

MINUTES  
SCHUYLKILL HAVEN BOROUGH

DATE: December 21, 2016

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Council Chambers at  
250 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved on motion of Montz/Bedway.

TAX COLLECTOR: The Tax Collector's report in the amount of \$4,733 was approved on motion of Bowman/Montz.

TREASURER REPORT: Gloria Ebling presented Council with her November Treasurer's report. On motion of Bowman/Montz Council approved this report.

BILLS: The following bills were approved for payment on motion of Montz/Bedway: General \$356,926.17; Electric \$517,919.86; Water \$700,289.24; Sewer \$109,490.81 for a total of \$1,684,626.08.

ORDINANCE: Ordinance #1087 setting Tax Rate for 2017 at 4.75 mills. On motion of Montz/Spotts this was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from the Halloween Parade Committee. The committee is asking Council to approve their 2017 date of October 24th. On motion of Bowman/Montz this was approved.

ADMINISTRATION: On motion of Montz/Spotts Council approved a 2% increase for all administrative employees.

On motion of Montz/Bedway Council approved TB Landscaping bills for the Island and Bubeck Park totaling \$5,531. This will be paid out of the SSCOG monies.

On motion of Gordon/Bowman Council approved the November transfers.

On motion of Montz/Gordon Council approved the reappointment of the following Committee members:

Karen Roeder	Planning Commission	1/1/21
Sean Cullathur	Recreation Board	1/1/21
Paul Olson	Vacancy Board	1/1/18
Paul Pete Zinkus	Housing Board of Appeals	1/1/21
D. Edward Dress	Municipal Authority	1/1/21
Carl Berger	Municipal Authority	1/1/21

RECREATION: On motion of Montz/Bedway Council authorized the Borough Administrator to advertise for a full time Recreation staff position.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Devlin stated that the Rainbow Hose Company will be holding a dinner this Friday for the needy or anyone interested in attending.

President Berger asked everyone to pray for the family of Ken Frehafer who passed away last week. Ken was the Borough's Recreation assistant.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm on motion of Bowman.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy J. Killian  
Borough Secretary

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SCHUYLKILL HAVEN BOROUGH

DATE: December 7, 2016

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Council Chambers, 250 Parkway

ATTENDING: President Marlin W. Berger, Jr., Vice President Spotts, Members Bedway, Williams, Bowman, Montz and Gordon. Also present were Mayor Devlin, Administrator Graver, Solicitor Semanchik, JCP McGoey and Secretary Kilian.

CALL TO ORDER: President Berger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADMINISTRATION: On motion of Montz/Gordon Council adopted the 2017 Budget. On roll call vote it was unanimous.

On motion of Montz/Gordon Council authorized the Solicitor to prepare the 2017 Tax Ordinance. On roll call vote it was unanimous.

On motion of Gordon/Bowman Council set their 2017 meeting dates as the first and third Wednesday's of the month at 6:30 pm.

On motion of Montz/Spotts Council accepted Richard Croneberger's retirement letter. All Council members expressed their thanks to Richard and stated that he will be missed.

On motion of Bowman/Montz Council approved the request from Ragnar Relay to hold a race in June of 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS: Administrator Graver recommended to Council to approve a resolution to apply for a PA Water & Sewer grant for \$396,161. This would be for renovations to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. On motion of Gordon/Montz this was approved.

Council member Bowman reminded everyone of the Santa train rides this Saturday. Also Holiday open house at downtown business will be this Saturday.

Council member Montz asked the Code Officer to respond to a citizen on North Garfield Avenue about a code issue there.

Mayor Devlin reminded everyone about Wreaths across America. This event will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that his Mayor's Advisory

meeting will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor also reminded everyone about decorating their homes for the Mayor's glow awards.

Council member Williams thanked the Mayor for his article in the Haven Highlights praising our volunteer fire fighters.

President Berger asked the Mayor if they have interviewed anyone for part-time police officers. Mayor Devlin stated that interviews will be held soon.

**BANNERS:**

Council member Bedway stated that he would like to make a motion that would rescind last month's motion on the Holiday banners that the OHF wishes to purchase for the poles downtown. He feels that the banners should say "Merry Christmas". He made this motion and Spotts second it. After discussion Montz felt that they should order both banners. Ones that say "Merry Christmas" and ones that say "Happy Holidays". Bedway/Spotts revised their motion to include both sets of banners. On roll call vote it was unanimous to have half saying "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays".

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Ruth Tucci of 211 Fidler Avenue stated that Parkway already has lights that say Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm on motion of Montz.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy J. Killian  
Borough Secretary