

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
September 17th, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Piper 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also present were Borough Manager Steven May, William Affrica, Brooke Wamsley, Patricia Rinebolt, Ben Brewster, Carol Neubert, Joe Neubert and William Pitts.

Correspondence

The Butler County Boroughs Association invites all Council and Government Officials to dinner October 16th at Slippery Rock Golf Club.

The Saxonburg VFC Ambulance service is kicking off their 2024-2025 subscription drive.

Minutes

The Minutes of August 20th 2024 were approved as distributed

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

William Affrica of 145-147 W. Main Street would like to erect a fence on his property. He had inventoried the fences on Mainstreet. Mr. Affrica reports Historic structures are setback 22 feet. His proposed wooden picket fence would be 18ft off the street with the height being 57 inches. The fence would be elevated bringing his yard level and be aesthetically accurate to the neighborhood. He asked that Council consider his favorable recommendation from the HARB Board and approve his enclosure.

Brooke Wamsley – Provided an update regarding the Brooklyn Bridge replica. She is excited to share that \$1,063.00 was raised at Sprankle’s Octoberfest. Additionally, during the Artisan Festival, \$40 was donated to the bridge fund bringing the total for the weekend to \$1,103.00 Brookes’ Bridge GoFundMe has raised \$1,310.00 to date and asks everyone to continue to share the link. She will be meeting with some construction folks in the upcoming weeks to discuss potential material, equipment, and labor donations. Brooke would like to thank Steve, Aaron, Ray, her mom, Kathy and Nick Norante and especially Molly Nowakowski and Keith Wilbert who made a \$500.00 donation in memory of her uncle Joel Henderson who recently passed. Her uncle had helped her grandfather with the Bridge replica. A total of \$2,913.00 has been raised since August 18th.

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

The Mayor reported that the Artisan Festival was a great success. The organizers did an amazing job setting up and carrying out the festival. He would like to thank everyone involved and looks forward to next year.

The Mayor presented a check from the Friends of the Saxonburg Police K9 in the amount of \$1,255.70 for lettering on the Saxonburg Police K9 truck done by Cooper Signs and window

tinting done by TTL Motorsports. He also presented a check from the Friends of the Saxonburg Police in the amount of \$911 for non-lethal firearms training.

A Donation from the Alliance for Non-Profit Resources Incorporated in the amount of \$100.00 was also received. We greatly appreciate their generosity.

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)
- Museum Committee** (9-23-2024)

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** (9-11-2024)

Secretary / Manager Steven May

Bills

A Motion to Pay the Bills was made by Ray Kogler and seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion passed unanimously.

<i>Purpose</i>		Borough	Park	SAA	Total
Borough General Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$4,141.22	\$1,336.64	\$460.95	\$5,938.81
	Payroll	\$33,017.94	\$0.00	\$63,605.95	\$96,623.89
	Checks Paid	\$11,479.19	\$707.58	\$0.00	\$12,186.77
SAA Revenue Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$7,374.99	\$767.72	\$40,298.94	\$48,441.65
	Checks Paid	\$27,218.25	\$0.00	\$120,740.66	\$147,958.91
Total:		\$83,231.59	\$2,811.94	\$225,106.50	\$311,150.03

Solicitor

Solicitor Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group

Old Business

Turkey Trot November 30th

A Motion to correct the Turkey Trot Date from November 23rd to November 30th was made by Dave Johnston and seconded by Jason Goehring. The Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

A Motion to approve the Hickory Knolls Site Development plan as prepared by the Borough Solicitor was made by Brian Antoszyk and seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Park AC

A Motion to approve the replacement of the AC and Furnace in the Museum was Tabled until the Borough Manager receives estimates of comparable equipment.

Borough Flags

A Motion to order a flag using the existing Borough Logo without changes was made by Joyce Hutterer and seconded by Jason Goehring. The Motion passed unanimously.

LSA Grants

A discussion regarding the application of LSA grants was Tabled while additional projects are presented.

Municipal Building Siding Project

A Motion to approve Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$52,795.80, to be split 50/50 with the Authority was made by Dave Johnston and seconded by Ray Koegler. The Motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Appropriateness

A Motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as recommended by HARB for the painting of the Porch, Railing, and the addition of Black shutters to the building was made by Joyce Hutterer and seconded by Brian Antoszyk. The Motion Passed unanimously.

A Motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as recommended by HARB for a fence to be erected around the property at 145 W. Main Street was Tabled with the owner needing to file a variance with the Zoning Hearing Board for building setbacks.

A Motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as recommended by HARB for Crystal Cove to replace the front screen door, paint the shutters, and business signage was made by Brian Antoszyk and seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board

A Motion to add Blane Martin as the Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board was made by Brian Antoszyk 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 8:03p.m., returning at 8:17p.m., taking no action.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 8:18p.m.