

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2015

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, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, 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 October 20, 2015 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Hofmann, seconded by Mr. Aloe that the October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as amended was unanimously carried.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of November 17, 2015 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of November 2015 in the amount of \$208,064.69 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$9,239.55 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6088	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineer's Fees	\$1,193.75
6089	Krigger and Company	Leaf Blower for Tractor	\$4,636.95
6090	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineer's Fees	\$2,043.35
6091	Trans Associates Inc.	Engineer's Fees	\$1,365.50

Such bills were reviewed by Council and the motion of Mr. Aloe seconded by Mr. Wilson that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$208,064.69 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$ 9,239.55, was unanimously carried.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of October 2015 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,060.46 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of October 2015 was presented to Council. Chief English reported that he will be losing two part time officers, and will need to hire a new part time officer. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed

FIRE REPORT for the month of October 2015 was presented to Council. Chief English complimented Cochran Hose Company on their response to the Borough Building for a malfunctioning air conditioner in October. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of October 2015 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed. Mr. McDaniel gave a progress report on leaf collection and indicated that the repairs were complete to the chipper and that it was running as designed.

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT – No report available.

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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Mike Tomana, 218 Edgeworth Lane

Mr. Tomana asked Council if there is an emergency evacuation plan in place for the Borough. Chief English explained the Alert Now phone dialing system and the process should an evacuation need to take place in the Borough. Mr. McDaniel stated that it is important that all residents are registered with their phone numbers at the Borough Building.

Mr. Tomana asked Council if there will be another traffic study completed in Edgeworth for the proposed Edgeworth Square Shoppes development. Mr. Hoeppe stated that these plans will be reviewed at the December meeting of Borough Council.

OLD BUSINESS: - No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSED 2016 OPERATING BUDGETS: Mr. Wilson presented Council with the proposed 2016 operating budgets for the Borough. Mr. Wilson highlighted various revenue and expenditure changes for 2016 including reduced pension contributions due to the strong condition of the Borough pension plans and healthcare costs and contributions. Mr. Wilson noted that for the 13th year the millage will not increase, and will remain at 4.15 mills. Mr. Wilson also stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee will be discussing transition plans for the position of Borough Manager in 2016. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Hofmann to advertise the proposed budget and to advertise Ordinance No. 542, “An Ordinance Fixing Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2016.” All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FIRE COMMITTEE – FALSE ALARM FINES: Mrs. Duffield informed Council that the Fire Committee met with Chief Jeff Neff from the Cochran Hose Company and Mr. Tim Hastings from Sewickley Academy to discuss false fire alarms that have been occurring in the Borough. Mr. Hastings reviewed the alarm system at the Academy and the recent problems that they have had which triggered the fire alarm to activate. He indicated that in some instances, the alarm did trigger due to an event, while other times there was malfunction which has been repaired, and that the safety of students is extremely important to him and his organization. After discussion, Mr. Hastings and Chief Neff have agreed to stay in close contact with each other and the Borough regarding alarms at the Academy, and Mr. Hastings will provide a monthly report to the Borough regarding alarm activations.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – REQUEST FROM FERN HOLLOW NATURE CENTER: Mr. Hofmann, Chairman of the Property Committee reported that the Committee met in November to discuss the request for support from the Fern Hollow Nature Center. Mr. Hofmann reviewed the nature of the request and stated that it was the unanimous recommendation of the Property Committee to be consistent with previous requests from other organizations and to encourage individuals to contribute to the worthy cause, but not to directly contribute money from the Borough tax payers to the organization. Mr. Wilson stated that he feels since these requests are becoming more numerous that Council should consider establishing a means of evaluating each request and its impact on Borough residents. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to encourage the support from individual residents but not to contribute directly from the General Fund. All members voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Aloe who voted against the motion.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - IMPERVIOUS SURFACE DEFINITION IN THE ZONING

ORDINANCE: Mr. Hofmann reviewed the information that was presented by the Borough Engineer regarding impervious surfaces in the Zoning Ordinance. The Property Committee agreed that the definition and the regulations in the ordinance needed to be clarified and amended due to stricter storm water regulations. Mr. Hofmann asked that the Borough Engineer draft an ordinance to be reviewed at a future meeting. Mr. Hoepf stated that he was also in contact with the Borough Engineer regarding changes in the retaining wall ordinance, and the drafts should both be completed at the same time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss a litigation matter. Council reentered regular session at 9:25 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Martin C. McDaniel – Borough Manager/Secretary