

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK  
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE 11/13/2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Krueger in the Swartz Creek City Council Chambers, 8083 Civic Drive.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Cramer, Spillane, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Henry.

Councilmembers Absent: Knickerbocker-excused.

Staff Present: City Manager Adam Zettel, Clerk Renee Kraft.

Others Present: Jim Barclay, Kevin & Teresa VanArsdale, Wanda Tyler, Betty Binder, Lori Berens, Sandra Dively, Teresa Spence, Suzanne LaRocque, Betty Cranston, Carol Rochardson, Darrol Roat, Barbara Villarreal, Sheila Baker, Kathleen Watson, Andy Isaguirre, Barbara Hatfield, Brenda McLaughlin, Sedrick Fornari, Fire Chief Dave Plum, Metro PD Chief Bade, Attorney Chris Stritmatter.

Others Virtually Attended: Lania Rocha

**EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER KNICKERBOCKER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 231113-01**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Spillane  
Second by Councilmember Cramer

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday October 23, 2023, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Spillane, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Henry, Cramer.  
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 231113-02**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Henry  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda as printed for the Regular Council Meeting of November 13, 2023, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Henry, Cramer, Spillane.  
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Resolution No. 231113-03**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Cramer  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of November 13, 2023, including reports and communications to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Hicks, Krueger, Henry, Cramer, Spillane, Gilbert.  
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

### **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Carol Richardson: Discussed her displeasure with her phone/internet provider.  
Dennis Novak: Discussed GFL (Green for Life) trash and recycling. He did the tour of the building, stating it is remarkable.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Opened to Public at 7:44pm

Carol Richardson: Turning off lights is not an option.  
Brenda McLaughlin: Noted GM's bankruptcy years ago and questioned if they are pay anything? Response-Swartz Creek received about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of what they used to. Stated our community has changed in past 10 years. Response-it would be dire to get rid of SAD. Not happy with wording that it can increase 10% each year for the next 10 years. Attorney-it can be referendumed out. Mayor-He pays more in insurance than taxes on his house.

Closed Public Hearing at 8:07pm.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FINDINGS, DETERMINATION, SET PUBLIC HEARING.**

**Resolution No. 231113-04**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Hicks  
Second by Councilmember Cramer

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14 of the City Ordinance and PA 33 of 1951 (MCL 41.801 et seq), on October 23, 2023, the City Council adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare a report to include the estimates of probable cost; the need for and a description of the proposed special assessment district; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has prepared said report and has filed same with the City Clerk and delivered a copy of said report to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has had an opportunity to review the City Manager's report and has otherwise been fully advised by the City Manager with respect to this project;

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held in accordance with the city ordinance and state statute on November 13, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Swartz Creek hereby determines that it is necessary to establish a City-Wide Special Assessment District and to make said district subject to a levy of 4.9 mills; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the special assessment shall be levied on the taxable value of all current and future real property in the City of Swartz Creek.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that council will, within forty-five days (45) of the end of the City's fiscal year, being June 30th, and each year thereafter and in conjunction with the City's annual budgeting and levy process, make a redetermination of the levy for the ensuing year, without notice, provided the increase in levy does not exceed an increase in the estimated annual incremental cost increase by 10 percent or more.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager's report shall be placed on file with the City Clerk and shall be available for public examination; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a public hearing on the proposed Public Safety Special Assessment District is hereby scheduled before the city council at the regular City Council meeting to be held on December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish and give notice of said public hearing as required by law.  
Discussion Ensued.

YES: Krueger, Henry, Cramer, Hicks.  
NO: Spillane, Gilbert. Motion Declared Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

**Resolution No. 231113-05**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

**WHEREAS**, the laws of the State of Michigan, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Swartz Creek, interlocal agreements in which the City of Swartz Creek is a member, and previous resolutions of the City Council require and set terms of officers for various appointments to City boards and commissions, as well as appointments to non-city boards and commissions seeking representation by City officials;

**WHEREAS**, there exist multiple vacancies in such a positions; and

**WHEREAS**, said appointments are Mayoral appointments, subject to affirmation of the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Swartz Creek City Council concur with the Mayor and City Council appointments as follows:

#231113-8C1 MAYOR APPOINTMENT: Boots (Aldine) Abrams  
Local Officer Compensation Commission  
Five year term, expiring November 27, 2028

#231113-8C2 MAYOR APPOINTMENT: Nate Henry  
Flint Area Narcotics Group  
Remainder of two year term, expiring November 25, 2024

#231113-8C3 MAYOR APPOINTMENT: Samantha Fountain  
Park Board Three year term, expiring December 31, 2026

#231113-8C4 MAYOR APPOINTMENT: Trudy Plumb  
Park Board Three year term, expiring December 31, 2026

#231113-8C5 MAYOR APPOINTMENT: Connie Olger  
Park Board Three year term, expiring December 31, 2026

#231113-8C6 MAYOR APPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Park Board Remainder of Three year term, expiring December 31, 2024

#231113-8C7 MAYOR APPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning Comm. Remainder of Three year term, expiring June 30, 2025

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Henry, Cramer, Spillane, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger.  
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

### **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

None.

### **REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Councilmember Gilbert: Police protection is less since SAD went thru.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks: Thanked residents for their opinions. Stated that the police do a good job; they are taking part in the community rather than just patrolling.

Councilmember Spillane: Thanked the public. Questioned the Miller Road project. Mr. Zettel replied that it might not get done this year. Discussed grant money for cemetery restoration. Suggested something be done about Frontier.

Councilmember Henry: Stated it was nice having everyone here. He discussed the services provided by the Genesee District Library-streaming, ancestry, language learning, etc.

Councilmember Cramer: Heard the complaints of law enforcement presence but has seen an increase since residents complained. He attended the tour of the GFL plant.

Mayor Krueger: Thanked the residents for their input.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 231113-08**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Councilmember Cramer

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 8:44p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

*Renee Kraft, CMC, MiPMC*

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**David A. Krueger, Mayor**

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**Renee Kraft, CMC, MiPMC, City Clerk**