

MINUTES
SCHUYLKILL HAVEN BOROUGH

DATE: December 4, 2019

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Council Chambers, 250 Parkway

ATTENDING: Kurt Montz, President, Jerry Bowman, VP, Council Members Roeder, Gordon, Williams and Spotts. Also attending were Mayor Devlin, Solicitor Semanchick, Administrator Graver and Secretary Tinari, and Council Member Bedway and JCP Welsh were absent.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADMINISTRATION: On motion of Bowman/Roeder council approved to reject both bids for the advertised 3 year sanitation/recycling contract. The submitted bids were from Tamaqua Transfer and County Waste. The motion was to reject and re-advertise for a 1 year contract term.

On motion of Roeder/Gordon council approved the letter from Boy Scout troop 622 re: Christmas Tree collection.

On motion of Roeder/Gordon council approved the resolution for the H2O PA Grant application. On motion of Bowman/Williams council approved the 50/50 contribution.

On motion of Roeder/Spotts council approved the AMP Training and Safety Agreement.

On motion of Gordon/Roeder council approved the 2020 budget and authorized the solicitor to prepare the 2020 tax ordinance. The budget includes a 9% sewer rate increase to help fund improvements for the WWTP project.

On motion of Roeder/Gordon council approved setting the 2020 Council meeting dates as the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. With the exception for the first meeting in January, that meeting will be held January 6th 2020 at 6:30PM.

On motion of Gordon/Bowman council approved setting the 2020 police Pension contribution at 5%.

On motion of Bowman/Williams council approved to appoint Riverview Bank as the Borough's Depository. Council Member Gordon abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Larry Wittig from Tamaqua Transfer stated to council about his bid for the first year of the sanitation/recycling contract that his first year price included the cost of recycling cans for residents. Mr. Wittig said that his company is a local business that cannot afford to provide free recycling cans to all residents as started in the bid specifications.

OTHER BUSINESS: Vice President Bowman stated that there is a new Woman's center opening up downtown.

Mayor Devlin stated that the ribbon cutting for the new Woman's center downtown Vice President Bowman stated will be December 9th.

Mayor Devlin stated that the Children's Christmas Party will be this Saturday December 7th at 9am.

Council Member Roeder stated that the Tree Lighting is this Sunday December 8th at 5pm. Hess Catering will be having food and drinks available.

Council Member Roeder stated that Wreaths across America will have enough wreaths that every single grave at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery will have a wreath placed.

ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm on motion of Bowman/Gordon.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kaitlyn Tinari
Borough Secretary

MINUTES
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DATE: December 18, 2019

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Council Chambers, 250 Parkway

ATTENDING: President Kurt Montz, VP Jerry Bowman, Council Members Roeder, Gordon, Spotts, and Williams. Also attending were Mayor Devlin, Solicitor Semanchick, Administrator Graver, and Secretary Tinari. Council Member Bedway and JCP Welsh were absent.

CALL TO ORDER: President Kurt Montz called the meeting to order with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: The minutes of November 6th and November 20th meeting were approved on motion of Roeder/Williams.

TAX COLLECTOR: The Tax Collector's report in the amount of \$3,212.00 was approved on motion of Roeder/Gordon.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gloria Ebling presented Council with the November Treasurer's report. On motion of Bowman/Gordon this report was approved.

BILLS: The following bills were approved for payment on motion of Williams/Spotts: General Fund \$274,087.49; Electric \$454,403.44; Water \$789,455.25; Sewer \$156,483.24 for a total of \$1,674,429.42.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PLAQUE: Council presented Roger Spotts with a plaque honoring his service on Borough Council for 18 Years.

ORDINANCE: On motion of Spotts/Gordon Ordinance #1091 2020 Sewer Rate was approved.
On motion of Gordon/Roeder Ordinance #1092 2020 Tax Rate was approved.
On motion of Gordon/Roeder Ordinance #1093 2020 Bond Rate was approved.

ADMINISTRATION: On motion of Gordon/Roeder Council approved the final budget.
Scott Kramer and Peter Edelman presented council with Bond Issuance, stating that the Borough improved to an A+ rating.

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

On motion of Roeder/Williams Council approved payment to TB Landscaping for work done in the amount of \$3,936.00. This will be paid out of SCCOG Fund.

Bid results for Sanitation/Recycling were read aloud and are as follows:

1)County Waste- 1 year: \$445,000.00 2 year: \$445,000.00 3 year: \$445,000.00
Total Bid: \$1,335,000.00

2)J.P Mascaro- 1 year: No Bid 2 year: No Bid 3 year: \$2,293,704.00 Total Bid:
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On motion of Bowman/Gordon council approved to accept Count Wastes bid to accept a 1 year contract with the option for a 2 or 3 year contract totaling \$1,335,000.00

On motion of Bowman/Roeder Council approved the Municipal authority Dates. Held the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

On motion of Gordon/Roeder Council reappointed the following Committee Members:

NAME	COMMITTEE	TERM EXPIRES
D. Edward Dress	Planning Commission	1/1/20
Terry Bensinger	Recreation Board	1/1/20
John Williams	Recreation Board	1/1/20
Paul Olson	Vacancy Board	1/1/20
Michael Bubeck	Police Pension Fund	1/1/20
Robert McBreen	Housing Board of Appeals	1/1/20

Vacant Seats to be filled:

Municipal Authority

Police Civil Service

Zoning Hearing Board (2 Seats)

*If there in interest in filling in are to send in letters of interest.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

OTHER BUSINESS: Council Member Roeder stated Wreaths across America was a huge success with citizens standing along Main Street with American Flags.

Mayor Devlin stated that the Christmas party was a good success with children; they had a trolley ride through downtown as well as other activities.

Mayor Devlin also stated that the Tree lighting was a good success too after being pushed back a week due to weather.

All Members of Council thanked Roger for his 18 years of service with the Schuylkill Haven Borough Council.

All Members of Council wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13pm on motion of Roeder/Bowman.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kaitlyn Tinari
Borough Secretary