attend. Their speaker this month will be someone from SHRC.
- There is a golf outing in October that Council is welcome to attend.

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

- The Mayor stated that he and Chief Beachem went out to Massachusetts in July for the discovery of Donald Eugene Webb's body, the killer of Chief Gregory B. Adams. The Mayor wanted to thank everyone who helped in aiding in this investigation, from the Massachusetts State Police: Sgt. Kevin Baker, Trp. Michael Cherven, Lt. Paul F. Booker, Trp. Phillip Giardino, and Trp. Michael O. Tryon, from the Pennsylvania State Police: Trp. Chris Birckbichler, and Trp. Max DeLuca, and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation: Special Agent Thomas P. MacDonald. The Mayor and Chief are very grateful for their hard work and determination in closing this case. They are also working on drafting Thank You Letters, and are sending stickers to everyone who had a hand in helping with this case. They will keep Council updated on this.
- The Mayor stated that the German Delegation had a wonderful time here in Saxonburg, and that they are already planning next year's visit. Frank, one of the German Delegation members, brought over some soil from Mühlhausen and sprinkled it onto the graves of the Roebing ancestors.
- The Mayor presented Council with a Resolution from the County Commissioners, Senator Don White and a copy of a land ownership document from Mayor Bruns of Mühlhausen.
- The Mayor also wanted to note that in the most recent commercial for "Sabra Hummus", the voice over is a graduate from Knoch High School and a former resident of Saxonburg.

Vice President Patricia Rinebolt

- Patricia had received an email from Stephanie Drake, PSAB Secretary, about an Anniversary plaque presentation on August 5, 2017 at 1 p.m.. Patricia did not know what this was about, and neither did anyone on Council. Fred stated that when he wrote his article for the Borough News he was in contact with Stephanie, so something may have stemmed from that. Patricia will talk to her at the PSAB meeting on August 3, 2017 to get more information.

Chief of Police Joseph Beachem had no report

Manager Mary Papik

- Mary asked about the Progressive Dinner coming up, and Josh stated that anyone asking about it can be sent to anyone from SABA for more information.
- Mary also stated that there will be Planning Commission and HARB meetings this month.

Stormwater Stenciling

- Mary explained that plaques will be placed around all catch basins with “No Dumping – Drains to Stream” on them to help keep our environment cleaner.
- The plaques are coming from the Butler County Conservation District and Charles McGee will be working with them throughout this project.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/ Patricia Rinebolt to appoint David Felsing as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Saxonburg Borough.

Thomas Knights asked if we should have received a resignation letter from the current Emergency Management Coordinator, Richard Daubner, and Mary confirmed that she had gotten a verbal confirmation of his resignation, but no letter. Discussion was also started that if the Emergency Management Coordinator was not properly trained that the Borough may not receive any money from PEMA or FEMA in an emergency was incorrect. Discussion started about tabling the motion until more information was obtained.

Carol Neubert and Patricia Rinebolt rescinded their motions. Motion was tabled.

Resolution #6-2017/Memorial Designation

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to adopt Resolution #6-2017 which designates State Road 2005 also known as Butler Street from a point identified as SR2005/60 northward to the intersection of Water Street, identified as SR2010/160 in honor of Chief Gregory B. Adams. The Motion carried.

Solicitor Sean Gallagher had no report

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to approve the bills as presented. \$16,436.29 paid from the Borough’s General Fund, of which \$11,490.69 is the Borough’s portion of the expense and \$4,945.60 is the Authority’s portion of the expense. In addition, a check in July from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$26,196.00, decrease adjustments in July from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$28,705.35 of which \$12,297.25 was the Borough’s portion of the expense and \$16,287.66 was the Authority’s portion of the expense, and payroll for July 2017. The motion carried.

Old Business None

New Business

PSAB Fall Leadership Conference

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to approve the attendance of any Council Member to the “PSAB Fall Leadership Conference,” at the Pocono Mountains Kalahari Resort, from October 13, 2017 through October 15, 2017, with a registration cost of \$185/person, plus expenses. The motion carried.

Patricia Rinebolt stated that she would be happy to represent Saxonburg Borough at the “PSAB Fall Leadership Conference”.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Samantha R. Strickland
Assistant Secretary