

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 19, 2017

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MEETING was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoepp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepp, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, 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 August 15, 2017 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2017. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of September 19, 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of August 2017 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$171,864.18 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$194,337.49 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6204	Wine Concrete Inc.	Shelter 3 Bathroom	\$896.10
6205	Dawson Electric	Council Chamber Upgrade	\$728.70
6206	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$3,333.50
6207	H&M Service Inc.	Walker Park Bathrooms	\$576.98
6208	IBIS Specialized Vehicles	Bumper for Explorer	\$735.00
6209	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$7,327.89
6210	ODB Company	Leaf Loader	\$169,275.89
6211	Riverside Builders Inc.	Shelter 4 Bathroom	\$2,158.90
6212	Studio B Inc.	Wallpaper – Chamber	\$1,226.57
6213	Urban Forestry Consultants	Arborist Services	\$7,781.25
6214	Wine Concrete Inc.	Shelter 4 Bathroom	\$296.85

Such bills were reviewed by Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$171,864.18 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$194,337.49. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of August 2017 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,177.44 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of August 2017 was presented to Council. Chief English stated that Officer Nick Adrian had exceeded expectations during his one-year probationary period and recommended that Borough Council remove his probationary status. Borough Council was presented with the most recent review letters from both Sgt. Burlett and Chief English regarding Officer Adrian's performance. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Marlovits to recommend to the Civil Service Commission that Officer Adrian's probationary status be removed. The motion was unanimously carried by all in attendance. Mayor Smith inquired regarding the congested parking situation on Woodland Road. Mr. Schwend stated that there are currently four projects being conducted simultaneously on Woodland Road. Chief English stated that the Police Department will place no-parking signs at various locations on Woodland Road in an attempt to alleviate the congestion caused by contractors. Chief English also stated that the Police Department has been in contact with a charitable organization associated with Mr. Thomas Tull who intends to donate funds for the Edgeworth Police Department to purchase tasers and new camera systems for their vehicles. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of August 2017 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that leaf collection would begin by mid-October and would continue throughout December (weather permitting). Mr. Schwend highlighted that the roadway improvement program had concluded with the exception of minor repairs and lawn restoration. Mr. Schwend also stated that the sidewalk repair program would be beginning in the coming weeks with letters being delivered to residents highlighting that damaged sidewalks would be marked by the Borough Engineer. Mr. Aloe inquired about the Poia Road sewer lateral repair. Mr. Schwend stated that the Public Works Department had replaced fifteen feet of the sewer lateral that had collapsed. Mr. Schwend also stated that the sewers on Poia road had been documented with video analysis which is to be sent to the Borough Engineer for further review. With there being no further input this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of August 2017 were presented to Council. Mr. Schwend highlighted three upcoming cases that would be heard before the Zoning Hearing Board on October 12, 2017. Mr. Schwend stated that plans were available for review by any interested party prior to the hearing. 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. Schwend stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection would be conducting an MS4 audit on September 28, 2017. Mr. Schwend highlighted that the audit would focus on stormwater documentation and proper storage and labeling of Borough equipment. Mr. Schwend also highlighted the QVCOG stormwater educational booth that was located at the Sewickley Harvest Festival on September 9, 2017. Mr. Connors highlighted an upcoming recycling event that would be held on September 23, 2017 at the Avalon Community Park. Items accepted include various

electronics, batteries, and televisions. Mr. Conners directed interested parties to view further information regarding the event to the Borough website. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: for the month of August 2017 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Aloe highlighted that the EMA Board had voted to decline to pay an additional charge that was not originally agreed upon in the Authority's waterline replacement project. Mr. Aloe applauded the fiscal awareness of the Authority's Board. Mr. Schwend stated that he would look further into the matter. After further discussion the minutes were filed.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received and filed.
- C. The Quaker Valley Council of Governments invited members of Borough Council and the Mayor to "Candidate's Night" which is to be held at the Emsworth Borough building on September 20, 2017.
- D. The Quaker Valley Council of Governments invited elected officials to the annual dinner which is to be held on October 18, 2017.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitor was present:

Dr. Joseph Marrone

Quaker Valley School District

Dr. Joseph Marrone representing the Quaker Valley School district came before Borough Council to thank all parties involved during the grant process concerning the Edgeworth Elementary School playground. Dr. Marrone specifically highlighted the efforts of Mr. Aloe of the Sewickley Valley Community Fund for its generous monetary contribution and Mr. Schwend for his insight during the planning process. Dr. Marrone displayed what the playground would look like and highlighted that it would be a similar design to the Osborne Elementary playground. He stated that he anticipated the playground's completion to occur in late fall 2017 or early spring 2018. Mr. Wilson asked what the lifespan of the equipment would be. Dr. Marrone stated that the playground is expected to have a twenty year lifespan. Dr. Marrone concluded by thanking the Borough and all involved in the process.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING CONTRACT NO. 17-PW1 – SALT SHED BUILDING ADDITION: Mr. Schwend discussed the bid that had been received from Swede Construction regarding the addition to the salt shed located along Ohio River Boulevard. As was discussed in the August Council meeting, there was only one bid received, and it was higher than anticipated. Mr. Schwend reviewed the specifications with representatives from Swede Construction, and presented Change Order #1 to Council as an attachment to the original bid. The change order resulted in a reduction of \$25,000 from the original bid price. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to award contract 17-PW1 with attached change order #1 to Swede Construction. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BEAVER ROAD WALL UPDATE: President Hoeppe began discussion by reviewing prior dialogue about the Beaver Road Wall repair, specifically highlighting the feasibility of performing the soil nail wall technique in smaller sections as needed. President Hoeppe stated that this option would be desirable

because the repair would be a permanent fix and would require very little land in the form of a right-of-way from the adjacent property owners. President Hoepf emphasized his desire to keep the topic of this repair pertinent and recommended that the Streets Committee review plans for the sectional soil nail repair when they are available. Mr. Schwend stated that he would work with the Borough Engineer to select an appropriate portion of the wall to calculate a cost. Mrs. Duffield inquired about the total right-of-way needed for the soil nail wall technique. Mr. Schwend stated that the soil nail technique would require the least amount of land because most work would be conducted from Beaver Road. Mr. Aloe emphasized his original presumption that a permanent fix in the form of a mound wall or soil nail wall would have been best for the Beaver Road wall, but had since developed the opinion that repairs should be conducted as needed as they have been since the 1980's. Mr. Aloe highlighted that prior repairs have withstood the test of time and have been much more cost effective than a total repair would have been. Mr. Aloe stated that any repair should be monitored by the Borough Engineer to ensure the stability of the wall and protection of adjacent property owners. Mr. Hoepf referred the project to the Streets Committee for further review.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING EMERGENCY GABION BASKET REPAIR ON BEAVER ROAD: Mr. Schwend began discussion by highlighting the need for work to commence on the Beaver Road wall before winter begins due to the instability of the affected portion of the wall. Mr. Aloe inquired regarding the dip in the sidewalk adjacent to the affected portion of the Beaver Road wall. Mr. Schwend stated that the attached bid included a full repair of the aforementioned sidewalk, specifically highlighting that the sidewalk will be leveled to grade. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits to award the emergency gabion basket repair on the Beaver Road wall to Mele, Mele, & Sons in the amount of \$19,213.70. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

ACTION CONCERNING 2018 MUNICIPAL MINIMUM OBLIGATION: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Actuary Hallet & Associates had formulated the 2018 Municipal Minimum Obligation for both the General and Police Pension plans to be reviewed by Borough Council in the amounts of \$19,081 for the Police Pension Plan and \$22,564 for the General Pension Plan. It is estimated that the entirety of both MMO's will be covered by state aid in 2018. After some review and discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Duffield to approve the MMO as prepared by Hallet & Associates Inc. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE #546 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM; ENACTING TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND NONPROFIT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AGENCIES; AND ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND APPEALS: Mr. Schwend stated that proposed Ordinance No. 546 is intended to help retain current volunteers and recruit potential members for volunteer fire departments and non-profit Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Schwend stated that if authorized, the Borough would publish the Ordinance in the paper of record and would convene a public meeting during the November Council meeting in order to foster public comment regarding the Ordinance. Mr. Aloe stated that he would abstain from comment and would not vote on the matter due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Schwend stated that the proposal includes a maximum of a \$300 earned income tax credit, and a twenty percent real estate tax credit for any Edgeworth resident who serves on a volunteer fire department or for a non-profit emergency medical service organization. Mr. Schwend calculated that the proposal could annually cost the Borough around \$2,900. Mrs. Genter stated that she liked the idea of rewarding those who serve their community voluntarily. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Duffield with a second by Mrs. Genter

to authorize advertisement of Ordinance No. 546 in the paper of record. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS: Mr. Wilson voiced his concerns regarding the current contractor work hours within the Borough of 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Mr. Wilson emphasized that the noise produced by commercial equipment can be a nuisance when hosting gatherings, particularly during the weekend. Mr. Wilson recommended that the Borough consider rearranging contractor work hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday while keeping the current work hours for Monday through Thursday of 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Chief English recommended having a broad based approach to the contractor work hours, highlighting that indoor and outdoor work should held to the same time standard. Mr. Schwend stated that he would develop an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the aforementioned time change, and recommended that any other changes to the Zoning Ordinance should be addressed at the same time in order to efficiently advertise the changes.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. HAYES STOVER TO FULFILL VACANCY ON ZONING HEARING BOARD: Mr. Wilson stated that the Personnel and Finance Committee had met with Mr. Hayes Stover concerning a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member. Mr. Wilson highlighted that Mr. Stover was a former member of the McCandless Zoning Hearing Board for over a decade and also practiced as a lawyer for K&L Gates prior to his retirement. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Duffield to appoint Mr. Hayes Stover to fulfill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:55 p.m., and returned to regular session at 9:10 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary