

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2015

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MEETING was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President Joseph Hoepf presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepf, Dr. Gary L. Smith, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Carrie A. Duffield, Mayor Wayne T. Murphy, Borough Manager/Secretary Martin C. McDaniel, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2015 were presented to Council. Mayor Murphy noted that he was not present at the last meeting and the minutes indicated that he was. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Aloe, seconded by Mr. Wilson that the September 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as amended was unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of September 2015 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of September 2015 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of October 2015 in the amount of \$229,036.29 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$11,559.97 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6082	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineer's Fees	\$1,639.25
6083	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineer's Fees	\$1,184.50
6084	Markl Supply Company	P.D. Bulletproof Vests	\$3,004.00
6085	Parking Lot Painting Co.	Beaver Rd. Line Painting	\$3,100.00
6086	Rome Monument	Boro Bldg. Plaque Base	\$497.50
6087	Trans Associates Inc.	Engineer's Fees	\$2,134.72

Such bills were reviewed by Council and the motion of Mr. Aloe seconded by Dr. Smith that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$229,036.29 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$11,559.97, was unanimously carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of September 2015 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of September 2015 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,283.67 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of September 2015 was presented to Council. Chief English reported that he will have two officers on patrol on Halloween night to ensure the safety of the trick or treaters. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed

FIRE REPORT for the month of September 2015 was presented to Council. Mrs. Duffield noted that there were a few more calls at Sewickley Academy this month, and the Fire Committee will meet in November and have a full report prepared for the next Council meeting. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of September 2015 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed. Mayor Murphy asked if the Borough had hired a temporary part-time employee yet. Mr. McDaniel said that there were only a few applications received and the advertisement will run for another week.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of September 2015 were presented to Council. After review and discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of August 2015 was presented to Council. After review this report was ordered received and filed. Mr. McDaniel stated that the COG recycling day will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> in Sewickley Borough on Thorn Street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The monthly meeting minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were ordered received and filed.
- The monthly meeting minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were ordered received and filed.
- An invitation to the Sewickley Academy Pancake Breakfast was received

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Mike Tomana, 218 Edgeworth Lane

Mr. Jeffrey Wigton, 300 Orchard Ln.

Mr. Tomana stated that the agenda was not available on the website prior to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

PENNDOT TRAFFIC STUDY – RT. 65: Mr. McDaniel presented Council with the results of the PennDOT traffic study which was completed in September. The study indicated that the traffic signals needed only required minor adjustments which have already been performed. PennDOT had no comment on the accidents that have occurred along the stretch of Rt. 65 in the Borough. The study reaffirmed that the speed limit is correct in their opinion, and the speed limit will not change. Mr. Tomana expressed concerns about the number of motorists running the red lights at both Hazel and Quaker road intersections. Chief English commented that the officers routinely monitor these intersections for violations and patrol the entire stretch of Rt. 65 in Edgeworth on a regular basis.

ACTION CONCERNING ORDINANCE NO. 541 – AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE:

Mr. McDaniel presented Council with Ordinance 541 which has been properly advertised and reviewed by the Planning Commission. Mr. Hoepf reviewed the proposed Ordinance and recommendations from the Planning Commission, and asked the Solicitor for clarification regarding some of the suggestions that

were made by the Planning Commission. Mr. Lucas clarified the definitions of buildings and structures as well as the terminology of external impacts. A discussion then took place regarding the recommendation that the noise levels be reduced at 8 p.m. as opposed to 10 p.m. Mr. McDaniel noted that this was only a proposed change due to a typo in the current ordinance, and that an 8 p.m. noise level reduction may be difficult to enforce. After review and discussion, a motion was made to adopt Ordinance 541 as written by roll call vote from Mr. Aloe with a second from Dr. Smith. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted unanimously in favor of the ordinance as written.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2015-03 – FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES: Council reviewed the proposed fee changes that were introduced at the September Council meeting. Mr. McDaniel gave a brief summary of the fee increases. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson that the Resolution 2015-03 be adopted. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSAL TO UPDATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATIONS: Mr. McDaniel presented Council with a proposal from Bill Gamble, Personnel Management Consultant, for technical assistance with updating the hiring and promotional rules for the Civil Service Commission. Mr. McDaniel explained that the last time our rules were updated was over 10 years ago, and various legislative actions have taken place since then that need to be updated and included in the document. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to accept the agreement from Mr. Gamble with the indemnification provision removed. All members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE DEFINITION IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE: The Borough Engineer, Lennon Smith Souleret, has recommended that the Borough update the definition of “impervious surface” in the Zoning Ordinance. According to the engineer, the current definition allows for pervious pavers to be used and not considered as impervious surface. The engineer states that after time, these pavers essentially become impervious, and the current measurement method (coefficient of runoff) does not seem to be a standard used by permeable or porous paver manufacturers. Mr. Hoepf noted that he also believes that the ordinance pertaining to retaining walls in the Borough is too restrictive for small projects and should be revisited. These issues were referred to the Property Committee for further comment.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FIRE COMMITTEE – FALSE ALARM FINES: Mrs. Duffield informed Council that the Fire Committee will meet prior to the November Council meeting to discuss a possible increase in fines or fees for false alarms in the Borough. Mr. Lucas explains the difference between fines and fees, and discusses statutes regarding fines and the enforcement procedure for both. Mr. Aloe comments on the letter from Sewickley Academy and discusses the causes of some of the recent alarms. Mrs. Duffield stated that she will invite Chief Neff and a representative from Sewickley Academy to the Fire Committee meeting to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. Council reentered regular session at 9:15 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Martin C. McDaniel – Borough Manager/Secretary