

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
August 1, 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, Thomas Knights, and Madalyn Guthrie (Junior Council Member) were present.

Mayor Gillespie was absent.

Also in attendance were Mary Papik/Manger, Michael Gallagher/Solicitor, Officer Justine Kummer, David Hall, Susan Hall, Wendy Graham, John Rickard, Linda Kovacik, Carol Young, Pete Watt, Tanner Cole, Joe Sepich, Dave Martin, Donald Venturini, Jack Herbst, and Sandra Simpson.

Correspondence

- SHRC, July 27, requesting the road closures for the 33rd Annual Festival of the Arts.

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 Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Carol Neubert to approve the minutes of July 11, 2018. The motion carried.

Public Comments

David Hall Aderhold Road Lot

- David stated that he has lived in Saxonburg for 26 years, and he is proud to live in such a historic town. He posed a few questions to Council for their consideration. David stated that if you keep diluting history, there will be none left.

Sandra Simpson Aderhold Road Lot

- Sandra stated that an independent attorney concluded that the lot needed to remain as a park. She also stated that the trees on the lot are witness trees, witnesses to all the history that Saxonburg holds.

Vice President Patricia Rinebolt

- Patricia wanted to know what the money from the sale was going to be used for. She also stated that the residents of Green Acres shouldn't have to be the ones to take a hit to help fund projects in town. She also thanked all the residents who came out and spoke on the issue.

Council Member Scott Herbst

- Scott stated that he has the utmost respect and admiration for his colleagues, but that does not mean he will agree with them on every issue.
- He stated that a petition was presented to Council at the July 11, 2018 meeting, containing 53 signatures from Green Acres residents opposing the sale of the Aderhold Road Lot. 53 people only represent about 3.5% of the population of Saxonburg Borough. He believes this is reflective of the views of the Green Acres residents, but not the rest of the Saxonburg Borough residents, as he has personally been approached by residents supporting Councils decision to sell the property.

- Scott also stated that his quote in the article “Residents Will Fight the Sale of Roebling Acre” was a fact.

SHRC Scott Herbst

- Scott stated that 33rd Annual Festival of the Arts is Saturday, September 8, 2018 and Sunday, September 9, 2018.
- The first Cooper Hall Concert is Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.
- Scott also stated that he has been meeting with vendors for facility management/booking software, to better manage the rentals of the hall.
- The next meeting is Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Cooper Hall.

SABA Joshua Novotny

- Josh stated that the next meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Centennial Hall.

Manager Mary Papik

Resolution 3-2018 – Authorizing Sale of 416 Aderhold Road

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Thomas Knights to adopt Resolution 3-2018, which authorizes the public sale of land at 416 Aderhold Road. The motion carried with Patricia Rinebolt voting nay.

Bid Opening

- The Solicitor opened the bid
 - Wendy Graham \$8,902.00

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Joshua Novotny to award the bid for 416 Aderhold Road to Wendy Graham for \$8,902.00 contingent on meeting the technical requirements.

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Carol Neubert to go into Executive Session to discuss the motion on the table. The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:30 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

The meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 468 – Volunteer Service Credit Program

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Joshua Novotny to adopt Ordinance No. 468, Volunteer Service Credit Program. The motion carried.

Commission/Board Vacancies

- Mary stated that there are currently two openings, one on the Planning Commission and one on the Zoning Hearing Board.
- The Solicitor stated that he reviewed the Bylaws as asked to at last meeting, and it is his recommendation that a kind letter be written asking for the resignation of the Authority Board member who is no longer a resident of Saxonburg.

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Carol Neubert to approve the bills as presented. \$18,840.24 paid from the Borough’s General Fund, of which \$12,787.21 is the Borough’s portion of the expense and \$6,053.03 is the Authority’s portion of the expense.

In addition, decrease adjustments in July from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$30,866.97 of which \$12,323.59 was the Borough's portion of the expense and \$18,543.38 was the Authority's portion of the expense, and payroll for July 2018. The motion carried.

Solicitor Mike Gallagher had no report

Old Business None

New Business

Street Closures for the 33rd Festival of the Arts

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Carol Neubert to approve the closures of Main Street, North and South Rebecca, and North Isabella during the festival on September 7-9, 2018. The motion carried.

MMO's for Uniformed (Police) and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans for 2019

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Scott Herbst to approve the Minimal Municipal Obligations (MMO's) in the amount of \$5,340.00 for the Uniformed (Police) Pension Plan, and \$52,357.00 for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, and to include these in the 2019 Borough budget. The Motion carried.

PSAB Fall Leadership Conference

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to approve the attendance of any Council Member to the "PSAB Fall Leadership Conference," at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, from October 12, 2018 through October 14, 2018, with a registration cost of \$190/person, plus expenses. The motion carried.

Executive Session The meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation.

Adjournment The meeting reconvened and adjourned at 8:32 p.m. with no further actions being taken by Council.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Samantha R. Strickland
Secretary