

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2015

MEETING was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President of Council Mr. Joseph T. Hoopp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoopp, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Borough Manager/Secretary Martin C. McDaniel, and Mr. Brock E. McCandless, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor. Mayor Wayne Murphy arrived at 7:55 p.m.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2014 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Aloe that the December 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as presented was unanimously carried.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of January 20, 2015 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of December 2014 was presented to Council. Mr. McDaniel noted that there were slightly more outstanding property taxes left unpaid in 2014 than in years past. Mr. Wilson noted that overall projected revenues and expenses were very close to the actual revenues and expenses for the year. The report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of January 2015 in the amount of \$157,332.01 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$18,748.49 were presented to Council as per the following lists.

General Account

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6044	Bartlett Tree Experts	New Street Trees	\$763.82
6045	Joseph Hajnas Associates	McDonald's Landscape Review	\$1,965.00
6046	Lennon Smith Souleret Inc.	Engineering Services	\$3,214.92
6047	Printscape Imaging	Print reproductions	\$48.00
6048	Rehrig Pacific Company	Recycling Containers	\$4,354.50
6049	Trans Associates Engineering	McDonald's Engineer Review	\$599.25
6050	Universal Information Systems	Computer Monitors	\$553.00
6051	Urban Forestry Consultants	Arborist Services	\$7,250.00

Such bills were reviewed by Council and the motion of Mr. Hofmann seconded by Mr. Aloe that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$157,332.01 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$ 18,748.49, was unanimously carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of December 2014 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of December 2014 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,120.59 to the Borough for December 2014. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of December 2014 was presented to Council. Chief English discussed issues regarding body cameras on police officers. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of December 2014. After review and discussion this report was received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of December 2014 was presented to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence for the month.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No visitors present.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FIREARMS ORDINANCE: The Borough Solicitor made a recommendation to Borough Council that they consider repealing the existing firearms ordinance. Recent changes in state law allow groups or individuals to sue municipalities if the municipality attempts to regulate hunting or firearms. Pennsylvania law does not permit a municipality to regulate the lawful ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of firearms, ammunition or ammunition components when carried or transported for purposes not prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Repealing the existing ordinance will reduce the Borough's exposure to potential lawsuits. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to have the Borough Solicitor draft a repeal ordinance and advertise the ordinance for adoption at the February Borough Council Regular Meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of Borough Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ZONING HEARING BOARD NOTIFICATIONS: Mr. Hoepf addressed the question of whether Borough Council should be notified of all upcoming Zoning Hearing Board appeals. While the Zoning Officer typically notifies Council of upcoming hearings, there is no current policy in place that mandates such notifications. Mrs. Duffield noted that according to the Municipal Planning Code, the Borough can legislate by ordinance or directive that Council receive notification of upcoming Zoning Hearing Board appeals. After discussion and consultation with the Borough Solicitor, a motion was made by Mrs. Duffield with a second from Mr. Aloe that a policy be implemented requiring the Zoning Officer to make written notification to Borough Council of all upcoming Zoning Hearing Board appeals, and that the Zoning Ordinance include such language the next time it is amended. The motion passes with a unanimous vote of Borough Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council adjourned to Executive Session to seek legal advice on personnel matters at 8:35 p.m. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:55 p.m. and the Regular Meeting continued.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Martin C. McDaniel
Borough Manager/Secretary