

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Minutes
August 15th, 2023

President Piper called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Dave Johnston, Aaron Piper, Carol Neubert, Brian Antoszyk, Ray Koegler, and Patricia Rinebolt were present. Mayor Gillespie and Mia Mazza-Petruzzi were absent.

A Moment of silence was held for the tragic passing of former Borough Manager Michael Thomas.

Also in attendance were: Mary Papik, Manager; Mike Gallagher, Solicitor; Fred Caesar, Museum Curator; Steven May; Secretary, Doug Sprankle, Sally Foust, Leanna Johnston, Ben Brewster, Mindy Neff, Daryl Vettori, William Pitts, and Tate Pacek

Minutes

Minutes of July 18th, 2023 were approved as distributed.

Public Comments Restricted to Borough residents & business owners; 3 minutes each

Doug Sprankle – Doug Sprankle invited Council to ride in the Rotary Barrel during the Octoberfest Parade. He is excited about the upcoming events in town and has been organizing beneficial efforts for the Borough during Octoberfest. Doug is relieved that the Event Ordinance did not pass as written and would volunteer any time needed to re-draft a proposed Ordinance in the future. He looks to a positive relationship with Council going forward.

Museum Curator Fred Caesar

Mr. Caesar provided an update on the Museum specifically mentioning a tour he recently gave. “Thank you for caring for our families’ items and how well they are maintained and displayed. It means a lot to us,” a visitor said. Mr. Caesar was touched by the comment and grateful for the opportunity. A Donation received from a Maurhoff descendant included a new treasure, a 1932 Baptismal Certificate from St. Lukes Church on Main Street.

The Sister City Delegation visited the Museum with members of the Press. The Museum will be hosting Students from Germany who are part of the (GAPP) German American Partnership Program. Fred will be speaking in part about the Roebling’s history and museum displays.

A Shuttle stop, provided by Mr. Sprankle, will be located at Roebling Park during Octoberfest and the Museum will be open to visitors. Handicapped accessible stickers have been added to the front doors and our websites have been updated to handicapped accessible as well. Recently, the last box of fluorescent was tapped in order to replace burned out bulbs. These fixtures are no longer available, and a LED conversion is eminent. A bench located in front of the Museum has

rusted to the point of breaking and no has caution tape placed on it. The bench was donated in memory of Leland Cooper.

A Museum Gift/Donation form will be put in place to avoid any materials entering the museum that may pose a risk to patrons. The Saxonburg Museum Facebook page has reached 1,110 followers and continues to grow.

Friends of the Museum Fred Caesar

Since the campaign to save the wire rope workshop began April 1st, the Friends have been able to raise over \$25,000, 10% of the estimated cost of saving the wire rope shop. A matching donation campaign is underway with an anonymous donor matching up to \$5,000.00. Several avenues of potential grant funding are being pursued. Fred reiterated the fact that a majority of Grants available are “matching” funds. Meaning, if you have \$25,000 they will only grant you \$25,000 more. The friends will need to have cash on hand as opportunities become available. Donations have slowed as of August with Back-to-School and cost of food increases limiting flexible cash for most families.

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

Superintendent Chuck McGee

Committee Reports

Streets/Stormwater Committee (No meeting)

Ordinance Committee (No Meeting)

Parks & Rec Committee (No meeting)

Police Committee (No Meeting)

Property Committee (No meeting)

Joint Policy Committee (No meeting)

Liaison Reports

PA State Association of Boroughs (No meeting)

Butler County Council of Government (No meeting)

Butler County Boroughs Association (No Meeting)

Tax Collection Committee (No meeting)

Planning Commission (No meeting)

Zoning Hearing Board (No meeting)

Historic Architectural Review Board (No meeting)

Council Members Business presented by Council Members

Councilman Antoszyk asked if the rules of road repair could be defined for utility replacement and upgrades in order to hold accountability.

Councilman Antoszyk asks that we strategize and plan accordingly in conjunction with PennDOT for street sweeping and road repairs.

Secretary Steven May

A Motion To replace the Post Lamps in Roebing Park with LED bulbs was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

Manager Mary Papik

Bills

A Motion to pay the bills was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed unanimously.

Bills

<i>Purpose</i>		Borough	Park	SAA	Total
Borough General Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$6,674.37	\$1,148.80	\$3,739.00	\$11,562.17
	Payroll	\$28,989.51		\$64,977.69	\$93,967.20
	Checks Paid	\$11,758.26			\$11,758.26
SAA Revenue Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$5,037.07	\$25.16	\$32,985.20	\$38,047.43
	Checks Paid	\$3,050.65		\$84,053.12	\$87,103.77
Total:		\$57,953.81	\$1173.96	\$185755.01	\$242,438.83

Solicitor Solicitor Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group – The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Old Business

A Motion to approve Knoch Sr. High School Homecoming Parade, October 12th 2023 was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to Ratify a Motion to abolish the draft Event Ordinance 479 as written and send it back to the event ordinance committee made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Dave Johnston was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to Ratify a Motion to adjust Police rates recommended by the Mayor and Police Committee relating to compensation made by Brian Antoszyk and seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

New Business

A Motion to approve transferring the Amount of \$15,057.13 from the liquid fuels fund to the general fund for streetlight and salt bills through July was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to approve the 2024 MMO Financial Requirements was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to accept the resignation of Patricia Rinebolt from the Library Board with Regrets was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to appoint Claire Parasida to the Library Board was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion Passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve the Saxonburg Museum Gift Agreement was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to begin the process to update Saxonburg's Comprehensive Plan was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Patricia Rinebolt. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

Borough Council Moved to Executive session at 7:58 p.m.

Borough Council Returned from executive session at 8:40 p.m. and took the following actions:

A Motion to adjust Police bill out rates was made Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion Passed unanimously.

A Motion to accept the resignation of Officer Matthew Wagner with regrets effective July 25th, 2023, was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to approve the hiring of part-time officer Mark Kowaleski effective August 18th, 2023, was made by Patricia Rinebolt and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to approve the hiring of Halei Protzman effective 8/14 as the Sewer Authorities Billing Tech II was made by Ray Koegler and Seconded by Patricia Rinebolt. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Steven T. May: Borough Secretary