

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 21, 2016

---

MEETING was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with 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, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Mayor Wayne T. Murphy, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2016 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2016. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of May 2016 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of June 21, 2016 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of May 2016 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann brought the Council's attention to the cost of the Duquesne Light LED Program and questioned why the promised cost savings were not visible as of yet. Mr. Schwend stated that the costs incurred to this point were for installation of the LED lights. Mr. Schwend also stated that there have been 30 additional locations selected for the 2016 LED installation program. Mrs. Duffield discussed the cost-saving incentive that Duquesne Light initially proposed. Mr. Schwend stated that he would review old invoices and contact Duquesne Light regarding the matter. After further review and discussion, the report was ordered and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of May 2016 in the amount of \$199,854.36 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$51,419.32 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6123	Day Ford	Police Cruiser	\$36,330.00
6124	Duquesne Light	LED Program	\$4,033.00
6125	Garvin Boward	Engineering Fees	\$985.00
6126	Lennon Smith	Engineering Fees	\$9,571.32
6127	Leetsdale Municipal	LSCR Retainer Fee	\$500.00

Such bills were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$199,854.36 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$51,419.32, was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of May 2016 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of May 2016 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$2,870.83 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of May 2016 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of May 2016 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of May 2016 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend discussed the schedule of events regarding the upcoming paving program, mentioning that one calls would be a common sight in the coming weeks. Mr. Schwend stated that all residents living on streets affected by the program would receive notification 48 hours prior to work beginning by the paving company. In addition, Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough would be sending out reverse 911 notifications to affected residents. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of May 2016 were presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT – No report available.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineers, Mr. Fred Gregorich, Mr. Patrick Connors, along with Mr. Schwend all had discussed initiatives and projects regarding the Borough's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Program. Mr. Schwend established that an annual MS4 report would be given to Borough Council each month and that this would be a time for residents, Council Members, and other interested parties to ask questions or discuss issues regarding stormwater. Mr. Tomana reported seeing an orange residue will walking along Little Sewickley Creek Road. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough would look into the possible cause of the discharge.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. The monthly meeting minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received and filed.
- B. The 2014 Liquid Fuels Report was received and Filed
- C. Correspondence was received from Mrs. Gail Murray regarding historic preservation of designated structures within Edgeworth Borough.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

W. Grant Scott Esq. – 418 Maple Lane  
Donna Amato – 309 Myrtle Lane  
Richard F. McCormack Sr. – 314 Myrtle Lane  
Kirsten Jones – 327 Nicholas Place  
Mike Tomana – 218 Edgeworth Lane  
Gail Murray – 605 Maple Lane  
Betty Anne Miller – 615 Maple Lane

Harold Bonnett – 102 Woodland Road  
David Genter – 110 Woodland Road  
Todd Waldo – 232 Nicholas Place  
Judson Brooks – 331 Shields Lane

- A. Mrs. Murray addressed Borough Council regarding her concern for historical structures within Edgeworth. Mrs. Murray requested that Borough Council revisit the idea of historical zoning within certain areas of Edgeworth and that Borough Council meet with a consultant from the Pennsylvania Historical Society regarding the issue. Mrs. Murray also mentioned various levels of historical zoning that could be implemented within the Borough. Mr. Aloe recommended to Mrs. Murray and all in attendance to organize a committee to look further into the topic. Mr. Aloe also recommended that residents interested in preserving the historic nature of their properties should look into placing a covenant on their deed. Mr. Wilson commended the discussion regarding historical zoning, but recommended that it should be up to the individual residents and not the Borough Council to enforce such regulation. Mr. Wilson also recommended that a committee should proactively educate the Borough on the issue. Mr. Hoepf discussed the past history of historical zoning proposals within the Borough, recommending that the community look further into the issue. Mrs. Duffield asked if residents had been contacted by the residents interested in preservation and if there was large community wide support for the ideas. Mr. Tomana committed to forming a committee to look further into historical preservation within Edgeworth. Mrs. Murray stated that she would also look into organizing a meeting outside of Council to discuss the topic.
- B. Mr. Tomana discussed his concern for the shooting incident which occurred on May 20, 2016 on Borough Property. Mr. Tomana also addressed his concerns regarding the condition of the barrier mound located on Ohio River Boulevard.

OLD BUSINESS:

2016 – 2017 ROCK SALT AGREEMENT – YEAR ONE OPTION: Mr. Schwend discussed the final details of the amended 2016 – 2017 Rock Salt Agreement stating that a response was requested by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After some review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Marlovits regarding the purchase and storage of excess rock salt. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICER: Mr. Hofmann discussed the extensive process that was in place to hire a full-time patrol officer to replace Corporal Timothy Marshall. Chief English also reviewed the hiring process and discussed the selection of the top three candidates. During the interview and testing process Chief English stated that one candidate in particular stood out from the rest, Nicholas Adrian. Based on scores from the written and oral exams, Mr. Adrian is positioned as the number one candidate on the list of eligible candidates. Chief English stated that Mr. Adrian is currently a part-time officer for the Borough and was an exemplary worker who has enjoyed working in Edgeworth. After further discussion Chief English recommended that Nicholas Adrian be hired conditionally for the full-time patrol officer position. Mr. Hofmann discussed the intangibles that made Mr. Adrian a great candidate to work in Edgeworth. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to present Nicholas

Adrian a conditional offer of employment pending a physical and psychological examination for the full-time patrol officer position. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

POLICE COMMITTEE – REVISED WORK HOURS FOR FULL AND PART-TIME PATROL

OFFICERS: Mr. Hofmann discussed the current contract and the schedule of shifts for the Edgeworth Police Department. The Collective Bargaining unit has requested that shift start and end times be adjusted by one hour in order to accommodate part time officers who work for multiple municipalities. Mr. Hofmann noted that coverage would not change, only beginning and end times of each shift would be different. After further review and discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve the revised work hours for full and part-time patrol officers. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – ALLEGHENY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Mr. Schwend discussed the Memorandum of Understanding from the Allegheny County Conservation District regarding stormwater management. Mr. Schwend emphasized how the County Conservation District is an integral part of meeting the necessary Minimum Control Measures for MS4 requirements such as reporting illicit discharges. Mr. Schwend stated that both the Borough Solicitor and Engineer recommended entering into the Memorandum of Understanding. After further review and discussion a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Marlovits to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING VRG PLAN OF THE LOTS PROPOSED SUBDIVISION – 315 NICHOLAS

PLACE: Mr. Hoepf opened discussion by introducing the VRG Plan of lots proposal. Mr. Grant Scott representing VRG Group stated that the subdivision proposal was consistent with all Borough requirements and has been reviewed and recommended by the Borough Engineers. Mr. Scott also pointed out that the VRG plan requested no variances and met all Borough regulations. Mr. Vescio displayed the subdivision proposal to interested residents and members of Council. Mr. Aloe stated that the Planning Commission made no comment regarding the subdivision due to the majority of residents voicing their opinions against the subdivision proposal. Mr. McCormack pointed out some concerns that he and other residents had regarding the proposed VRG subdivision. Among the concerns that Mr. McCormack discussed were increased traffic on an already congested Nicholas Place and the limited sight lines on the road. Mr. McCormack and other residents in attendance stated that they would be satisfied if the subdivision only had three lots. Mrs. Jones of 327 Nicholas Place asked when the demolition of the home at 315 Nicholas Place would occur. Mr. Schwend stated that the applicant obtained a demolition permit and would be removing select trees at the current property. Mrs. Duffield discussed case law regarding the increased development on Nicholas Place, pointing out that an increase in traffic would be expected. Mr. Marlovits voiced his concern with the layout of the VRG subdivision, particularly involving the placement of the driveways. After further review and discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Hofmann to send the VRG plan of lots subdivision back to the Planning Commission for recommendation. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ARLE SIGNAL REPLACEMENT GRANT: Mr. Schwend discussed the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant which could be used to update outdated traffic signals and controllers at Academy Avenue. The grant request would be for approximately \$25,000 to replace the signals. Mr. Schwend described the process for application and emphasized that the deadline for the grant would be June 30, 2016. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Duffield for the Borough to apply for the ARLE grant. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – SIDEWALK PROGRAM: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineer had written a memo and was developing set standards for sidewalk repair within the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that the last significant sidewalk inspection occurred during the summer of 2013. After further review and discussion the issued was referred to the Property Committee for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss a litigation matter. Council reentered regular session at 10:10 p.m.

Mr. Hoepf stated that Council was presented with a draft settlement agreement involving the Fetterolf litigation. A motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Duffield to approve the draft settlement agreement. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary