

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2014

MEETING was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Joseph T. Hoepf presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepf, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mrs. Carrie A. Duffield, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Borough Manager Martin C. McDaniel, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Margie L. Nelko and Mr. Brock E. McCandless, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Organization Meeting held on January 21, 2014, having been updated, were presented to Council. After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hofmann that the January 21, 2014 Organization Minutes be approved as updated and presented was unanimously carried.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2014 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hofmann that the January 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes be amended and approved as presented was unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of January 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of February 18, 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of January 2014 was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2014 in the amount of \$134,645.03, vouchers be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$4,226.80, and a voucher be drawn on the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$861.00 were presented to Council as per the following lists.

General Account

Scheduled Expenditures Account

1712	Lennon, Smith & Souleret Engineering Inv. 201400003, 201400004 201400005	Engineering/Construction Related Expenses- 2013 Roadway Improvement Program, 2013 Sidewalk Repair Program, Sewickley Academy Event Center Plans	\$	2,239.80
1713	Precision Copy Products, Inc. Inv. 071259	2013 Muratec MFX3530 MFP Color Copier-Police	\$	1,987.00

Capital Reserve Account

1010	City Plumbing, Heating, A/C Inv. 4728483	Rheen HWT 50 Gallon Hot Water Tank/Installation	\$ 861.00
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Such bills were reviewed by Council and the motion of Mr. Aloe, seconded by Mr. Wilson that vouchers be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$134,645.03, vouchers be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$4,226.80, and a voucher be drawn on the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$861.00, was unanimously carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of January 2014 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting 2012 Borough Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$323.73 and 2013 Borough Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$3,994.38 for January 2014. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of January 2014 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,101.52 to the Borough for January 2014. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of January 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of January 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of January 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of January 2014 were presented to Council. After review and discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT - None

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Edgeworth Municipal Authority Board Minutes for January 14, 2014 was presented to Council for review.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS. Mr. Hoeppe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following visitors were present:

Mr. John K. Holton of 205 Church Lane

Mr. Holton was present to discuss his concerns regarding certain restrictions in the proposed Solar and Wind Ordinance. Mr. Holton requested Council to consider including side yards and rear yards under Section 1, 7b and 7c of the proposed Ordinance. There was some discussion that the proposed remedy was for residents to be able to request a variance for side yard and rear yard installation. This would ensure an attractive design and would protect neighboring property values from unsightly installations.

ACTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 532 AMENDING THE ZONING

ORDINANCE REGARDING SOLAR AND WIND POWER: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding Solar and Wind Power was presented to Council. A letter was received from Mr. Mario Peluso, Planning Commission Chair, recommending adoption of Ordinance No. 532. After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Hofmann, seconded by Mr. Aloe, that Ordinance No. 532 be submitted to Council for enactment by roll call vote was unanimously carried. A roll call vote was then taken and Edgeworth Borough Ordinance No. 532 was officially enacted as presented having received (6) six affirmative votes of all members of Council present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Marlovits, Chairperson of the Sanitation Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the Recycling Study and the possibility of a curbside recycling option. Mr. Marlovits stated that Ms. Claire Torrance, a high school student, has helped with the survey, which includes a curbside recycle container order form. Mrs. Duffield requested that it be made clear that Council is considering curb side pickup. Council has not yet decided to implement curbside pickup unless it can be determined that there is considerable interest, and within budget limitations. The need to retain the drop-off dumpster(s) for residents who cannot participate in curb side pickup was emphasized. There was some discussion regarding the tallying up of responses and the budgeted amount for this project.

Mr. Hofmann, Chairman of the Property Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following items:

1. Storage Area Concerns – There is a portion of Borough owned property along Rt. 65 across from Edgeworth Lane that currently being used as an area for storing asphalt millings and contractor’s supplies/equipment storage. The following items were discussed:
 - a. Asphalt Milling Pile – will be depleted by having it hauled away and added to the new paving material being used for the roadway project scheduled for 2014.
 - b. Restrict to Borough Projects Only – limiting the storage area to Borough related projects and use.
 - c. Landscaping/Screening – developing a landscaping plan and/or screening plan for the area by retaining Joseph Hajnas Associates, Inc.’s services.
 - d. Relocated Storage Area – possibly storing materials and equipment closer to the Salt Shed, which would be further out of sight from Rt. 65.

- e. Contract Bidding – request future roadway bids from Borough contractors to include pricing with use of the storage area or without using this property as a storage area.

There was some discussion regarding the Borough Manager having discretion on permitting non-Borough contractors to use any storage use for the property. Mr. Hoepp requested amending 1 (b.) to include utility companies, which would eliminate any stockpiling supplies and equipment along the Borough streets. After some review, the motion of Mr. Hofmann, seconded by Mr. Aloe to include utility companies as approved uses of the storage area and to retain landscape services from Joseph Hajnas, Associates, Inc. to develop a plan to screen the storage area was unanimously carried.

2. Hazardous Trees – Mr. Hofmann reported that the Property Committee reviewed Ordinance No. 423, which addresses dangers to public safety on public or private property. There was some discussion regarding the fourteen (14) remaining hazardous trees to be removed with six (6) of these trees being located on private property and all of which are classified as high-risk. It was determined that Council has the authority to act in the event of a refusal to remove hazardous tree(s) in the public right-of-way and to share knowledge of hazardous tree(s) on private property with the resident. There was some discussion regarding having two (2) letters for the purpose of notifying a resident of hazardous tree(s). The letter for a critical risk classification should state that Council must take action in the event the resident does not. The letter for a high risk classification would recommend that the property owner remove or mitigate a tree(s) on private property to reduce the safety risk and noting Ordinance No. 423, which is in the Borough Office for review. There was discussion regarding an appeal procedure for resident(s) who disagree with the Borough Arborist’s risk classification(s). It was decided that Council would hear any appeals. The Borough Manager was instructed to place in writing a clear step by step procedure policy that will be included in the above referenced letters to resident(s) when needed. After some review and discussion, it was the consensus of Council to follow the Property Committee recommendations for trees that are hazardous to public safety.

Mr. Marlovits, Chairperson of the Sanitation Committee, presented Council with an overview of the Shade Tree Commission Meeting of February 17, 2014. Mr. Marlovits stated that the Shade Tree Commission reviewed a request by a property owner to remove three (3) pin oak trees located at 432 Oliver Road. There was some discussion regarding the plan of trimming off dead wood in the spring. The Shade Tree Commission voted to refuse permission to remove the three (3) pin oaks at this location. The trees were deemed to be healthy and not hazardous. There was some discussion regarding the recommendation and requesting the resident to remove the new paint marks on the pin oak trees. The Shade Tree Commission will reply in writing to the resident with their decision, therefore, no action is required by Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Hoepf requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to receiving legal advice on personnel matters at 9:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Martin C. McDaniel
Borough Manager