

**SAXONBURG BOROUGH**  
**Minutes**  
**October 17th, and October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

President Piper called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 7:00 p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Also in attendance were:** Mike Gallagher, Solicitor; Fred Caesar, Museum Curator; Steven May; Manager, Doug Sprankle, Mindy Neff, Karen Antoszyk, Chad Martin, Brooke Wamsley, David Goodcat, Linda Kovacik, William Hoche.

**Minutes**

Minutes of September 19th, 2023 were approved as distributed.

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

**Brooke Wamsley** – Brooke introduced herself to Borough Council. She is the Granddaughter of Ralph Henderson, builder of the Brooklyn Bridge replica and several other homes in town. She has recently moved back to the area and would like to help in any way possible. Brooke’s legal background will be an asset to the planning commission to which she requests to become a part of.

**David “Goodcat”** – Borough resident David previously spoke with Mayor Gillespie regarding the tragic vehicle accident and the support the students at Knoch schools and residents across the area need. David is a Professional musician and would like to arrange a walk from the school to the carnival grounds where a concert would be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> around 11:00am. He would like to raise money for all parties involved. Mr. Goodcat is not aware of any local charitable foundations that address specific needs in an instance like this. He will work with the Fire department and other local businesses to coordinate.

**Chad Martin** – Chad spoke on Behalf of the Saxonburg Rotary. He would like to begin planning an arts festival for the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> 2024. Mr. Martin would like to work in conjunction with SABA, the Little Shops of Saxonburg, and all other local organizations willing to help. The event would be held on Main Street with vendors spaced similar to Mingle. At this time, the park would not be included. The goal would be a two-day event with all hands on deck, taking any profits and investing them in the community.

**Karen Antoszyk** – Karen followed up to answer any questions and support Chad Martin and the Rotary. The organizations are excited for next year.

**Museum Curator** Fred Caesar

The museum has been quite busy these past weeks with several large tours including 140 second graders from Knoch Primary and the Herman Cub Scout Pack 39. The groups enjoyed the addition of over 50 new items in the collection. Displays are being moved around and updated with new additions such as a 1919 Edison Phonograph, including the original shipping crate, and the original scale from Starks Feed Store. Cathy Wiltrout of the sign shop has updated the lettering and contact information on the front doors. Several Inquires have been made regarding the saving, replacement, and safety of the Brooklyn Bridge Replica. A work order has been placed to have additional support added to the bridge and to try to stop rain runoff from hitting the wire rope workshop.

Mr. Caesar also reports that once again the Keystone Grant qualifying standards are not being met. We do not have an operating budget of \$100,000 and do not have a full-time employee. The museum would also be required to be open 100 days a year. Current records for this year have shown the museum is open about 60 days a year with scheduled tours. These stipulations hinder Grants for small organizations such as our museum.

**Mayor** William Gillespie Jr.

The Mayor has been working on getting Prices for a new police reporting system. Meetings are scheduled for quotes.

Stuff A Cruiser is returning Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Library and Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Saxonburg Coffee Shop. Toys will be collected and donated to the Light House Foundation. The Mayor appreciates the support from the community.

The Saxonburg 5K, known as the “Truthahntrab 5K” will be held Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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

**Manager / Secretary** Steven May

A Motion to approve Resolution 3-2023 which authorizes the application to the Local Share Account Grant for the Wirerope Workshop was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Patricia Rinebolt. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve Resolution 4-2023 which authorizes the application to the Local Share Account Grant for a Modular restroom in Roebing Park was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve Resolution 5-2023 which authorizes the application to the Local Share Account Grant for siding replacement on the Borough building was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Bills**

A Motion to pay the Bills was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and Seconded by Brian Antoszyk. The Motion passed unanimously.

<b><i>Purpose</i></b>		<b>Borough</b>	<b>Park</b>	<b>SAA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Borough General Fund</b>	<b>Decrease Adjustments</b>	\$4,380.59	\$1,604.84	\$682.48	\$6,667.91
	<b>Payroll</b>	\$31,803.91	\$640.78	\$62,701.79	\$95,146.48
	<b>Checks Paid</b>	\$20,779.14	\$196.20		\$20,975.34
<b>SAA Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Decrease Adjustments</b>	\$8,142.82	\$25.16	\$41,858.41	\$50,026.39
	<b>Checks Paid</b>	\$1,296.77	\$0.00	\$63,430.08	\$64,726.85
<b>Total:</b>		\$66,403.23	\$2,466.98	\$168,672.76	\$237,542.97

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

**Old Business**

A Motion to approve the Borough / Authority Splits was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

A Motion to appoint Brooke Wamsley to the Planning Commission was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to appoint Brian Antoszyk to the Joint Policy Committee was made by Ray Koegler and Seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to appoint Dave Johnston as the voting delegate at the Municipal Risk Management Worker's Compensation Pooled Trust annual meeting on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023, at the Blaymore II Building in Sewickley, and to have the Borough Secretary send in the Proxy form was made by Ray Koegler and Seconded by Carol Neubert. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve the three-year audit services agreement with Maher Duessel for the years 2023 – 2025 was made by Patricia Rinebolt and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to accept the resignation of Officer Beau Sneddon effective October 23rd, 2023 with regrets was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible Motion to approve the 2024 Borough Budget for advertisement.

**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.

The Meeting was recessed at 9:52 by President Piper.

The Meeting reconvened October 24<sup>th</sup> and was called to order at 7:00pm.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Also in attendance were:** Fred Caesar, Museum Curator; Steven May; Manager, Brooke Wamsley, David Goodcat, William Hoche, and Jason Goehring

**Public Comments** There was no public comment.

**Mayor** The Mayor had nothing additional.

**Manager / Secretary** Steven May had nothing additional.

A Motion to approve the 2024 Borough Budget for advertisement was Tabled.

A Motion to add a Motion to approve the 2024 Roebling Park Budget for advertisement was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and Seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion passed unanimously.

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Council moved to Executive Session at 8:25pm.

Council Returned from Executive Session at 8:48pm and took no action.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. May  
Borough Manager / Secretary