

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
April 16th, 2024

A Public Hearing for the Re-Zoning of the parcels across from Roebling Park numbered 500-S4-81AC-0000 and 500-S4-74A-0000 was held prior to the meeting.

President Piper called the Council meeting to order at 7:17pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Aaron Piper, Mia Mazza-Petruzzi, Dave Johnston, Ray Koepler, Brain Antoszyk, Jason Goehring, Joyce Hutterer and Mayor Gillespie were all present.

Also in attendance were: Linda Toy, Rick Toy, Rebecca Black, Bob Maher, Bruce Ohl, Blane Martin, Brooke Wamsley, David Felsing, Ben Brewster, Sue Gillespie, Carol Neubert, Joe Neubert, Karen Antoszyk, and Nancy Alberth.

Correspondence

Roebling Park Clean-up Day will most likely be postponed again due to weather.
The Borough Received Correspondence from Fred Caesar detailing donations.
Correspondence requesting fire police from Worthington Borough
Correspondence from First Energy regarding pole usage and banners

Minutes

The Minutes of March 19th, 2024 were approved as distributed.

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

Blane Martin - Blane thanked Chief Beachem for getting the streetlight fixed and also thanked the field crew for trimming the Main Street trees. He would like to thank Joyce for helping Fred continue on and Museum. Blane also asked for an update on the Borough manager issue.

Nancy Alberth – Nancy Spoke from Red Door Antiques spoke about the Saxonburg Artisan Festival scheduled for September 7th and 8th. She explained their organization has contacted both churches on Main Street for approval. The event will run Saturday 10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. Sunday 10:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.

Brooke Wamsley – Brooke Spoke regarding her support for Fred and Friends of the Museum taking over the daily operations to raise funds for not only the Museum but also the Brooklyn Bridge Replica. She looks forward to the future of the Friends of the Museums organization and their plans.

Museum Curator Fred Caesar

Mr. Caesar thanked Council for fixing the Leaking Garage door at the museum. After all the rain we've had this month, it appears the Wirerope workshop may be listing a little further in the right rear corner. The floor of the shop is soaking up moisture as there is only about 6 inches of space between the ground and the floorboards. He is hopeful that restoration construction can begin in 2025. The Butler Eagle published a column about John Roebling. It has sparked some interest. Fred had a presentation in Oakmont, PA with about 40 members of the Gulf Research Center and has been invited to record a segment for Armstrong's Butler Buzz. The Museums social media presence continues to grow.

Saxonburg Area Rotary Playground – Karen Antoszyk Mrs. Antoszyk spoke regarding the Rotary and the potential to have multiple playgrounds located throughout the Borough. The Rotary is exploring

possibilities of not only having a playground at the Fire Hall but also the possibility of having a small playground at the site of the old water tower on Main Street as well as something in Roebing Park. The Rotary will continue to raise funds for these projects and hopefully move forward with engineering given the Councils blessing.

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

The Mayor Presented Council with a check for over \$9,500 from Friends of the Police for 2 new sets of radio equipment for our officers.

The Friends will be hosting the now Annual Golf Outing June 21st. Please see the Borough Website for a team application or contact the Mayor directly.

Committee Reports

- Streets/Stormwater Committee** (No meeting)
- Ordinance Committee** (No meeting)
- Parks & Rec Committee** (No meeting)
- Police Committee** (April 11th, April 16th)
- 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) The Planning Commission unanimously approved a zoning change from M to C-2 for parcels 500-S4-81AC-0000 and 500-S4-74A-0000 located across from Roebing Park.
- Zoning Hearing Board** (No meeting)
- Historic Architectural Review Board** (No meeting)

Secretary / Manager Steven May

Bills

A Motion to Pay the Bills was made by Ray Kogler and Seconded by Mia – Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed Unanimously.

<i>Purpose</i>		Borough	Park	SAA	Total
Borough General Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$4,158.30	\$1,374.18	\$692.82	\$6,225.30
	Payroll	\$27,456.43	\$0.00	\$63,307.37	\$90,763.80
	Checks Paid	\$18,822.42	\$653.79	\$0.00	\$19,476.21

SAA Revenue Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$10,871.34	\$767.72	\$58,859.57	\$70,498.63
	Checks Paid	\$2,044.93	\$300.32	\$55,952.46	\$58,297.71
Total:		\$63,353.42	\$3,096.01	\$178,812.22	\$245,261.65

Solicitor Solicitor Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group

Old Business

Saxonburg Artisan Market

A Motion to approve road closures for the Saxonburg Artisan Market Saturday September 7th from 9:00a.m. to 6:30p.m. and Sunday September 8th from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. was made by Joyce Hutterer and Seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

New Business

2023 Audit

A Motion to approve and advertise the 2023 Borough Audit was made by Joyce Hutterer and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

Memorial Day Parade Road Closure

A Motion to approve the closure of W. Main Street and N. Rebecca Street from 10:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. for the Memorial Day parade was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and Seconded by Brian Antoszyk. The Motion passed unanimously.

Pet and Fireman’s Parade Road Closures

A Motion to approve request made by the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Company to have Main Street closed for the Pet Parade Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 27th, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the Fireman’s Parade was made by Joyce Hutterer and seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed Unanimously.

Orkin Contract

A Motion to approve the Orkin Contract for seasonal treatments at the Municipal Building and the Park was made by Brian Antoszyk 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.

Council Moved to executive session at 7:45.

Council Returned from Executive session at 8:35 and took the following actions:

Ordinance 479

A Motion to approve Ordinance 479 changing the Zoning on tax parcels 00-S4-81AC-0000 and 500-S4-74A-0000 From (M) Manufacturing to (C-2) Convenience Commercial was made by Jason Goehring and Seconded by Brian Antoszyk. The Motion passed with Council member Joyce Hutterer abstaining.

Municipal Building Siding

A Motion to approve advertisement for bid on the Municipal Building siding was made by Ray Koegler and Seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion passed unanimously.

Gazebo Roof

A Motion to approve advertisement for bid on the Roebling Park gazebo roof pending a successful grant application was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed unanimously.

Museum

A Motion to draft a Lease agreement with Friends of the Museum to take over operations of the Museum was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

Officers

A Motion to accept the Resignation of Officer Stiles, with regrets, was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and Seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve the hiring of a full-time Officer upon conditions of the Police Committee was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and Seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45p.m.