

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Piper at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Aaron Piper, Brian Antoszyk, Mia Mazza-Petruzzi, Jason Goehring, Joyce Hutterer, Dave Johnston, Ray Koegler, and Mayor Gillespie.

Also present were Borough Manager Steven May, Linda Kovacik, Bill Hoche, Amiee Auerbeck, Ben Brewster, Judy Franke, Carol Neubert, Joe Neubert, Annette Gervias, and William Pitts.

Correspondence –

The Borough Received Correspondence from Fred Caesar resigning as Museum Curator.
The Borough Received Correspondence from First Energy with rate changes up 4.6%.
The Borough Received Correspondence from the Saxonburg Area Authority applying to the Department of Environmental Protection renewing their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the wastewater treatment facility.
The Borough Received Correspondence from the Audubon Society's upcoming events.
The Borough Received Correspondence from Frank Miller resigning from the Zoning Board.

Public Comments *Restricted to Borough residents & business owners; 3 minutes each*

Annette Gervias spoke regarding the application process for new signage on the Hotel.

Mayor William Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Gillespie presented the Borough with a check from Friends of Saxonburg Police in the amount of \$3,629.68 to cover costs of new equipment and security upgrades.

Committee Reports

Streets/Stormwater Committee (No meeting)
Ordinance Committee (No meeting)
Parks & Rec Committee (No meeting)
Police Committee (No Meeting)
Property Committee (No meeting)
Joint Policy Committee (No meeting)

Liaison Reports

PA State Association of Boroughs (No meeting)
Butler County Council of Government (No meeting)
Butler County Boroughs Association (No meeting)
Tax Collection Committee (No Meeting)
Planning Commission (No Meeting)
Zoning Hearing Board (No Meeting)
Historic Architectural Review Board (Meeting of May 8th Recessed)

Secretary / Manager Steven May

Bills

A Motion to Pay the Bills was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion Passed unanimously.

<i>Purpose</i>		SAA	Borough	Park	Total
Borough General Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$6,842.27	\$6,257.19	\$1,246.03	\$14,345.49
	Payroll	\$63,659.06	\$27,789.09	\$0.00	\$91,448.15
	Checks Paid	\$0.00	\$8,990.96	\$779.90	\$9,770.86
SAA Revenue Fund	Decrease Adjustments	\$47,459.07	\$9,759.90	\$767.72	\$57,986.69
	Checks Paid	\$184,094.72	\$1,899.36	\$18.99	\$186,013.07
Total:		\$302,055.12	\$54,696.50	\$2,812.64	\$359,564.26

Solicitor

Solicitor Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group

Old Business

New Business

Municipal Building Siding Project

Bid Opening Results, 5/20/24 @ 10:00

	Estimated Quantities	Grahamboys, LLC (Bid)	Remodel Smart, LLC (Bid)	Greenland Construction, Inc.
1. Seamless .32 Gauge 6 inch Gutters	160 LF	\$3,449.60	\$3,200.00	*
2. Siding, Including House wrap	5450 SF	\$44,581.00	\$65,400.00	*
3. Soffit	1142 SF	\$4,579.42	\$11,420.00	*
4. Fascia	393 LF	\$2,440.53	\$7,860.00	*
5. Fascia Board Replacement	39 LF	\$1,490.19	\$780.00	*
6. Shakes on Gables	1000 SF	\$4,870.00	\$12,000.00	*
7. Project Management	Lump Sum	\$27,607.00	\$5,000.00	*
Total Estimated Cost		\$89,017.74	\$105,660.00	\$211,011.00
Saxonburg Borough		\$44,508.87	\$52,830.00	\$105,505.50
Saxonburg Area Authority		\$44,508.87	\$52,830.00	\$105,505.50

A Motion to accept the bid from the GrahamBoys, LLC in the amount of \$89,017.74, to be split with the Saxonburg Area Authority was made by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi and Seconded by Ray Kogler. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to authorize Aaron Piper and Steven May to execute the appropriate Contract documents on behalf of the Borough on the siding replacement project was made by Joyce Hutterer and Seconded by Dave Johnston. The Motion passed unanimously.

Alwine Road Paving

A Motion to award the Alwine Road paving contract to Sheilds Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$46,099.75 was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Mia Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

Park Savings Account

A Motion to move \$20,000 from the Park Checking account to the Park Savings Account was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Jason Goehring. The Motion Passed unanimously.

HARB board

There was a discussion to add two additional residents to the HARB board per the HARB bylaws from seven members to nine members.

Community Organization

President Piper: I have heard rumors that there is a notion that Saxonburg is in decline and is in need of saving. I'm not sure what Saxonburg they are referring to, but from where I sit, that could not be further from reality. The truth is, Saxonburg is more vibrant than ever. We have a bustling Main Street full of superb businesses. We have multiple active community organizations that put forth events like Mingle on Main, for example, that provide a very enjoyable event, bringing in our friends and neighbors not only from Saxonburg but from the surrounding areas as well. We have top notch emergency services such as our Police Department, Fire Department and Ambulance services. We have a grocery store. On top of all that, we have unparalleled community spirit in addition to our rich history and small-town charm, which is truly what sets us apart. I would counter that Saxonburg is truly a destination and a model for success for small communities.

Executive Session Announcement

Under the terms of Act 84, Section 8A, subsection 1, Council would meet in Executive Session just prior to adjournment, to discuss employee and contract matters. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

Council Moved to Executive session at 7:25

Council Returned from Executive session and 8:10 and took the following actions:

A Motion to accept the resignation of Fred Caesar as Museum Curator was made by Brian Antoszyk and Seconded by Mis Mazza-Petruzzi. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Discussion regarding future museum operations took place.

A Motion to accept the resignation of officer Mark Kowaleski was made by Dave Johnston and Seconded by Joyce Hutterer. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Discussion on Pennsylvania American Water and their paving obligations on East Main Street was had.

Adjournment

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.