

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
March 19th, 2024

President Piper called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Joyce Hutterer, Aaron Piper, Brian Antoszyk, Dave Johnston, Ray Kogler, William Gillespie, and Jason Goehring. Mia Mazza-Petrucci was absent.

Also in attendance were Steven May/Borough Manager, Ben Brewster, Fred Caesar, Brooke Wamsley, David Felsing, Linda Kovacik, Bill Hoche, Tate Pacek, Blane Martin, Nelson Milano

Correspondence

The Borough Received Correspondence from Fred Caesar detailing 4 Tours totaling \$130.00 in donations.

Minutes

The Minutes of February 20th, 2024 were approved as distributed.

Public Comments

Linda Kovacik – Sister City update

Audubon

Nelson Milano

Mr. Milano confirmed the trees are Callery pear and are invasive. A list of native replacements has been provided though the grant cycle for this year has too narrow of a window for this summer for the Borough to apply as bids and proposals would need to be made by the first week of April. The Audubon Society has several programs including grant writing services that the society will keep us informed of as the Borough progresses through this issue. Native trees that would be provided through grants would need to be “hole ready”, meaning they would need to be planted immediately once received.

Museum Curator

Fred Caesar

Mr. Caesar reports that the museum collection has grown about 1/3 over the past 5-7 years. New displays include the sign from the Lassinger storefront, now 319 W. Main Street, and a handmade fiddle from the late 1800's specifically earmarked for the Saxonburg Museum from the Maynard Family. Tours continue to be booked through saxonburgmuseum@gmail.com. A recent tour with adults from LifeSteps left Fred touched by their enthusiasm. Fred has been asked by the Butler Eagle to write articles for their America 250 April special as well as the papers Business Matters section regarding John Roebling and the evolution of Main Street.

Mayor

William Gillespie Jr.

The Mayor and Chief Beachem attended the Butler County Fire Police meeting and look forward to ways that we can support them and work together going forward.

Friends of the Saxonburg Police presented a check for over \$1,500 this month to cover costs in the department. Over \$48,000 has been contributed to date with another \$12,000 earmarked for 2024. Fundraising efforts this year include a Henry rifle and the Steeler Books. The Friends of the Police golf outing is scheduled for June 21st, 2024. Please plan to register early as we look to sell this event out.

Committee Reports

- Streets/Stormwater Committee** (March 15th)
- 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** (April 3rd)
- Zoning Hearing Board** (April 18th)
- Historic Architectural Review Board** (March 13th)

Council Members Business presented by Council Members

Joyce discussed turning the Museum over to the Friends of the Museum

Secretary / Manager Steven May

Bills

A Motion to Pay the Bills was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed unanimously.

<i>Purpose</i>		Borough	Park	Total	SAA
Borough General Fund	Automatic Payments	\$4,450.16	\$1,388.45	\$9,253.62	\$3,415.01
	Payroll	\$27,599.58		\$94,428.65	\$66,829.07
SAA Revenue Fund	Automatic Payments	\$11,633.03	\$1,509.68	\$81,566.66	\$68,423.95
	Checks Paid	\$2,510.42	\$0.00	\$54,985.82	\$52,475.40
Total:		\$46,193.19	\$2,898.13	\$240,234.75	\$191,143.43

Solicitor Solicitor Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group

Old Business

A Motion to approve Roebing Park Clean-up Day April 13th with a rain date of April 20th was made by Joyce Hutterer and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed unanimously.

Main Street Trees

A Motion to approve the trimming of the Callery Pear Trees on Main Street was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Jason Goehring. The Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 8-2024 Destruction of old Borough Checks

A Motion to approve resolution 8-2024 which authorizes the destruction of old Borough Checks was made by Ray Kogler and Seconded by Brian Antoszyk. The Motion passed unanimously.

2024 Street Project Advertisement

A Motion to advertise the "2024 Street Project" with a bid opening on April 8th, 2024, and the awarding of the bid at the May 21st, 2024, Council meeting was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion passed unanimously.

Museum Garage Door Seal Replacement

A Motion to approve replacement of the garage door seals on the Museum garage door was made by Joyce Hutterer and Seconded by Ray Kogler. The Motion passed unanimously.

Museum Utility, Security and Internet Bills

A Motion to request Friends of the Museum to cover a portion of Utility, Security, and Internet Bills at the Museum was Tabled.

HARB

A Motion to approve a certificate of appropriateness for Robins Nest as recommended by the HARB Board was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Ray Kogler. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve a certificate of appropriateness for Saxonburg Tea Room on Main as recommended by the HARB Board was made by Ray Kogler and Seconded by Dave Johnston. 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.

The Meeting Moved to executive session at 8:36pm
And returned at 8:48pm, taking no action.

Adjournment

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm