

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 2017

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

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2017 were presented to Council. Mr. Wilson suggested a correction to the June minutes regarding a personnel matter. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2017 as corrected. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of June 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of July 18, 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of June 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of July 2017 in the amount of \$135,516.26 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$3,096.25 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6196	Avelli Corp.	Shelter Two Bathroom	\$277.00
6197	Garvin Boward Beitko	Geotech Engineer Services	\$1,148.75
6198	Riverside Builders Inc.	Shelter Two Bathroom	\$1,670.50

Such bills were reviewed by Council. Mr. Hofmann inquired regarding the Duquesne LED Light Conversion program. Mr. Schwend stated that 90 lights have been converted from the Sodium Vapor Light heads to the LED fixtures to date, with another 30 light head conversions awaiting approval for 2017. Mr. Hofmann inquired when the savings would be reflected on the monthly invoices. Mr. Schwend stated that Duquesne Light would be crediting program participants in the coming months. After review and discussion, 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 \$135,516.26 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$3,096.25, the motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of June 2017 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of June 2017 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of

\$899.39 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of June 2017 was presented to Council. Mrs. Duffield inquired regarding a black bear sighting in the Borough. Chief English stated that the black bear had ventured into the Borough and had since left the area. Mrs. Genter inquired regarding the measures taken to remove the bear. Chief English discussed the rarity of such sightings and stated that if the situation with the bear had escalated the Pennsylvania Game Commission would have been contacted. Chief English stated that the Edgeworth Police Department has communicated with surrounding police departments regarding the issue. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of June 2017 was presented to Council. After further review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of June 2017 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that Tri State Maintenance would be in the Borough to clean the streets on July 18 & 19. Mr. Schwend also discussed the installation of restroom facilities in Walker Park at Shelters #2 and #4. With there being no further input this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of June 2017 were presented to Council. After review and discussion these reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Schwend opened the meeting for public comment on the topic of stormwater. Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Andrew House had completed his projects with both Edgeworth and Leet Township and would be finishing the Sewickley Valley Community Fund's MS4 internship with Sewickley Borough. Mr. Schwend also commented on the increased rainfall this summer which has led to the catch basins being cleaned and monitored with greater frequency. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: for the month of June 2017 was presented to Council. Mrs. Genter inquired regarding the hazardous waste collection event that was held at Quaker Valley High School on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schwend stated that the event hosted by the QVCOG in partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council was well attended and organized. Mr. Hofmann stated that he would like for the QVCOG to host similar quarterly events in the region. Mr. Schwend stated that there would be a similar event held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Avalon Community Park. Mr. Schwend also stated that he would relay the recommendation of Mr. Hofmann to the QVCOG Board at the upcoming meeting. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Ronald Casper was appointed the Chairman of the Edgeworth Municipal Authority's Board. After further discussion the minutes were filed.
- B. Correspondence regarding inquiries from the June 2017 Council Meeting were received. Mr. Schwend stated that the sale of a portion of land by the Edgeworth Municipal Authority was finalized for the price of \$250. Mr. Hofmann stated that he was concerned that such a transaction did not require public advertisement. Mr. Schwend also discussed correspondence

- received by Ms. Chris Hurni of the Edgeworth Municipal Authority concerning the Capital improvements that were conducted in conjunction with a 2011 loan.
- C. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received and filed.
  - D. Mr. John Yankello submitted the Leetsdale Municipal Authority's 2016 Annual Fiscal Report. After some discussion the report was received and filed.
  - E. Mr. Joe Marrone representing the Quaker Valley School District came before Council to discuss collaboration between Edgeworth Borough and the school district regarding grants to repair and replace the playground at Edgeworth Elementary School. Mr. Marrone highlighted the frequent use of the playground by Edgeworth residents after school hours and throughout the summer. Mr. Marrone emphasized that the majority of the grant application process would be completed by the school district. Mr. Hofmann stated that any proposals would need to go before Borough Council before approval could be granted. Mr. Marlovits inquired regarding the price of replacing the playground. Mr. Marrone stated that the entire project could cost approximately \$140,000. Mr. Marrone also stated that the playground would have the same structural footprint and would use the same flooring material. Mr. Aloe recommended various outlets for grant opportunities including the Sewickley Valley Community Fund and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Council directed the Borough Manager to work with Mr. Marrone as needed. Mr. Marrone thanked Borough Council for their time and consideration.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Mr. Joe Marrone	Quaker Valley School District
Ms. Michelle Knoll	157 Toms Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

OLD BUSINESS:

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT- BEAVER ROAD RETAINING WALL REMEDIATION: Mr. Schwend stated that he and Mr. Hoepf had met with both the Borough Engineer and Borough Geotechnical Engineer regarding potential solutions to the Beaver Road Wall. Mr. Schwend discussed previous studies conducted in 2009 regarding the Beaver Road Wall, including repair proposals and their costs and techniques. Mr. Schwend stated that both Borough Engineers will be in attendance at the August Council Meeting and that an invitation has been sent to all affected property owners along the Beaver Road Wall. Mr. Aloe inquired regarding soil anchorage in the area around the failing wall and the possibility for a soil nail wall. Mr. Schwend stated that the engineers would be using core borings in the area to determine the viability of a soil nail wall in addition to other potential repair techniques. Mrs. Duffield inquired regarding utilities in the area around the Beaver Road Wall. Mr. Aloe stated that there are storm sewers, telecommunication lines, and gas lines that all may be in the vicinity and may pose a challenge for the soil nail wall technique. Mrs. Genter inquired regarding the price of the techniques in the 2009 study in addition to the overall cost of the present study proposal. Mr. Hoepf stated that the pricing proposed by Garvin Boward Beitko for the borings is average for a job of its size. Mr. Schwend emphasized the need for the core borings in order to determine the probable cost of the Beaver Road Wall repair. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the core boring study to be conducted by Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering and to approve the updated Terms and Conditions with Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering concerning the Beaver Road wall repair project. The motions were unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING 2017 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT 17-R01: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough had received bids from five paving companies for contract 17-R01. Mr.

Schwend stated that Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc had placed the lowest bid at \$360,179.02. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineer had verified the calculations, project specifications, and bid bond. Mr. Wilson inquired if Edgeworth had ever worked with this company before. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough hasn't worked with Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the past but they had worked with other municipalities this year including Upper St. Clair and Mt. Lebanon. Mrs. Genter asked which roads would be paved. Mr. Schwend stated that portions of Oliver Road, Pine Road, Leet Road, Patterson Road, and Neville Road were all slated for paving in the 2017 Roadway Improvement program. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to award contract 17-R01 for the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$360,179.02. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

SHADE TREE REPORT: Mr. Alex Austin came before Borough Council to discuss his GIS shade tree inventory and analysis. Mr. Austin stated that he had completed the inventory and had calculated that the Borough has a total of 826 publicly owned trees. Mr. Austin explained that the Borough has a very healthy inventory of trees and discussed the numerous benefits of abundant street trees including a reduction in pollution and electricity prices, increased aesthetic appeal and home values, and effective stormwater management. Mr. Austin demonstrated the interactive map developed using iTree software that can be found on the Borough's website. Mr. Austin also discussed his concerns about the abundance of Pin Oaks and their relative similar age which could pose health issues in the future. After further discussion Borough Council thanked Mr. Austin for his presentation and enthusiasm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter regarding the Little Sewickley Creek sewer extension at 8:55 p.m. as well as a personnel matter, and returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m. Upon returning to regular session, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Duffield to affirm the original agreement dated September 15, 2015, between the Borough of Edgeworth and Ms. Suellen Miller of 52 Little Sewickley Creek Road regarding the assessment for the Little Sewickley Creek Force Main Extension. After discussion, a hand vote was taken with Mr. Hofmann, Mrs. Genter, Mrs. Duffield and Mr. Wilson voting in the affirmative, and Mr. Aloe, Mr. Hoepf and Mr. Marlovits voting no. The motion carried.

A second motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Hoepf, to award a \$2,500.00 bonus to Public Works Supervisor Fred Gregorich in recognition of his efforts, and many additional hours of service to the community, from March 2017 until July 2017 during the time that the Public Works Department became significantly shorthanded and two out of three full time employees were unable to work. 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 9:20 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary