

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Minutes
December 19th, 2023

President Piper called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also in attendance were: Steven May, Manager; Mike Gallagher, Solicitor; Fred Caesar, Museum Curator; Jason Goehring, Joyce Hutterer, Brooke Wamsley, and William Pitts.

Correspondence

Coherent will be testing its emergency siren, December 22nd and 23rd at 12:00 noon.
The Hillcrest Group has applied for and will be installing 4 scrubber units to decrease emissions at their 955 Saxonburg Road location.

Minutes

Minutes of November 21st, 2023 were approved as distributed.

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

No public comments were made.

Museum Curator Fred Caesar

A Roof rake has been purchased to maintain accumulating snow on the wirerope shop. Mr. Caesar thanked the Council and Community for their support of the museum during the 2023 season. It has been another good year of tours hosting around 300 people, generating around \$1,500 in donations. There has been an increase of material donations with growing interest in the collection. The museum's social media presence has doubled this past year standing at 1,295 members. Fred also thanked Council Members Pat Rinebolt and Carol Neubert for their support over the past several years.

Friends of the Museum Fred Caesar

Fred is pleased to report that the campaign to save the Wirerope shop has topped \$52,000, just over 20% of the goal. There are ongoing conversations with representatives at all levels of government for potential Grant funding. Mr. Caesar stated how heartwarming it is to know that there is ongoing interest within the community and the fact that it takes a lot of \$20, \$50, and \$100 donations to make up our goal. Every Donation is appreciated in the efforts to save the Wirerope shop.

Mayor

William Gillespie Jr.

Saxonburg had several successful events last month. The holiday parade was one of the largest ever. There was tremendous support for the stuff a cruiser campaign. Officers took over 7 carloads of toys to Lighthouse in conjunction with Middlesex Township, Penn Township, Adams Township, and Boy Scout Troop 53. Saxonburg had the return of the 5K with over 250 runners. The mayor had a meeting with the other area mayors regarding the EMS services and the financial problems they are having. The County is considering matching funds if the Borough were to consider an EMS service tax at a ½ mill.

Newly elected officials are being offered training from PSAB on meeting procedures. A recent news article revealed that Saxonburg has been listed as one of the top ten places to retire in Pennsylvania. Friends of the Saxonburg Police has offered to pay for a complete tire replacement for one of our cruisers. The Friends of the Police started in 2019 and has raised \$46,038 dollars for training, safety equipment and gear. Mayor Gillespie wishes to thank the community for their support.

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 that Council Members be notified when and if Zoning, Planning, and HARB meetings are being held as they do not meet unless there is an issue.

He also asked that Council receive a copy of building permits monthly.

Councilman Johnston spoke regarding the trimming of the ornamental trees on main street. The Borough Manager and Superintendent will research proper seasons and techniques for maintenance.

Manager / Secretary

Steven May

Bills

A Motion to pay the bills was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Ray Kogler. The Motion passed unanimously.

Bills

<i>Purpose</i>		Borough	Park	SAA	Total
Borough General Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$4,017.25	\$1,022.57	\$465.21	\$5,505.03
	Payroll	\$31,836.21		\$60,410.36	\$92,246.57
SAA Revenue Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$6,398.80	\$25.16	\$33,190.35	\$39,614.31
	Checks Paid	\$3,394.69	\$0.00	\$34,958.57	\$38,353.26
Total:		\$45,646.95	\$1,047.73	\$129,024.49	\$175,719.17

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

Old Business

A Motion to approve the 2024 Borough and Park budgets as presented was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Brian Antoszyk. The Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

A Motion to transfer \$21,696.45 from the Liquid Fuels Fund for the 2023 expenditures was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for The Kollection signage change as recommended by HARB was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Ray Kogler. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve the 2024 meeting dates was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to adopt Resolution 7-2023 establishing the 2024 Tax Rates was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion Passed unanimously.

A Motion to adopt Resolution 8-2023 honoring Carol Neubert for her contributions to the Borough of Saxonburg was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Ray Kogler. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to adopt Resolution 9-2023 honoring Patricia J. Rinebolt for her contributions to the Borough of Saxonburg was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

Council moved to executive session at 7:37 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:38 p.m. and took the following actions:

A Motion to approve the Police wage increases for 2024 as presented was made by Carol Neubert and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. May
Borough Manager / Secretary