

**January 04, 2021 6:30 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF SWOYERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Council Vice President Olejnick calls the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken, those present included Mr. Brown, Mr. Christian, Mr. Cwalina, Mr. Menta and Mr. Olejnick. Mr. Keating is noted as absent. Also noted as present were Mayor Concert, Attorney Yeager, Borough Solicitor, Gene Breznay, Borough Manager and Jeff Zupko, Street Department Supervisor

A motion was requested by Mr. Olejnick to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting – December 07, 2020 and the Special Meeting – December 21, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Menta and seconded by Cwalina. Vote was 5-0 in favor. It was noted that the January 4, 2021 meeting agenda did have an incorrect meeting date of December 14, 2020. The meeting held on 12/14/20 was a Council work session and did not the presence of the Council Secretary & or minutes.

Monthly bills totaling \$34,088.66 were presented by Ms. O'Donnell, Council Secretary. A motion for approval of the monthly bills was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

### **BOROUGH COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Mr. Breznay presented an ordinance setting the place, date & time of regular council meetings as the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. If the meeting falls on a Holiday, the meeting will be held on the Tuesday following at 6:30 pm. A motion was made for approval by Mr. Menta and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. Vote was 5-0 in favor.
- Mr. Breznay presented an ordinance setting the compensation of certain employees and elected officials. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cwalina and seconded by Mr. Menta. Vote was 5-0.
- An ordinance was presented setting the member contribution for the police pension plan at 3%. A motion was to approve was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Menta. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman Christian abstaining from the vote.
- Mr. Breznay shared the Borough received a Recycling Performance Grant for 2019 in the amount of \$2,689.96.
- Mr. Breznay shared that the Borough received a Co-Op Agreement for the 2021 Block Grant which includes \$150,000 for road improvements.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** Mr. Brown presented the November Finance Report. **General Fund:** beginning checkbook balance: \$45,402.51; transfers & revenue for the month: \$194,051.66; Expenses & Transfers for the month: \$127,095.75; ending checkbook balance: \$112,358.42. **Liquid Fuels:** beginning checkbook balance: \$118.21; transfers and revenue for month: \$7,700.20; expenses and transfers for the month: \$7,724.42; ending checkbook balance: \$93.99. **Solid Waste Collection:** beginning checkbook balance: \$22,188.11; transfers and revenue for the month: \$39,243.54; expenses and transfers for the month: \$41,820.30; ending checkbook balance: \$19,611.35. **Sanitary/Storm Water Assessment:** beginning checkbook balance: \$9,403.43; transfers and revenue for the month: \$1,176.09; expenses and transfers for the month: \$2,923.88; ending checkbook balance: \$7,655.64.

**Liaison Officer:** Mr. Christian shared he has received resident complaints regarding an issue on Steeple Chase Drive. It is noted that Mr. Galanda, Borough Zoning Office is aware of the permit issue and it is being addressed.

**Street Department:** Mr. Olejnick requested a motion to advertise to sell the Borough's 2001 Dodge Ram Truck. A motion was presented by Mr. Menta and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

- Mr. Olejnick requested follow up on the Birch Drive water ponding issue. It is noted that it has been temporarily fixed until spring.

- Mr. Olejnick presented the issue of parking at the intersection of Warsaw and the back road. It was noted in a previous meeting that the no parking sign was removed. People are parking on the right side near the corner which is causing issues. A motion was made to place another no parking sign on the corner of Warsaw and the back road by Mr. Olejnick and was seconded by Mr. Cwalina. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**Police Department:** Mr. Menta read the police report for December 2020 which included a summary of Crossing Guard hours. There was a total of 130 service calls and 5 vehicle accidents. Fees collected totaled \$172.04. A motion was made to place monies in the appropriate fund by Mr. Menta and was seconded by Mr. Cwalina. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

**Fire Department:** Mr. Cwalina – No report given at this meeting.

**Mayor Concert:** Mayor Concert requested if it is snowing during the time of the Tax Collector Office Hours that the Street Department come and shovel the steps and entranceway.

- Mayor Concert reported that a new Andrew Barilla sign is coming. It was noted that Representative Kaufer and Senator Yudichak are splitting the cost of sign with the Borough.

- Mayor Concert shared with Council that complaints have received from residents noting that cardboard was being collected with garbage when it should be pick up separately. Jeff Zupko will review the concern.

**Attorney Yeager:** Attorney Yeager requested a motion allowing the first reading of a proposed Waste Dumpster Ordinance. A motion was presented by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. The proposed ordinance will be made available for Council to review. The vote was 5-0.

- Attorney Yeager requested a motion allowing the first reading of a proposed amendment to the Dog Law Ordinance for the Borough. A motion was presented by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. The proposed ordinance will be made available for Council to review. The vote was 5-0.

- Attorney Yeager requested a motion allowing the first reading of a proposed Landlord & Occupancy Ordinance for the Borough. A motion was made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. The proposed ordinance will be made available for Council to review. The vote was 5-0.

- Mr. Christian requested that all proposed ordinances be emailed to Council members. Mr. Breznay will email the ordinances as soon as received from Attorney Yeager.

**Old & New Business:**

- Mayor Concert requested follow up regarding the Borough truck & fuel issue. Mr. Olejnick shared that it is being looked at. Mr. Christian inquired as to whether the insurance company was contacted to see if the issue was covered. Mr. Breznay shared that the insurance company was contacted, and it is not covered by insurance.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

- Mark Nenichka – Swoyersville borough asks residents to remove their vehicles from the street during a snowstorm to help the Street Department clear the roads, but you allow a disable vehicle up on blocks and a fishing boat to be parked on the west side of Park Avenue. Chief Castner shared that asking residents to move cars is not a Borough ordinance; it is a request made by the Borough and Street Department to assist with plowing efforts.

- George Chervy – Would like to thank the Road Department for the tremendous job on our roads last night. Mr. Chervy shared a concern involving the alley off Bernard Street. Coming into the alley, a flag & green warning sticks have appeared. My question is if someone places metal posts, will emergency vehicles be able to make the turn into the alley? I think this issue should be addressed because some vehicles may not make the turn in an emergency. Chief Castner will look at the issue.

- Mr. Purcell – Shared that the cardboard issue has been going on for a long time.

- Kathy Breznay – If Jeff Zupko is not available, who then is in charge? Is the Department still short-handed? Jeff Zupko, Street Department Supervisor, shared that the department is currently down 1 person.

- Shane Bradley – questioned if there will be a time when the Street Department workers will be compensated competitively. They are the front line interaction with residents & perform essential functions throughout the year. Council noted that they are starting to look at this issue.

- Kristopher Weaver – would like to thank the mayor for all that he has done for our town and wishes him the best in his future!

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Olejnick and seconded by Mr. Menta. Vote was 5-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm. Next meeting will be held on February 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Barb O'Donnell  
Borough Council Secretary

William Keating  
Council President