

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021

President Weinzierl called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call June Crawford, Carol Neubert, Josh Novotny, Sherry Weinzierl, Pat Rinebolt, Dave Felsing, Scott Herbst, and Mayor Gillespie were present.

Also in attendance were Mary Papik/Manager, Sean Gallagher/Solicitor, Jody Vettori Secretary/Treasurer, Ben Brewster, Tiffany Nolan of SABA, Brittany Lambermont of Sprankle's, Ray Koegler, Aaron Piper, and Paula Grubbs of the *Butler Eagle*.

Correspondence None

Executive Session Announcement Under the terms of Act 84, Section 8A, subsection 1, Council would meet in Executive Session just prior to adjournment, to discuss employee, contract, and/or public safety matters. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

Minutes

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Carol Neubert to approve the minutes of October 19, 2021 with the continuation on November 3, 2021. The motion carried.

Public Comments None

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

The Mayor said he thought the Saxonburg Songwriters Showcase was phenomenal and that Scott did a great job. He hopes Scott will do it again.

The Mayor said he also has a contract matter for Executive Session.

Council Members Business presented by Council Members

Scott Herbst reported that the Saxonburg Songwriters Showcase raised a gross total of \$1473, which covered the costs and then some. Scott said he would like to do more of these concert events in the future. He thanked Josh Novotny for donating pizzas, Sprankle's for donating a basket, and thanked Sherry Weinzierl for the Smoke Shoppe's donated basket, along with Sherry and her family's volunteering during the event.

Manager Mary Papik

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Carol Neubert to approve \$64,573.17 in checks paid from the Borough's General Fund, of which \$51,500.44 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$13,072.73 the Authority's portion of the expense. In addition, decrease adjustments in October from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$35,133.65 of which \$15,294.83 was the Borough's

portion of the expense and \$19,838.72 was the Authority's portion of the expense, and payroll for October 2021 in the amount of \$80,217.92 of which \$31,043.33 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$49,174.59 is the Authority's portion of the expense. The motion carried with Pat Rinebolt abstaining due to business before the Council.

2022 Meeting Dates

Motion was made and seconded by Pat Rinebolt/Dave Felsing to advertise the 2022 Meeting Dates as presented. The motion carried.

Certificates of Appropriateness

- Red Door Antiques, 257 W. Main Street, sign and trim painting

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Scott Herbst to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the sign and trim painting at Red Door Antiques. The motion carried.

- South Butler Community Library sign replacement

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Dave Felsing to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the sign at the Library. The motion carried.

SAA Board Re-Appointment & Term Correction

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Pat Rinebolt to re-appoint Scott Herbst to the Saxonburg Area Authority Board with a term ending 12/2026. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Carol Neubert to correct the 5-year term for Rob Mrozek from ending date 12/2025 to 12/2026 on the Saxonburg Area Authority Board. The motion carried.

2022 Budget

Mary presented the Park and Borough budgets with Council's agreed upon changes.

- Scott said, according to Fred [Caesar], the next thing to do with the Wire Rope Shop is to have an engineering study done. He asked if the funds from the old Park account could be used to pay for the study in lieu of moving the \$30,000 from Capital Expenses to the Park.

Mary explained that a portion of those Park account funds were already promised to the Borough for gazebo roof work. She further explained that the \$30,000 is on a line item on the budget which allows Council to reallocate it at any time as it is not designated nor restricted.

- Dave asked how much the tax assessment appeals by the nursing homes in Saxonburg will affect the Borough's budget.

Mary explained they will continue to reduce the Real Estate revenue, but we don't know by how much.

- Scott asked why Mr. Pickard is listed on the budget as the tax collector.

Mary explained that, though we don't know who will be collecting the taxes in 2022, the expense is still there.

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Pat Rinebolt to advertise the 2022 Budget as presented. The motion carried.

Solicitor Solicitor Sean Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group

The Solicitor had no further report at this time.

Old Business None

New Business

Dave Felsing asked if offering the Library a free event at Cooper Hall would be of better service to both the Library and the Borough than trying to increase the \$4,000 donation the Borough makes annually, especially given that larger townships in the area have given large monetary donations as of late. It was decided to wait for the new Park committee to take over so that all nonprofits can be treated equally.

Executive Session The meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss Employee, Contract, and/or Public Safety Matters.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m. and took the following actions:

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Carol Neubert to approved the solicitor to prepare the necessary documents to extend the Summit Township Intermunicipal Agreement. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Carol Neubert to add an action item to the agenda to approve the 2022 non-union wages as presented by the Manager. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Scott Herbst to approve the 2022 non-union wages as presented by the Manager. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Jody Vettori
Secretary