

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2021

President Weinzierl called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Mike Gallagher/Solicitor, Jody Vettori Secretary/Treasurer, Fred Caesar, Ben Brewster, Tiffany Nolan of SABA, Doug Sprankle of Sprankle's, Ray Kogler, and Aaron Piper.

Correspondence

- On November 19, the Zoning Hearing Board received a letter from Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham LLP with their rate structure for 2022.
- On December 6, the Borough received notice from II-VI regarding the bi-annual testing of their early warning system.
- On December 8, the Borough received a thank you card from the family of Linda Cornetti for the funeral flowers.
- On December 8, the Borough received a Letter of Intent from Dave Felsing expressing his interest in filling any open seats or unexpired terms on Saxonburg's Council.
- On December 13, the Borough received a donation from the Psychic Vincent Sisters of Butler in the amount of \$300.00 for the Museum and John Roebling House.
- On December 15, the Borough received a donation from the Reldon & Hattie Cooper Charitable Fund in the amount of \$14,045.00 for repairs or improvements to Roebling Park, campground, Cooper Hall, or Museum.

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 November 16, 2021. The motion carried.

Public Comments

Fred Caesar

Fred expressed his thanks to the Council for:

- Budgeting funds to help preserve the 183-year-old Wire Rope Shop, which historians have said is a significant building not just for the Roebling link but also because it is an example of a "German settler's house." Fred reminded the Council that in 2017 he recommended stopping the previous historic commission's use of the building as a storage shed, which contributed to its weakened floors. Fred said he continues to be grateful that Council agreed to this recommendation. He said the next step now is to get a project plan with engineering study completed in order to seek grants and line up investors.

- Approving the replacement of the workshop's 45-year-old roof with an historically correct metal roof, after challenging Fred to secure the needed funds.
- The installation of the dehumidifier in the Museum, which is keeping the humidity between 20-30%, which is down from the 50-60% it had been. The change has dried out paper and cloth and has cut down on mold Fred said.
- Lastly, Fred thanked Council for their support of his idea to offer scheduled tours at the Museum. He conducted 28 scheduled private tours from June to November this year.

Fred presented each Council member and staff with a custom-made Saxonburg pen and case.

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Gillespie reported on recent events:

- The Police held a memorial for Chief Adams in front of the Municipal Building on December 4.
- This year's Stuff the Cruiser was very successful, with several pickup truck loads of toys. The toys were given to Lighthouse to distribute.
- On Sunday, the Mayor attended Officer Appreciation Night at St. Francis Church with about 60-70 very inquisitive middle school kids who are learning and who appreciate what the police do.

The Mayor expressed his thanks:

- To Fred Caesar for all of his work with the Wire Rope Shop and Museum. The Mayor said he is looking forward to continuing to work together.
- The Mayor said it has been an honor to serve with the Council and thanked the outgoing members for their service.

Octoberfest Security Expenses

The Mayor explained that he and Doug Sprankle met and agreed to the split payment between the Borough and Sprankle's for the Octoberfest police time. Mary reported that the joint police bill came to around \$11,000. Doug Sprankle confirmed Sprankle's portion as \$5,626.00 and said future events will have an agreement in place before the events take place to make it easier for everyone.

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Pat Rinebolt to approve Sprankles' paying \$5,626.00 of the police Octoberfest bill. The motion carried.

Council Members Business presented by Council Members

None

Manager Mary Papik

Butler County Chamber & Community Development Corporation membership

Mary explained that the Borough renews its membership with the CDC every year at a cost of \$250.00. This year, the CDC has combined its membership with the Butler County Chamber of Commerce at a joint cost of \$500.00. Mary said Chamber membership would make it possible for the Borough to advertise Park events through the Chamber, as well as it shows the Borough's support of the Chamber's work to make Butler County a better place.

Motion was made and seconded by Josh Novotny/Dave Felsing to approve membership in the combined Chamber/CDC organization. The motion carried.

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by Pat Rinebolt/Scott Herbst to approve \$20,127.12 in checks paid from the Borough's General Fund, of which \$4,724.02 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$15,403.10 the Authority's portion of the expense. In addition, decrease adjustments in November from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$34,554.11 of which \$15,022.68 was the Borough's portion of the expense and \$19,531.43 was the Authority's portion of the expense, and payroll for November 2021 in the amount of \$79,340.97 of which \$27,311.36 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$52,029.61 is the Authority's portion of the expense. The motion carried.

2022 Advertised Budget & Tax Resolution 4-2021

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Scott Herbst to approve the 2022 Budget as advertised. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Pat Rinebolt/Scott Herbst to adopt Resolution 4-2021 for 2022 Taxes. The motion carried.

Resolution 5-2021 Butler County's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion was made and seconded by Pat Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to adopt Resolution 5-2021 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carried.

Resolution 6-2021 Interim Tax Collector

Mary reminded Council that Saxonburg's Tax Collector is retiring as of December 31. Saxonburg is able to appoint the Butler County Treasurer to collect the taxes. The Solicitor suggested the current Council vote on the appointment in order to allow the County time to get the collectors properly bonded. The new Council can then vote in January to keep the appointment.

Carol asked if taxes will need to be mailed or if the County will have a local office. Mary said she does not believe there will be a local office.

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Scott Herbst to add Resolution 6-2021 to the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Scott Herbst to adopt Resolution 6-2021. The motion carried.

Solicitor Solicitor Mike Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group
The Solicitor had no further report at this time.

Old Business None.

New Business None.

Executive Session

The meeting recessed at 7:27 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss Employee, Contract, and/or Public Safety Matters.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m. and took the following actions:

Summit Township Police Services Agreement

Motion was made and seconded by Pat Rinebolt/Dave Felsing to add the Summit Township Police Services Agreement Extension to the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Carol Neubert to approve the Summit Township Police Services Agreement Extension. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on January 3, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Jody Vettori
Secretary