

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2017

MEETING was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President Joseph T. Hoopp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoopp, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Dr. Gary Smith, Mayor Wayne T. Murphy, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the 2017 Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting held on December 20, 2016 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve the 2017 Budget and Regular Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2016. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of December 2016 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of January 17, 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of December 2016 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of January 2017 in the amount of \$1,066,437.83 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$11,662.01 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6172	Garvin Boward Beitko	Geotech Fees	\$1,910.50
6173	IBIS Signs	Street Signs	\$2,637.51
6174	Penn Landscape & Cement	Shade Tree Planting	\$5,112.00
6175	Rehrig Pacific Company	Recycling Cans	\$2,002.00

Such bills were reviewed by Council. After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$1,066,437.83 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$11,662.01, the motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of December 2016 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of December 2016 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$977.97 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of December 2016 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann inquired about the breaking and entering incident that occurred on Woodland Road. Chief English

stated that the suspect was an Edgeworth resident and that they would be prosecuted for their actions. Chief English stated that he would like the Civil Service Commission to recertify the results of the Civil Service Examination from May of 2016 for one additional year. Chief English pointed out that this action would ensure that qualified candidates would remain available should any unforeseen circumstances occur within the Police Department. Mr. Schwend agreed to facilitate a meeting of the Civil Service Commission to further discuss the matter. Chief English noted that contractor vehicles associated with the construction of the “sugar shack” have continued to park at shelter #1 in Walker Park without permission. Chief English also noted that if this practice continues it will make renting shelter #1 difficult in the coming months. Mr. Schwend stated that an increased police presence at the site might discourage the contractors from continuing to illegally park in Walker Park. Chief English stated that an Ordinance may be a reasonable solution to prevent contractor parking in Walker Park. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of December 2016 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of December 2016 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that winter maintenance has begun and approximately 180 tons of salt have been used to treat Borough streets to this point. Mr. Schwend also stated that the Borough had tested a leaf loader borrowed from McCandless. The loader was able to maneuver easily along streets and private drives in the Borough. Mr. Schwend also pointed out that the truck mounted loader has a higher storage capacity and will be much more efficient than the current loader. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of December 2016 were presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann inquired about the upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meeting regarding the property located at 606 East Drive. Mr. Schwend stated that the applicant’s proposed plans for an in ground pool and addition would require a zoning variance due to the rear yard, side yard, and aggregate side yard setback requirements set forth in the Borough Code. Borough Council reviewed the proposed plans for 606 East Drive. After review and discussion these reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Schwend opened the meeting for public comment on the topic of stormwater. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. The 2017 Edgeworth Municipal Authority Budget was received and filed
- B. The monthly meeting minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received and filed
- C. The 2017 Leetsdale Municipal Authority Budget was received and filed
- D. Correspondence was received from Mayor Wayne Murphy. Mr. Murphy announced to Borough Council that he intended to step down as acting Mayor in the coming month. Mayor Murphy stated that he has enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Borough as its Mayor. A replacement would need to be found for the Mayor by the February Council meeting.
- E. Correspondence was received from residents on Poia Road concerning a request for the Borough to accept Poia as a public road. Mr. Schwend stated that this issue has been reoccurring and has most recently been discussed in the early 2000’s. Residents on Poia Road

have approached and met with the Streets Committee. The Streets Committee had requested that the residents develop a proposal for the road's repair and maintenance to bring it up to the standards required by Code. Mr. Schwend pointed out that the road has not been resurfaced in 18 years and has only received minor patching and maintenance over the years. Mr. Schwend also stated that the Borough owns and periodically maintains storm sewers on the road. Mr. Schwend stated to Council that the residents on Poia Road would need to conduct testing including core borings on the road to determine the condition and overall cost that would be incurred to bring the road to PennDOT and Borough standards. Mr. Schwend pointed out that if the road were to be acquired by the Borough Liquid Fuel Revenues may or may not be available to the Borough depending on the standard to which the road is brought up to. Dr. Smith pointed out that residents have voiced their concerns with constructing a sidewalk along Poia Road and the overall size of a proposed cul-de-sac that is required by PennDOT standards. Mr. Aloe noted that there may be sanitary sewer lines located in close proximity to Poia Road that may inflate the cost of the road rehabilitation. Dr. Smith stated that the Streets Committee would discuss the proposals from the residents and the PennDOT requirements further at an upcoming meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No visitors were present.

OLD BUSINESS: - No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL PENSION AND POLICE PENSION INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENTS: Mr. Hofmann discussed the General and Police Pension Policy Investment Statements stating that both statements are identical to one another. Mr. Hofmann stated that the Finance Committee had met with Hefren-Tillotson to discuss the investment strategies for the pension fund manager. Mr. Hofmann also stated that the Finance Committee would review the plan on an annual basis to ensure that the investment strategy will continue to reflect the Borough's goals. Mr. Hofmann highlighted that the Borough's pension plans have adequate funding and are projected to maintain these satisfactory levels. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Duffield to approve the General and Police Pension Investment Policy Statements. The motion was unanimously carried by all in attendance.

ACTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH'S PAPER OF RECORD: Mr. Schwend presented a memo stating the need for the Borough to appoint a new paper of record due to the fact that the Pittsburgh Tribune Review had discontinued its printed form of publication in Allegheny County. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough should appoint the Pittsburgh Post Gazette Local Xtra as the primary paper of record due to the lower cost and higher circulation compared to surrounding publications, and appoint the Allegheny Times as the alternate paper of record. Mr. Hofmann stated that the Quaker Valley COG should be asked to lobby on behalf of Edgeworth Borough and all Pennsylvania Borough's to eliminate the requirement for Borough's to publish in print newspapers. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to appoint the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Local Xtra Edition as the primary paper of record and the Allegheny Times as the alternate paper of record. The motion was unanimously carried by all in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING BEAVER ROAD EMERGENCY WALL REPAIR: Mr. Schwend stated that a sixty foot section of the retaining wall located on Beaver Road had recently collapsed and that the road has been reduced to one lane due to safety concerns of further damage occurring in the area. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineer has proposed a temporary fix including the use of Gabion baskets to secure the wall and hillside from further sliding. Two bids for the work were submitted and accepted on January 17, 2017. The first bid was submitted by Stefanick's Next Generation Contracting for \$31,850.00 and the second bid was submitted by Soli Construction, Inc. for \$42,100.00. Mr. Schwend stated that repair work would begin as soon as January 19, 2017. After further review and discussion a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to award the Beaver Road emergency wall repair contract to Stefanick's Next Generation Contracting in the amount of \$31,850.00. The motion was unanimously carried by all in attendance.

POTENTIAL LAND DONATION TO THE BOROUGH: Mr. Schwend stated that a local real estate developer who had purchased a vacant piece of property on Chestnut Road in the Borough in 2014 had contacted the Borough with the intention of donating the land to the Borough. The land is difficult to develop and has been listed for sale with little interest, leading the owner to consider donating it to the Borough. Mr. Hoopp stated the liability of ownership and maintenance of the land would fall onto the Borough and there was no evident justification in accepting the donation for the Borough. Mr. Hofmann stated that he would typically be in favor of accepting the land, but also pointed out the potential liabilities. Mr. Aloe stated that the Borough should consider requesting a financial donation of \$100,000 in order for the Borough to accept the land donation for the potential future liabilities and maintenance. President Hoopp made a motion to table the discussion until the next Council meeting.

Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 9:00 p.m., and returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

After consultation with the solicitor, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Dr. Smith to instruct the solicitor to draft a letter to the owners of 521 Little Sewickley Creek Drive Road (sugar shack) stating that they were in violation of the agreement regarding ingress and egress and parking in Walker Park and to formally request a meeting. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary