

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2017

MEETING was called to order by Mayor Gary Smith at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Smith stated that with the absence of Council President Joseph Hoepf a present member of Council would need to be appointed President Pro-Temp. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Duffield to appoint Mr. David T. Aloe as President Pro-Temp. The motion was carried by all in attendance. President Pro-Temp David T. Aloe asked for a roll call and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough were present: Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Mrs. Elizabeth Genter, 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 March 21, 2017 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2017. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of April 18, 2017 was presented to Council. Mrs. Genter requested clarification on the Police and General Pension Plans. Mr. Schwend reviewed the structure of the two plans. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of March 2017 in the amount of \$189,031.75 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$16,362.54 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6182	Lennon Smith Engineering	Geotech Fees	\$16,034.94
6183	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Little Sewickley Sewer Ext.	\$327.60

Such bills were reviewed by Council. Mr. Hofmann inquired regarding charges levied by Jordan Tax Services. Mr. Schwend stated that the charges were commissions for past-due property tax collections conducted by Jordan Tax Services. After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Duffield that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$189,031.75 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$16,362.54, the motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of March 2017 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of

\$1,310.08 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of March 2017 was presented to Council. With there being no further input this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of March 2017 were presented to Council. 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 about the MS4 awareness plates that have been placed on various storm sewers in the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that the installation of these plates would continue throughout the spring. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Hofmann inquired on the progress regarding correspondence to the Edgeworth Water Authority concerning the high reported rate of unbillable water. Mr. Schwend stated that a draft letter would be completed soon. After further discussion the report was filed.
- B. Susan Hockenberry and Jean-Sebastien Valois representing the Quaker Valley COG came before Borough Council to provide an update regarding various projects that the COG has developed and implemented. Mrs. Hockenberry provided a slideshow handout to Borough Council and highlighted the upcoming recycle event in partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council as well as the strategic planning sessions that have been conducted. Mr. Hofmann requested a COG monthly financial update that Borough Council could have access to. Mrs. Hockenberry stated that a monthly financial statement is posted on the COG's website. Mr. Schwend stated that providing a one page monthly report for all COG members to include with their Council packets would be useful. Mr. Hofmann also suggested the COG should advocate for updating the Borough Code regarding newspaper advertising requirements. Mr. Valois agreed and stated that the COG would look into the matter. Mrs. Hockenberry discussed the COG Recycling Committee stating that the Borough would benefit from being represented on the Committee and would not lose any revenue from various state grants that it currently draws from. Mr. Aloe stated that the Sanitation Committee would take the matter into consideration.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Mrs. Susan Hockenberry	Quaker Valley COG
Jean-Sebastien Valois	Quaker Valley COG

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 SUMMER INTERN UPDATE: Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Conners had successfully met with numerous candidates regarding the Shade Tree Inventory Project at the Local Government Academy's Intern Fair. Mr. Schwend and Mr. Conners interviewed six candidates and were able to offer the position to their number one candidate who has since accepted the position. Mr. Conners stated that Alexander Austin had experience with GIS mapping and was also familiar with tree maintenance. According to Mr. Conners the internship will begin at some point in mid-May. Mr. Aloe discussed an opportunity for Edgeworth to join with the Sewickley Valley Community Fund as well as neighboring municipalities and organizations in implementing a shared MS4 intern. Mr. Aloe stated that the intern would be a Quaker Valley graduate and would rotate amongst three municipalities over the course of twelve weeks. Mr. Aloe requested that the Borough contribute a matching donation of \$1,000 towards the program. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Duffield to allocate \$1,000 to the MS4 intern program sponsored by the Sewickley Valley Community Fund. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017-2018 ROCK SALT AGREEMENT – SECOND YEAR OPTION: Mr. Schwend began discussion by stating that the Borough would need to enact the second year option for the 2017-2018 Rock Salt Agreement through Cargill Inc. by May 1st if the Borough wishes to continue its partnership with Cargill. Mr. Hofmann inquired about the salt shed expansion asking if additional salt will be stored in the structure. Mr. Schwend stated that the addition would be for storage of Public Works equipment including the new leaf loader. Mrs. Genter inquired as to where the excess salt would be stored. Mr. Schwend stated that the storage shed would be filled to capacity until an arrangement is finalized between SHACOG and Cargill for storage of the additional salt. After further discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second by Mrs. Duffield to approve the second year option for the 2017-2018 Rock Salt Agreement.

ACTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF A RESIDENT TO FULFILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION: Mr. Aloe stated that Mrs. Ann Gensheimer has been recommended to fill the vacancy on the Shade Tree Commission by Chairman Gregory Marlovits. A motion was made by Mrs. Duffield with a second by Mrs. Genter to appoint Mrs. Gensheimer to fulfill the remainder of the term left vacant on the Shade Tree Commission. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2017-03 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH REQUESTING THE STATE TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF RADAR WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR ALL POLICE DEPARTMENTS: Chief English began discussion by stating that the Pennsylvania Legislature had not acted on municipal use of RADAR in the 2016 session and highlighted that the Pennsylvania Boroughs Association has advocated for new legislation to implement RADAR use for municipal police departments. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to adopt Resolution 2017-03 requesting the state allow municipal police departments to use RADAR equipment. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ARBOR DAY IN THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH: Mr. Conners began discussion by highlighting Edgeworth's dedication to the preservation of its natural resources including its abundance of Borough street trees. Mr. Conners stated that Edgeworth is a perfect municipality to be recognized as a "Tree City" by Tree City USA. Mr. Conners discussed the four requirements of being recognized as a tree city including having a shade tree ordinance, a shade tree committee, spending at least \$2 per capita on Urban Forestry, and lastly passing a Proclamation

recognizing Arbor Day. Mr. Conners explained that Edgeworth Borough met every qualification set forth with the exception of the Proclamation recognizing Arbor Day. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to recognize April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Edgeworth. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

ISO BUILDING CODE EFFECTIVENESS GRADING SURVEY: Mr. Schwend began discussion by stating that the Borough's ISO ratings would be downgraded due to the inaction by the Pennsylvania Legislature to adopt the entire 2015 International Building Code. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) will be downgrading the rating of every municipality in the Commonwealth due to the aforementioned inaction. According to Mr. Schwend, the downgrade is outside the control of the Borough. Mr. Hofmann suggested that the Borough contact local elected representatives in order to advocate for the Commonwealth to adopt the full 2015 International Builders Code.

UPDATE REGARDING BEAVER ROAD WALL REPAIR: Mr. Schwend stated that discussions regarding the Beaver Road wall repair are progressing nicely and that the affected residents have viewed the renderings set forth by the Borough Engineer. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough could allocate funds designated for the 2017 paving program towards the wall repair. Mr. Schwend asked for approval from Borough Council to advertise for bids to conduct the repair. Mr. Hofmann inquired about the railing along Beaver Road. Mr. Schwend stated that a portion of the graded wall would have an aesthetic fence placed to ensure the safety of the affected properties. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to advertise the Beaver Road wall repair for bid pending the acceptance of a right of way agreement signed by all parties. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:45 p.m., and returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

Borough Council began discussion by thanking Mr. David Trocki for his twenty-six years of service to the Borough. After further discussion, a motion to approve the separation and general release agreement between Mr. David Trocki and the Borough of Edgeworth was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

Mr. Schwend stated that Borough Council would need to establish a starting wage for the new Public Works team member. Mr. Schwend stated that a candidate with a mechanical background is desired for future strategic planning within the Public Works Department. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Duffield to approve a range of \$20 - \$25 per hour contingent on the skill level and experience of the candidate for the Public Works position. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary