

**SAXONBURG BOROUGH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Piper at 7:03 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** Aaron Piper, Brian Antoszyk, Mia Mazza-Petruzzi, Jason Goehring, Joyce Hutterer. Dave Johnston, Ray Koegler, and Mayor Gillespie. (All Present)

Also present were Borough Manager Steven May, Blane Martin, Brooke Wamsley, Arianna Afshari, Annette Gervias, Lee Uncapher, Ben Brewster and William Pitts.

**Correspondence –**

The Borough Received an anonymous letter regarding candy being thrown to hard at parades. The Borough Received correspondence from The Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Department requesting donations and members.

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

Blane Martin spoke regarding the excellent turnout and enjoyable time that was had at the fireman's parade. He was also pleased with the completion of the manhole project and paving work that has been completed on Water Street.

Brooke Wamsley and Arianna Afshari Spoke about the new leadership and ongoing Museum endeavors. They have been able to assemble a full board of 5 members along with 14 additional non-voting members as an advisory board. The museum will have an event planning committee, a restoration committee and a curation committee assembled shortly. They are working diligently on having regular Saturday hours. June 29<sup>th</sup> was History Day at the Museum and made the front page of Butler Eagle. Brooke and Arianna would like to thank Scott Docherty and Doug Sprankle for their tremendous help making the event a huge success. A Museum cleanup day is being scheduled for a thorough indoor cleaning. Saxonburg Hotel hosted a dine and donate event this past weekend raising \$679.00. The ladies have managed to raise \$1015 in just over a month. An additional \$175.00 in tour donations was given to the Borough Secretary for deposit into the park/museum fund. West Fest, taking place this weekend, will be hosting a Bourbon tasting event and Mr. Sprankle has pledged 10% of the proceeds to the friends. Doug also plans on auctioning off a Bronze Eagle statue valued at \$2500 with 100% of the proceeds going to the Museum. The ladies met with Brayman Construction after a previous meeting with Mr. Caesar and Mr. May for the restoration of the Wirerope shop and relocation of the Brooklyn Bridge replica. Brayman has very graciously pledged a matching grant of up to \$100,000.00 to save the structures. The Friends and Borough Council Applauded the contribution. "We can't thank them enough for their generosity" Brooke and Arianna are also pleased to announce that Museum Merchandise will be available very soon.

**Mayor** William Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Gillespie informed council that the Friends of the Police golf outing was a huge success. He encourages council and members of the community to save the date for next years outing planned for June 13<sup>th</sup> 2025.

He was pleased to note that Mr. Doug Sprankle has been awarded Entrepreneur of the year. His innovations to the store and continued community support are a tremendous asset to our town.

The Mayor is excited about all of the positive changes to the department that will be forthcoming.

**Committee Reports**

- Streets/Stormwater Committee** (No meeting)
- Ordinance Committee** (No meeting)
- Parks & Rec Committee** (No meeting)
- Police Committee** (7-16-24)
- Property Committee** (No meeting)
- Joint Policy Committee** (No meeting)
- Museum 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** (7-10-24)

**Secretary / Manager**          Steven May

**Bills**

A Motion to Pay the Bills was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion Passed unanimously.

<i>Purpose</i>		<b>SAA</b>	<b>Borough</b>	<b>Park</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Borough General Fund</b>	<b>Automatic Payments</b>	\$209.40	\$4,212.97	\$1,596.24	\$6,018.61
	<b>Payroll</b>	\$61,822.81	\$25,248.61		\$87,071.42
<b>SAA Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Automatic Payments</b>	\$46,119.84	\$10,983.67	\$896.71	\$58,000.22
	<b>Checks Paid</b>	\$564,559.73	\$1,664.38	\$8.55	\$566,232.66
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$672,711.78</b>	<b>\$42,109.63</b>	<b>\$2,501.50</b>	<b>\$717,322.91</b>

**Solicitor**          Solicitor Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group

**Old Business**

### **New Business**

A Motion to amend the Agenda to add a Motion to add a member to the Planning Commission was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A Motion to Add Arianna Afshari to the Planning Commission was made by Joyce Hutterer and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve a date request with Armstrong cable for a Movie in the Park night for a date in early October, with the Borough Manager to reach out to the Church and Library as a rain back up plan was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion Passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the new "Hotel Saxonburg" sign was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Jason Goehring. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for "The Treehouse" sign located at Hotel Saxonburg was made by Ray Koepler and Seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for "The Tilted Tavern" Located at Hotel Saxonburg was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and Seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for Bastin Distillery, LLC was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and Seconded by Ray Koepler. The Motion Passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve a modified Parade route for the 2024 Holiday Parade was Tabled until next month to ensure that road closure safety precautions were available.

A Discussion was held regarding the Borough sponsoring signage for the Artisan Market September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$100. A decision will be made at the August 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **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 and returned at 8:04 taking the following actions:

A Motion to approve the acquisition and services of Police K9 unit Bolt was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Ray Koepler. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Check in the Amount of \$4,000.00 to cover the acquisition of K9 Officer Bolt was presented by Mayor Gillespie to Council on behalf of Friends of the Police.

### **Adjournment**

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.