

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 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, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2017 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2017. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of February 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of March 21, 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of February 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

In order to accommodate the representatives from Maher Duessel CPA's the action concerning the 2016 Borough audit and advertisement was moved up in the Agenda.

ACTION CONCERNING 2016 BOROUGH AUDIT AND ADVERTISEMENT: Mr. Brian McCall of Maher Duessel CPA's introduced his firm and reviewed the audit and advertisement procedure. Mr. McCall commended the Borough stating that the audit has yielded an unmodified opinion, which is the most desirable outcome. Mr. McCall stated that the Finance Committee had reviewed the audit and the management letter. After further discussion, a motion to advertise the 2016 audit was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Marlovits. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of March 2017 in the amount of \$164,549.86 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$5,508.25 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6180	Garvin Boward Beitko	Geotech Fees	\$1,673.25
6181	Stefaniks Contracting Co.	Beaver Road Wall Rep.	\$3,835.00

Such bills were reviewed by Council. Mr. Hofmann discussed a repair to a police vehicle, stating that the Borough should have an inventory of all repairs and maintenance performed on each vehicle in order to evaluate future purchases. Chief English stated that a similar protocol is in place. After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Aloe with a second by Mr. Wilson that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$164,549.86 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$5,508.25, the motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of February 2017 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of February 2017 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,764.72 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of February 2017 was presented to Council. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of February 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of February 2017 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the Public Works crew had two additional snow call outs in March in addition to the call outs listed in February. Mr. Hofmann stated that the cleanup effort along Ohio River Boulevard is making great progress and commended the Public Works Department on their efforts. With there being no further input this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of February 2017 were presented to Council. Mr. Hoepp inquired about a Zoning request made by Sewickley Academy. Mr. Schwend stated that Sewickley Academy had purchased property at 209 Academy Avenue and would like to use the property as a playground/recess area. The property is located in the R-2 Zoning District where a school use is not a permitted use. Mr. Schwend also stated that the Zoning Hearing Board intends to meet as needed as opposed to having a set date every month. Mr. Schwend stated that this would allow for greater flexibility in advertising and zoning board member attendance. 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. Mr. Hofmann inquired as to when the Borough would begin its street cleaning service. Mr. Schwend stated that street cleaning would likely begin in mid-April and that notifications regarding street parking would be distributed in advance of the program. Mr. Schwend also stated that the Borough is pleased with the Vactor truck service that has been provided through the Char-West Council of Governments. Mr. Schwend highlighted that this service is less expensive and equally efficient as services provided in the past. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received and filed.
- B. The Edgeworth Municipal Authority's annual report for 2016 was received. Mr. Hofmann discussed the 20-25% of unaccounted and unbillable water that was highlighted in the report. Mr. Hofmann expressed his desire to see the percentage reduced by 5-10% by next year and requests that the EMA provide an action plan. Mr. Hoepp recommended that these concerns be addressed by the Borough's appointed officials on the Edgeworth Municipal Authority's Board. After further discussion the report was filed.
- C. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received and filed.
- D. Correspondence was received from the Little Sewickley Creek Watershed Association requesting a letter of support from the Borough in regards to a competitive grant that the

organization intends to apply for. The organization hopes to be awarded the Conservation, Leadership, and Innovation Program grant which would be used by the organization to establish a comprehensive plan to further their pursuit of having Little Sewickley Creek classified as an exceptional quality stream. Mayor Smith expressed his support for the organization's goal of continuing to improve the quality of the stream. Mr. Aloe stated that upgrading the classification has proven to be difficult, highlighting the particulate counts and surrounding industrial remains that may hold the stream back from gaining the desired recognition. Mr. Wilson stated that the residents of the Borough may incur higher costs in the future if further testing and regulation is required for Little Sewickley Creek. Mrs. Duffield expressed her concerns regarding increased regulation that may be imposed on the Borough and recommended further research into DEP regulations regarding on lot sewage requirements. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to provide a letter of support for the Little Sewickley Watershed Association to apply for the CLIP grant. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- E. A request to recognize Library Appreciation Week was received from former Mayor Wayne Murphy. Mr. Hofmann highlighted the close relationship the Borough has with the Library and how essential it is for our community. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Hoepf to accept a Proclamation recognizing April 9-15, 2017 as National Library Week in the Borough of Edgeworth. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Mr. Brian McCall	Maher Duessel CPA's
Mr. Bob Belicose	Maher Duessel CPA's
Mr. Bob Ford	District Magistrate
Mr. Tim Merrill	605 Poia Road

District Magistrate Bob Ford came before Borough Council to announce that he would be seeking re-election as the Magistrate for District 05-3-02. Mr. Ford stated that it has been an honor to serve the past 12 years as the Districts Magistrate and he would appreciate support from all those in attendance. Borough Council thanked Mr. Ford for his service.

OLD BUSINESS: - No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCIL VACANCY: With the resignation of Dr. Gary Smith from Borough Council, a council vacancy existed which needed to be filled. Mr. Wilson highlighted a potential candidate, Elizabeth Genter for the opening on Borough Council. Mr. Wilson discussed Mrs. Genter's impressive resume and credentials and also highlighted that she has been a long-time resident of the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that if appointed, Mrs. Genter would need to file paperwork to run during the November Municipal Elections in order to fulfill the remaining term of Dr. Smith. Mr. Hofmann had met with Mrs. Genter and stated that she is ready to contribute to the Borough now and is very excited for the opportunity. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve and adopt Resolution 2017-02 appointing Elizabeth H. Genter to the vacated seat on Borough Council. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING WALKER PARK RESTROOMS: Mr. Schwend began discussion by highlighting a restroom facility solution for the situation in Walker Park which was included in the 2017 Budget. Mr. Schwend had price quotes from RomTec Pre-Engineered Buildings for three and four units respectively. Mr. Hofmann stated the he was familiar and very impressed with this company's product from his experience hiking in Grand Canyon National Park. Mr. Hofmann highlighted his concern for the potential of the new buildings to be vandalized and recommended that the Borough look into solar LED lighting and driveway gates to deter any vandalism. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann to approve the purchase of three restrooms for a total of \$42,317.62 and the placement of the restrooms at the Borough Manager's discretion with the intent of researching security measures such as fencing and lighting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PRIVATE STREETS POLICY: Mr. Schwend presented Borough Council with a final draft of the private streets policy that was introduced in February. Discussion turned towards the Poia Road project and the curb requirements. Mr. Hoepf emphasized the need for the private street policy to apply to all roads in the Borough. Mr. Hofmann expressed his concerns with wedge curbs citing their overall durability and the necessity for proper stormwater channeling. Mr. Wilson expressed his concern with the precedent that would be set by allowing for wedge curbs on Poia Road with regard to potential future street adoption. Mr. Tim Merrill representing the residents of Poia Road highlighted two points. First, if wedge curbs would be permitted the pursuit of the project could continue. Second, Mr. Merrill stated he was in favor of the adoption of the private street policy. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe to adopt the private streets policy as presented. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Mr. Aloe made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Streets Committee regarding the curb requirements of Poia Road. The decision regarding required curb material would be left open pending findings after further testing has been conducted. Mr. Hofmann seconded the motion. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING BID PROPOSALS REGARDING LITTLE SEWICKLEY CREEK SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT: Two bids were received regarding the Little Sewickley Creek Sewer Extension Project on March 21, 2017. The bids were opened and read by Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering Inc. The first bid opened was received of Martino, Inc. for \$184,164.00; the second bid was received of Stefanik's next Generation Contracting Co., Inc. for \$126,097.00. These two bids were substantially higher than the opinion of probable cost presented by the Borough Engineer. Mr. Schwend stated that factors contributing to the higher costs could be due to the project being located within the PennDOT right of way, and the lack of updated pricing from the original estimate in 2014. Mr. Schwend alerted Borough Council that it has 90 days to make a decision regarding contract No.14-S1. Mr. Schwend recommended tabling the discussion in order to research potential cost saving measures for the project. Mr. Hofmann recommended combining the bids of the work on the sewer extension and the Beaver Road wall repair in multiple phases to get more competitive pricing for the work. After further discussion the issue was tabled by Mr. Hoepf until the April Council Meeting.

Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 9:10 p.m., and returned to regular session at 9:25 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary