

MINUTES
SCHUYLKILL HAVEN BOROUGH

DATE: February 3, 2016

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, 250 Parkway

ATTENDING: President Marlin W. Berger, Jr., Vice President Roger Spotts, Council members Bowman, Montz, Gordon, Bedway and Williams. Also present were Mayor Devlin, Administrator Graver, Solicitor Semanchik, JCP Rawkosky and Secretary Killian.

CALL TO ORDER: President Berger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with a silent prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Fire Chief Michael Donatti of 53 North Berne asked Council to consider placing flexible rods on fire hydrants for identification. In the recent snow storm it was hard to detect where the fire hydrants are located. Council asked if he had a cost on these. He did not but stated he would get a cost to Council for their next meeting.

Annie Ellex of 82 Hickory Street stated that the name of the Bank on the rear of the Borough's utility bills has changed names. She questioned if they are still accepting payment for the utility bills. She was told that as of now they are accepting payments. Annie Ellex also asked if the Borough is considering wrapping more poles in the Borough. She was told that they would consider this as a repair to a pole, if doable, since it is cheaper than replacing the pole.

SWEARING IN: At this time Mayor Devlin swore in the three fire chiefs and the fire police chief.

PROCLAMATION:
SWAN PATROL Mayor Devlin stated that he has a proclamation for the "Swan Patrol" who have taken care of Bubeck Park and the Swans for a lot of years. On motion of Bowman/Montz Council approved the dedication of the Protective Swan enclosure to Paul and Helen Seiders for their dedicated service. Mayor Devlin presented Paul & Helen with a proclamation and a plaque that will be mounted over at Bubeck Park.

OTHER BUSINESS: Council President Berger commended the Borough Crews and Administrator for the great job they did in clearing the streets during the recent snow storm of approximately 30 inches.

Council member Bowman stated that on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, there will be a service at Penn State University at 12:15 pm sponsored by the Council of Churches.

Council member Montz stated that he attended a Recreation Commission meeting and they would like to have the half wall at the Senior Center removed. This will be referred to the property committee. Council member Montz also commended the Borough Crews on their great job of removing the snow, but he wondered why it had to be piled on the Island. He stated that the Borough has put a lot of money into the Island with soccer fields and stone parking and feels that this snow placement will harm all the good work accomplished there.

Administrator Graver explained that the Borough only has two places to dump snow. They would be the Island and the Compost site. He stated that the snow that was piled on the Island is not on the soccer fields and he feels that it will not do any harm to the area.

Mayor Devlin stated that the Parade Committee is asking to secure the date of October 25th for the Halloween Parade. On motion of Bowman/Spotts Council approved this date.

Administrator Graver stated that he has been in contact with Sunrise Solar. They are interested in the Borough's property by the Caldwell Street Substation. He told them that this property is not feasible due to it being a wetland.

Administrator Graver also told Council that he received notification from the Schuylkill Conservation District that the Borough received a "Low Volume, dirt and gravel road grant" for a flood control project on Cleveland Street. On motion of Montz/Gordon Council approved this grant.

President Berger also explained to Council that they are an Administrative Body only and not to get involved in the daily duties of the Borough. He stated that PSAB Publishes a Councilman's handbook that is very helpful to Council and he feels everyone should have this book.

Mayor Devlin noted that as Mayor he is the Borough's legislative body.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There being no further business, Council entered into an Executive Session at 6:50 pm on a litigation matter.

ADJOURN: Council meeting adjourned at this time on motion of Montz/Bowman.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy J. Killian
Borough Secretary

6:00 P.M. FINANCE COMMITTEE
 6:15 P.M. PROPERTY COMMITTEE- re: removal of wall at Center and Fire Chief's request

BOROUGH OF SCHUYLKILL HAVEN
 COUNCIL MEETING
 FEBRUARY 17, 2016
 6:30 PM

1. Call To Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Citizen's Comments
4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings
5. Tax Collector's Report-\$
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Bills, Investment and Payroll

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ELECTRIC</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Vendor	\$176,008.94	\$499,293.21	\$93,544.87	\$66,296.15	\$835,143.17
Debt Service	-	-	\$16,909.88	-	\$16,909.88
Payroll	\$58,832.40	\$18,315.36	\$20,740.70	\$27,193.70	\$125,082.16
TOTALS	\$234,841.34	\$517,608.57	\$131,195.45	\$93,489.85	\$977,135.21

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Finance/Insurance
- b. Emergency Management/Public Safety
- c. Water/Sewer
- d. Electric
- e. Highway
- f. Sanitation/Recycling/Refuse
- g. Property
- h. Code Enforcement
- i. Parks/Recreation
- j. Community Development
- k. Cable TV

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURN

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Approval of January Transfers.
2. Letter from Girardville Borough re: Fire police request.
3. Letter from Rainbow Hose re: annual Block Party.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Monthly Reports
Schuylkill Conservation District Grant
Realty Transfer report
Municipal Authority Minutes