

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 2014

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MEETING was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with Mr. Joseph T. Hoopp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoopp, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mrs. Carrie A. Duffield, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Dr. Gary L. Smith, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mayor Wayne T. Murphy, Borough Manager Martin C. McDaniel, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Margie L. Nelko and Mr. Brock E. McCandless, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Budget Hearing held on December 17, 2013 were presented to Council. After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Hofmann, seconded by Mrs. Duffield that the December 17, 2013 Budget Hearing Minutes be approved as presented was unanimously carried.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2013 were presented to Council. Mrs. Duffield presented Council with an amendment to the Recognition of Visitors List presented in the Council Minutes. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Hofmann, seconded by Mrs. Duffield that the December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes be amended and approved as presented was unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of December 2013 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of January 21, 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of December 2013 was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of January 2014 in the amount of \$155,781.22, and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$3,712.94, were presented to Council as per the following lists.

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 \$155,781.22, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditure Account in the amount of \$3,712.94, was unanimously carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of December 2013 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting 2013 Borough Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$10,114.84 for December 2013. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of December 2013 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,196.51 to the Borough for December 2013. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of December 2013 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of December 2013 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

Cochran Hose Co. Fire Chief Jeff Neff and Assistant Chief Mr. Jed Von Hofen were present to discuss an overview of call outs in Edgeworth for 2013. Chief Neff presented Council with an update regarding the lack of space in their existing building and stated that Sewickley Borough is doing a study to help with a solution.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of December 2013 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

There was some discussion regarding the high number of call outs for bad winter roads and the salt supply on hand. The Public Works Department was thanked for their dedicated efforts in responding when called out.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of December 2013 were presented to Council. After review and discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT - None

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter, dated January 8, 2014, was received from Mrs. Dolores Bassett, of 432 Oliver Road, regarding stewardship accountabilities and liabilities of trees in the public right-of-way. After some review and discussion, it was the consensus of Council to forward this issue to the Shade Tree Commission to review.

A copy of a letter to Kevin Flannery, Sewickley Borough from Mr. Dominic Santanna of ISO regarding the recent ISO Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) survey. The PPC plays an important role in the underwriting process of insurance companies' premium calculations for their policyholders. The ISO has upgraded Edgeworth Borough from a classification 6 to a classification 3, effective April 1, 2014. Mrs. Duffield, Fire Committee Chair, stated that the Fire Committee is very pleased with the upgrade, which could benefit the residents of Edgeworth by lowering their insurance rates. Chief Neff explained the process which resulted in the better classification. This is a wonderful accomplishment for the fire department, which is now ranked on of the top departments in Allegheny County. Chief Neff also stated that some of the credit should go to the Edgeworth Municipal Authority, the Edgeworth Building Code Enforcement Program and the Edgeworth Police Dispatchers. The Fire Committee is proud to have Edgeworth Borough Residents, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Robert E. Bagans and Mr. Lynn Mills, as members of Cochran Hose Company. The Borough Manager was instructed to include the ISO reclassification information in the 2014 Spring Newsletter.

A copy of an email to Mayor Murphy from Ms. Pat Happe, President of the Edgeworth Garden Club, regarding how grateful the Garden Club is for all the help received with their concerns on maintenance and beautification of the Edgeworth Lane Bus Stop.

A letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. John Menniti, of 401 Maple Lane, regarding their disagreement with the Borough's assessment of three (3) Sugar Maple Trees being deemed hazardous and needing removed. There was some discussion regarding the location of the trees and whether the Ordinance should cover private property. After some review and discussion, the Borough Manager was instructed to send Mr. and Mrs. Menniti a letter requesting them to place a hold on the removal of the trees. After some review it was the consensus of Council to refer this matter to the Property Committee for review and recommendation.

A letter was received from Mr. Greg A. Schaetzle, Watershed Scientist of Western Pa Conservancy, regarding an Act 14 notification of a PA Dam Removal Permit Application for the location of 502 Woodland Road, situate along Little Sewickley Creek Road.

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

The following visitors were present:

Mr. Michael Tomana of 218 Edgeworth Lane  
Mr. Robert W. Gray of 300 Maple Lane  
Cochran Hose Co. Fire Chief Jeff Neff  
Cochran Hose Co. Assistant Chief Jed Von Hofen

Mr. Tomana was present to discuss his concerns regarding the standard enforcement of the Borough's Hazardous Tree Removal Program. Mr. Tomana feels that the current classifications will cause undesirable results within the Borough. There was some discussion regarding the risk classifications that were completed for the tree program. After some review and discussion, it was the consensus of Council to refer this matter to the Property Committee for review and request the committee to review the arborist's recommendations.

Mr. Tomana expressed his concerns regarding the asphalt millings storage and the industrial storage on a Borough owned strip of land along Rt. 65. The Borough Manager stated that some of the asphalt has been removed and that the Borough is working on having the rest of it removed. The Borough Manager explained that the strip of land in question is the only place in the Borough that contractors have to store their equipment and stockpile supplies. There was some discussion regarding the permitting of contractors to use this storage area benefits the Borough in many ways.

ACTION CONCERNING APPROVAL 2014 FINAL BOROUGH BUDGET. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Duffield to re-approve the 2014 Final Borough Budget as presented was unanimously carried.

ACTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 533 FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014: After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Duffield, that Ordinance No. 533 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. 533 was officially enacted as presented having received (7) seven affirmative votes of all members of Council present.

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, requesting Council to postpone adoption of Ordinance No. 532 so that Planning Commission may review it more. After some review and discussion, it was the consensus of Council to delay the adoption of Zoning Ordinance No. 532 until the next regular scheduled meeting of Council.

ACTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 534 AMENDING THE ZONING

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF FARM ANIMALS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF EDGEWORTH: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance regulating the keeping of farm animals in certain areas of Edgeworth was presented to Council. A letter from Mr. Mario Peluso, Planning Commission Chair, was presented to Council recommending adoption of Ordinance No. 534 subject to deleting (6) (e) [3] (iii) and (6) [4] (iii) from Section 2 - "chicken coop maximum size is 24 sq. feet" and "maximum size is 6 sq. feet per chicken". There was some discussion regarding keeping (6) (e) [3] (iii) from Section 2 - "chicken coop maximum size is 24 sq. feet". After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Hofmann, seconded by Mrs. Duffield, that Ordinance No. 534 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. 534 was officially enacted subject to the deletion of (6) [4] (iii) from Section 2 - "maximum size is 6 sq. feet per chicken" as presented having received (7) seven affirmative votes of all members of Council present.

ACTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPOSITORIES FOR 2014. After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hofmann, to approve the appointment of the following Depositories was unanimously carried.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK ACCOUNTS

Capital Reserve  
Grant  
Edgeworth Borough Employee Fund  
General  
Healthcare Savings

Liquid Fuels  
Real Estate Tax  
Scheduled Expenditures  
General Employees' Pension  
Police Pension

PLGIT/PLGIT PLUS

Scheduled Expenditures Fund

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Marlovits, Chairperson to the Sanitation Committee, presented Council with an update regarding the proposed extension of the high pressure sanitary sewer on Little Sewickley Creek Road. The Sanitation Committee feels it would be advantageous for more residents to tap into the public sewer line. There was some discussion regarding possible tap-in fees in reference to helping off-set the expenses of extending the main. There was also discussion regarding the possibility of failing septic systems in other parts of the Borough. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Hoepp, seconded by Mr. Aloe to approve the

Borough Engineer to conduct a study to extend the high pressure sanitary sewer line on Little Sewickley Creed Road to serve the properties of 42, 44 and 52 Little Sewickley Creek Road.

The Borough Manager presented Council with an overview of proposed additions to the 2014 Street Resurfacing Program. Columbia Gas will be expanding their gas line replacement project to Chestnut Road (between Meadow Lane and Rt. 65), Maple Lane (between Chestnut Road and Edgeworth Lane) and a section where Challis Lane and Nicholas Place meet. The Borough has available funds to cover the additional cost of \$103,500.00 for repaving Chestnut Road and the section of Challis Lane/Nicholas Place. Columbia Gas will be responsible to re-paving Maple Lane from curb to curb (according to the Borough Ordinance) due to it being a recently re-paved road. There was some discussion regarding the Borough Engineer adding this as an alternative bid proposal for the 2014 Street Resurfacing Program. After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to approve the Borough Engineer to include this additional work to the bid advertisement for 2014 Street Resurfacing Program was unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Hoopp requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to a potential legal matters at 09:40 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Margie L. Nelko  
Borough Secretary

Martin C. McDaniel  
Borough Manager