

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
January 16th, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Ray Koegler, Jason Goehring, Aaron Piper, Dave Johnston, Brian Antoszyk, Mia Mazza-Petruzzi were present. Joyce Hutterer, and Mayor Gillespie were absent.

Also in attendance were Steven May/Manager, Brooke Wamsley, Bruce Ohl, Ryan Martin from Representative Marci Mustello's office, Blane Martin, Ben Brewster, and Nancy Alberth.

Correspondence

The Lighthouse Foundation in conjunction with the Toy Shoppe Committee sends their overwhelming thank you to the Stuff a Cruiser campaign. They were able to provide over 200 families and over 500 Children with presents this past Christmas.

Butler County Parks and Recreation has sent their annual Park Renovation/Development Grant application. This is a 25% matching Grant with a maximum allotment of \$7,500.

The Friends of the Saxonburg Police have applied for a Community Grant through the GBU Foundation with a possibility of \$10,000 worth of funding. Casting your vote on the friends of the Saxonburg Police Facebook page would be invaluable. Please reach out to Mayor Gillespie, The Friends Facebook page, or by visiting <https://GBU.org/Foundation> for more details.

The Friends of the Museum shared several articles from their Facebook Page. An article from December 1894 referencing Washington Roebling and his father's making of wire rope in Saxonburg. A thank you letter sent to Constructors Association of Western Pennsylvania for sharing information about the wire rope shop within their organization's publication. A thank you to the Young Preservationists Association for highlighting the wire rope shop as one of Pittsburgh 10 sites worth saving in 2024. The wire rope shop was 4th on a list of ten. And finally, a big thank you to Doug Sprankle for raising \$250.00 toward the preservation of the wire rope shop with the ornament tree in his store over the holidays.

Minutes

The Minutes of January 2nd, 2024 were approved as distributed.

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

Blane Martin – Mr. Martin requested an update regarding the Borough Manager. Attorney Gallagher responded to Mr. Martin that the situation has continued to be monitored.

Mayor

William Gillespie Jr.

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 (February 7th)
Zoning Hearing Board (February 15th)
Historic Architectural Review Board (No meeting)

Council Members Business presented by Council Members

Councilwoman Mazza-Petruzzi – Mia would like to investigate the parking area at the far side of the park. The 4X4 ties inclosing the parking area have deteriorated and will need to be replaced. She would like to see what it would cost, possibly with Wain Landscaping to refurbish the wall.

Councilwoman Mazza-Petruzzi – Mia questioned that Doug was on the Borough Calander for Sprankle’s Woods Octoberfest and is actively seeking vendors. She would like to know what the status was of the Art Festival and if the businesses should plan for it on the same dates as Octoberfest.

Councilman Antoszyk reminded Council that they had approved the closing of Main Street for the Rotary on those dates, but the event will be held by and insured through SABA. Solicitor Gallagher suggested that SABA formally request the closure as SABA will be holding the insurance certificate. It was requested that the Borough speak with Mr. Sprankle. However, the Borough Manager has already spoken with him regarding the calendar dates. Mr. Sprankle requested that he remain on the Borough calendar.

Councilwoman Mazza-Petruzzi would like to see who is doing what and where whether it be in the park, Fireman Grounds, or on Mainstreet only. Councilman Antoszyk highlighted that SABA, the Little Shops of Saxonburg, and the Rotary had a recent meeting and discussed the possibilities of all Borough venues.

Secretary / Manager Steven May

Bills

A Motion to pay the Bills was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed unanimously.

<i>Purpose</i>		SAA	Borough	Park	Total
Borough General Fund	Automatic Payments	\$200.52	\$7,843.18	\$1,208.11	\$9,251.81
	Payroll	\$93,157.37	\$44,916.62		\$138,073.99
SAA Revenue Fund	Automatic Payments	\$35,100.44	\$7,206.31	\$25.16	\$42,331.91
	Checks Paid	\$87,059.72	\$1,909.04	\$0.00	\$88,968.76
Total:		\$215,518.05	\$61,875.15	\$1,233.27	\$278,626.47

Solicitor Solicitor Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group

Old Business

New Business

Historic Architectural Review Board

A Motion to appoint Brooke Wamsley to the Historic Architectural Review Board for a three-year term was made by Dave Johnston and seconded by Brian Antoszyk. The Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board

A Motion to appoint Bruce Ohl to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term was made by Mia Mazza Petruzzi and seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed unanimously.

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 and contract matters. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

Council moved to executive session at 7:18

Council returned from executive session at 7:39 and took no action.

Adjournment

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:40.