

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2016

MEETING was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President Joseph T. Hoopp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoopp, Dr. Gary L. Smith, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2016 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Dr. Smith to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2016. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of May 17, 2016 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of April 2016 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend discussed earned income tax collections, and indicated that revenues and expenditures were on track for the year. Mr. Hofmann asked about legal service fees, Mr. Schwend noted that current litigation was responsible for the increase. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of April 2016 in the amount of \$186,771.82 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$1,726.00 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6122	Garvin, Boward, Bietko	Engineer's Fees	\$1,726.00
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Such bills were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$186,771.82 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$1,726.00, was unanimously carried.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of April 2016 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,575.03 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of April 2016 was presented to Council. The Chief also reported that the police department will take delivery of the new Ford Explorer SUV by the end of May. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of April 2016 was presented to Council. The issue of Sewickley Academy continuing to report their monthly fire alarms was discussed. Mr. Aloe and Mrs. Duffield both voiced their support for the continuation of this practice. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of April 2016 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend discussed the schedule of events regarding the upcoming paving program, and also addressed the replacement of deteriorating signs street signs that would be taking place this summer. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of April 2016 were presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was 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 annual report from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority was received and filed.
- The monthly meeting minutes for the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were ordered received and filed.
- Correspondence was received from Suellen Miller of 52 Little Sewickley Creed Road: Mrs. Miller is trying to sell her home, and requested that Council allow her to establish an escrow account in the amount of \$25,000 to cover her portion of the sewer line expansion project. The current agreement assigns Mrs. Miller with a percentage (23%) of the project, and according to her attorney, she will not be able to sell the home with this type of lien on the property. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough has determined that the \$25,000 escrow should reasonably cover any cost that Mrs. Miller would be responsible for. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to approve the escrow agreement prepared by Mrs. Miller's attorney, subject to the Borough Solicitor's review. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

William Lang - 617 Maple Lane
Suellen Miller – 52 Little Sewickley Creek Road

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING ORDINANCE 543 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SHADE TREE ORDINANCE REGARDING REMOVAL OF SHADE TREES: Mr. Schwend stated that Ordinance 543 was properly advertised and that there were no comments from residents. After some review and discussion a motion was made for roll call vote by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Marlovits to adopt Ordinance number 543. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING ORDINANCE 544 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING IMPERVIOUS SURFACES AND FENCES AND WALLS: Mr. Schwend stated that Ordinance 544 was properly advertised and was reviewed by both the Borough Planning Commission and the Allegheny County Planning Commission. After some review and discussion a motion was made for roll call vote by Mr. Aloe with a second from Dr. Smith to adopt Ordinance number 544. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2016-02 – ADOPTING THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY 2015 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Mr. Schwend Presented Council with Resolution 2016-02 and explained the purpose of the Resolution. Each municipality must adopt a hazard mitigation plan per PEMA and FEMA regulations, and the plan must be updated at a minimum of every five years. Municipalities in Allegheny County worked together as they have in the past to form a county-wide hazard mitigation plan that all municipalities are encouraged to adopt. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Smith with a second from Mr. Aloe to adopt Resolution 2016-02. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2016-03 – A RESOLUTION FOR PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT – LITTLE SEWICKLEY CREEK ROAD SEWER EXTENSION: Mr. Schwend presented Council with Resolution 2016-03 and explained the purpose of the Resolution. In order for the DEP to approve the facilities planning module for the sewer expansion, this ordinance must be adopted indicating that Council approved the revision to the official sewage facilities plan for the Borough. The resolution has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough Solicitor, and both have recommended that it be adopted. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Hofmann to adopt Resolution 2016-03. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

2016-2017 ROCK SALT AGREEMENT – YEAR ONE OPTION: Mr. Schwend Informed Council that Cargill Inc, the rock salt provider for the Borough, has agreed to the terms of the year one contract extension for supply of rock salt for the 2016-2017 winter season. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough needs to order approximately 120 tons of salt to fulfill their minimum order from 2015-2016. The salt building has space available for 80-100 tons after minor repairs are made to the building this summer, and Cargill Inc. will store the remaining 20 tons until December 31, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - WORK HOURS FOR CONTRACTORS IN THE BOROUGH: Mr. Aloe, Chairman of the Property Committee stated that after discussion of the working hours for contractors within the Borough, the Property Committee recommends that no changes be made to the current Ordinance and Council agreed that this would be the best course of action.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION UPDATE: Mr. Marlovits updated Council of the prior day's Shade Tree Commission meeting. In this meeting he stated that a Silver Maple on 415 Maple Lane was permitted to be cut down due to the fact that it was deemed hollow and a potential danger by the Borough Arborist. The issue of un-permitted planting of trees within the Borough curb lawn at 223 Maple Lane was also discussed. Mr. Marlovits reported that the resident was asked to remove one of the trees in favor of a more suitable American Dogwood tree. Mr. Schwend concluded by discussing the 2016 Spring Planting Program which would be taking place over the next few weeks at designated locations recommended by the Borough Arborist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss a litigation matter. Council reentered regular session at 8:25 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary