

JANUARY 2, 2018 6:30 P

REORGANIZATION MEETING

SWOYERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

District Justice David Barilla swears in newly elected Council members Mr. Alunni, Mr. Christian, Mr. Keating as well as newly elected Mayor Concert and Tax Collector Nancy Keating.

Mayor Concert greets all present and calls the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Concert asks for nominations for Council President. Mr. Christian nominated Mr. Keating for Council President. The vote was Mr. Christian-Yes and Mr. Keating-Yes. Mr. Cwalina, Mr. Olejnick, Mr. Onzik and Mr. Alunni- No. Nomination failed. Mayor Concert again asked for nominations for Council President. Mr. Olejnick nominated Mr. Alunni for Council President. The vote was Mr. Cwalina, Mr. Olejnick, Mr. Onzik and Mr. Alunni-Yes. Mr. Christian and Mr. Keating- No. Nomination carried, Mr. Alunni is now Council President.

Mayor Concert asked for nomination for Council Vice President. Mr. Olejnick nominated Mr. Keating for Vice President. The vote was Mr. Christian, Mr. Cwalina, Mr. Keating, Mr. Olejnick, Mr. Onzik and Mr. Alunni- Yes. Mr. Keating is now Council Vice President.

Mr. Alunni, Council President, now chairs the meeting.

Roll Call was taken, those present: Mr. Christian, Mr. Cwalina, Mr. Keating, Mr. Olejnick, Mr. Onzik and Mr. Alunni. Also present was Mayor Concert and Atty. Yeager, Borough Solicitor.

A motion to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Olejnick and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. The vote was 5-0 in favor. Mr. Christian abstained.

Monthly bills totaling \$33,622.90 were paid on a motion made by Mr. Cwalina and seconded Mr. Onzik. The vote was 5-0 in favor. Mr. Christian abstained.

An ordinance setting the date, hour and place of regular meetings of Swoyersville Borough Council passed on a motion made by Mr. Onzik and seconded by Mr. Olejnick. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

An ordinance setting the salaries of employees and elected borough officials passed on a motion made by Mr. Olejnick and seconded by Mr. Onzik. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

A resolution setting the compensation rate for members of the police pension plan at 3% passed on a motion made by Mr. Keating and seconded by Mr. Olejnick. The vote was 5-0 in favor. Mr. Christian abstained.

A resolution naming the Borough's representatives to the West Side Council of Governments was passed on a motion made by Me. Cwalina and seconded by Mr. Onzik. The representatives are Mr. Cwalina and alternate is Mr. Onzik. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

BOROUGH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

-Code Enforcement report for December 2017; \$476.63 in fees was taken in

-A resolution from a group called Represent Us (Not Lobbyists) NEPA was read. The resolution called attention to the need for new anti-corruption laws for politicians, lobbyists, and super PACS. Action on the resolution was tabled. Atty. Yeager will review the resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Mr. Olejnick: Read the November 2017 financial reports: General Fund: beginning checkbook balance: \$13,139.83; transfers and revenue for November: \$169,955.74; expenses and transfers for November \$117,451.58; ending checkbook balance: \$65,643.69. Liquid Fuels: beginning checkbook balance: \$37.52; transfers and revenue for November: \$18,100.54; expenses and transfers for November \$13,592.21; ending checkbook balance: \$45.55. Refuse Fund: beginning checkbook balance: \$31,736.15; transfers and revenue for November: \$20,112.29; expenses and transfers for November \$33,872.95; ending checkbook balance: \$17,975.49. Sanitary/Storm Sewer Assessment Fund: beginning checkbook balance: \$11,849.88; transfers and revenue for November: \$1,349.37; expenses and transfers for November \$4,971.35; ending checkbook balance: \$8,227.90.

Liaison Officer:

Street Department: Mr. Onzik: A force main on Slocum Street is going to be repaired shortly by Holena Excavating; the tractor for the Street Department has been ordered; a letter was received regarding the meeting held in November about the removal of the Harry E culm bank. Town Hall meeting will be held to discuss the project, the meeting should be held in January. A St. Dept. worker has quit and need to replace him. A motion was made by Mr. Onzik and seconded by Mr. Cwalina to run the advertisement for the new worker. \$10/hour; personal days, sick days and health insurance for employee only after 90 days; pension participation after 6 months and a uniform. Perhaps the borough might look into seeking a worker with a COL for \$15/hour. It was noted that the borough currently has 2 drivers with Class A or Class B licenses and another worker was studying for his COL. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

Police Department: Mr. Keating: The Police report for December 2017 was read. Fines received for the month were \$128.46 and were placed in the proper fund on a motion made by Mr. Keating and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. On the question, Mr. Christian asked for a more detailed police report that shows the types of calls and the number of those calls. The vote was 6-0 in favor. A letter from Chief Latoski was read which asked for 1 more Full time officer. Mr. Keating asked if there was money in the budget for another full time officer, Mr. Breznay said no there was not but the part time officers received a \$2/hour increase in the hopes of keeping them here instead of another town that pays more. Nothing further happened with the request for 1 more full time police officer.

Fire Department: Mr. Cwalina: No report.

Mayor Concert: Spoke about the need for a liaison officer. A motion was made by Mr. Cwalina and seconded by Mr. Christian to continue with a liaison position for the ambulance association. The vote was 6-0 in favor. The mayor asked if the borough can send some vehicles to Grease Monkey Garage on Main Street to have work done on borough vehicles. Mayor Concert is asking again for a monthly work session as Robert's Rules of Order says we are to do. A motion was made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Keating to have monthly work session at 6 PM to discuss the upcoming meeting and items on the agenda. The vote was 6-0 in favor. The mayor would also like to post the monthly council meeting minutes online. A motion was made by Mr.

Christian and seconded by Mr. Cwalina to have the minutes posted on the borough's website. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

Atty. Yeager: Spoke about the Harry E Breaker Waste coal project, it will be done in phases and he did speak with Mr. Swisher from Pagnotti Enterprises to get the necessary paperwork together to allow the giving of the 7 acre parcel to Swoyersville Borough from Pagnotti Enterprises as part of the project conditions.

Mr. Christian would like to extend the hours at the Borough Building to 8 AM to 4 PM. Personnel issues are discussed in Executive Sessions only. Council went into Executive Session at 7:03PM and returned at 7:28 PM.

There will be a special meeting on January 8, 2018 at 6:30 to name a representative to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority. Anyone interested can either show up at the meeting; mail a letter of interest or hand deliver a letter of interest before the meeting to be considered for the position.

A motion was made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Olejnick to give the Swoyersville Ambulance Association \$5,000 to help with their finances. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

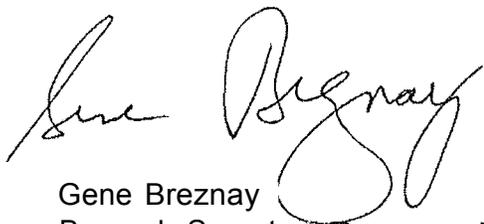
MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Bob White, President, Swoyersville Ambulance Association- The annual fund drive notice will be mailed out later this week. A letter included in the fund drive request will explain in detail what happened with the ambulance in the past and what is happening now. The ambulance is now operating on a fully volunteer status and when a crew cannot be manned the ambulance must report as being out of service. However, when the ambulance is out of service TransMed has been covering the calls in town. White reported that the ambulance has been through a rough 8 months. Mr. Breznay asked if they had a current list for their subscription drive. They answered that they did.

Ann Marie Saunders- She Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Onzik said she received a special Christmas present, the Harry E bank removal. She's happy that the bank will be removed. She was concerned that since the state legalized fireworks would Swoyersville follow suit? Mayor Dennis used to sign permits for fireworks users.

Mr. Cwalina- West Side COG has applied for Local Share Account grant (casino grant) totaling \$837,000. The COG applied for readers for the police cars for determining if a vehicle is legally registered and a universal fire hose hook ups for fire hydrants.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Keating and seconded by Mr. Olejnick. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Next meeting will be held on January 8, 2018, 6:30 PM, a special meeting for naming Swoyersville's representative to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority.



Gene Breznay
Borough Secretary-Treasurer-Manager



Ronald Alunni
Council President

JANUARY 8, 2018 6:30PM

SPECIAL MEETING SWOYERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Roll Call was taken, those present: Mr. Christian, Mr. Cwalina, Mr. Keating, Mr. Olejnick, Mr. Onzi and Mr. Alunni. Also present was Mayor Concert.

The special meeting was called for naming Swoyersville's representative to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA).

There were 3 interested in the position: Joseph Oprendick, Joseph Sieminski and Russell Singer.

1. Joseph Oprendick, Beech Street: He has served as Swoyersville's representative to WVSA since April 2015. Prior to being Swoyersville's rep he served as Pittston City's rep for 14 years. He has been chairman twice and was chairman of the personnel committee. Almost 100% attendance as he missed 3 meetings. He helped Swoyersville residents as much as possible; there was problem on Beech Street before the holidays and he got the WVSA out there to fix the problem. He gave monthly reports to council as to what was done; tried to do as much as possible. Mr. Onzik asked why he left Pittston. Oprendick said he got married and his wife did not want to move to Pittston. Appeared before council.

2. Joseph Sieminski, Grace Street: A lifelong resident of Swoyersville. His family name is well known so he has had a lot of contacts in the past. He served on the Swoyersville Planning Commission for 30 years. He is a retired school teacher. Swoyersville is great town and he can help the town. He appreciates the opportunity to serve. Appeared before council.

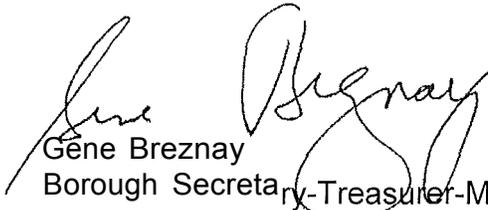
3. Russell Singer, Owen Street: Sent a letter of interest to council which was read. Mr. Onzik discussed Singer's 25 years of being Swoyersville's representative to WVSA. Saved the town a lot of money by having the WVSA take over the sanitary stations.

Mayor Concert asked if the invitation on Facebook stated a person interested had to attend the meeting. Mr. Breznay said no, the Facebook posting said someone can mail a letter of interest, drop off a letter of interest or come to the council meeting.

Mike Simko, Slocum Street- He served as Swoyersville Borough Coordinator for 11 years. He knows the amount of money that was being spent on the sanitary stations: \$10,000-\$12,000 per month. When Singer had WVSA take over the sanitary stations it saved the town, over the years, several hundreds of thousands of dollars. It helped to keep taxes and fees down. Singer saved the town a lot of money over the years.

Mr. Onzik made a motion seconded by Mr. Cwalina to name Russ Singer as the borough's representative to the WVSA. The vote was Mr. Cwalina, Mr. Onzik and Mr. Alunni- yes; Mr. Keating- no; and Mr. Christian and Mr. Olejnick abstained. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Cwalina. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Next meeting will be held on February 5, 2018, 6:30PM


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