

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2017

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. David T. Aloe, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, 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 October 17, 2017 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2017. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of October 2017 was presented to Council. Mr. Wilson complimented the Borough Manager and professional staff on their 2017 budget calculation and year end projection. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of November 21, 2017 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of November 2017 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$175,967.54 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$93,571.24 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6221	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineer Fees	\$915.50
6222	Jase Construction	Salt Shed Expansion	\$2,500.00
6223	Lennon, Smith, Souleret	Engineer Fees	\$12,233.93
6224	Morrow, Janice	Sidewalk Refund	\$1,080.00
6225	Penn Landscape & Cement	Sidewalk Repair	\$22,048.31
6226	Signs By Tomorrow	Recycle Signs	\$568.50
6227	Swede Construction	Salt Shed Addition	\$54,225.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$175,967.54 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$93,571.24. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

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

\$1,008.92 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of October 2017 was presented to Council. After some review, the report was ordered received and filed. Chief English stated that there were no applications submitted for the part-time dispatch position that was advertised in the Sewickley Herald and on the Borough's website. Mr. Schwend stated that the 2018 Budget proposal will reflect a higher wage of \$13.50 for the part-time dispatch position. Mr. Aloe discussed the possibility of using the Allegheny County Emergency Dispatch Center for overnight shifts while only staffing the Edgeworth Dispatch Center during daylight hours. Chief English voiced his concerns regarding that proposal. Mr. Wilson highlighted the need for a qualified candidate to fill the position. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Duffield to grant the Borough Manager permission to negotiate a starting wage for the part-time dispatch position up to \$15 per hour. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of October 2017 was presented to Council. After some discussion the report was ordered received and filed. Mr. Schwend stated that leaf collection was still underway, highlighting the increased efficiency of the program with the implementation of the new leaf loader. Mayor Smith stated that he had fielded a number of positive comments from residents regarding the machine. Mayor Smith also highlighted his desire to see screening placed around the new restroom facilities in Walker Park, highlighting the need to emphasize the Park's natural allure. Mr. Schwend stated that he would research multiple options for screening the facilities. Mr. Schwend also expressed his desire to lock the restroom facilities in Walker Park over the winter to avoid potential damage during the off season. Borough Council agreed with the recommendation. Mr. Schwend highlighted that the planned Beaver Road wall repair was underway and would be concluded in the coming week. Mr. Schwend also stated that the planned repair was for twelve feet, but due to unforeseen circumstances, a twenty foot section of the wall would be repaired. Mr. Schwend also discussed the safety measures that were taken to ensure smooth traffic flow over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of October 2017 were presented to Council. Mr. Hoepf inquired regarding a Building Permit issued for a structure on Ohio River Blvd. Mr. Schwend stated that the permit was issued to Edgeworth Real Estate Associates for the construction of a building shell which would house two retail shops and one restaurant. Mr. Schwend stated that the tenants for the building have not yet been determined. Mr. Schwend also stated that the construction was delayed because a stormwater pipe had been identified underneath the proposed structure. According to Mr. Schwend, the developer is proposing to re-reroute the sewer line pending DEP approval in order to continue construction as per the approved building plans. After further 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. Patrick Connors highlighted a road salt training that he attended hosted by Cargill Inc. Mr. Connors discussed new salt technologies and techniques that are available to reduce salt runoff into Borough storm sewers and waterways. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: for the month of October 2017 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received and filed.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received and filed.
- C. Correspondence of Mrs. Shirley Barker of 502 Woodland Road was given to Borough Council by Mrs. Alyson Korman concerning signage for Woodland Road Extension. Mrs. Korman stated that due to an increase in traffic along Woodland Road Extension, particularly from the Woodland Road Swim Club patrons, the residents along the private road have been forced to repair the road with greater frequency. Mrs. Korman stated that the affected residents would like for the Borough to install two signs that draw attention to "pull off areas" that have been created and maintained by the Barker's for the use of non-residents on the road. President Hoopp asked Mrs. Korman if there was a road maintenance agreement. Mrs. Korman stated that there is no such agreement in place between the residents and the Woodland Road Swim Club. Mr. Aloe stated that the Borough can't install signs or enforce regulations on private roads, and Mayor Smith suggested that the affected residents jointly purchase the desired signage. Chief English stated that the Police Department patrols that area of the Borough, but cannot enforce signage along a private road. Mr. Wilson stated that all parties along the private road should begin to discuss the development of a road maintenance agreement. Mrs. Korman thanked Borough Council for their time.
- D. Correspondence was received from the Ohio River Trail Council concerning traffic cycling safety training. After some discussion, Borough Council directed Mr. Schwend to upload the provided information on to the Borough's website.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Ms. Alyson Korman 510 Woodland Road

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 546 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM; ENACTING TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND NONPROFIT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AGENCIES: Mr. Schwend stated the proposed Ordinance had been reviewed by the Fire Committee and properly advertised as per the Borough Code. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Duffield with a second from Mr. Wilson to bring Ordinance No. 546 to a roll call vote. Mr. Aloe stated that he would abstain from the vote being that he is a member of the Cochran Hose Fire Company. Mr. Schwend called for the vote with all present Council members voting in the affirmative, with the exception of Mr. Aloe who abstained, to enact Ordinance No. 546 establishing a volunteer service credit program; enacting tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical service agencies.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2017-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH, ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM: Mr. Schwend stated that Borough Council must pass a resolution establishing minimum criteria in order for the volunteers to receive their tax credit as established in Ordinance No. 546. Mr. Schwend stated that proposed Resolution 2017-05 can perpetually remain in place until the

program requirements are changed by the designated volunteer organization(s) or the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that Keystone Tax Collections will be sent documentation annually and that Edgeworth residents who volunteer could receive a maximum tax credit of \$300 based on their income. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mrs. Duffield to adopt Resolution 2017-05 establishing the program criteria for the volunteer service credit program. Mr. Aloe stated that he would again abstain from the vote because he is a member of the Cochran Hose Fire Company. The motion was carried by all in attendance with the exception of Mr. Aloe who abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE BUDGET AND ORDINANCE NO. 547 SETTING TAX RATE FOR 2018: Mr. Wilson stated that the Finance Committee had met to discuss the proposed 2018 Budget and recommends approval to Borough Council. Mr. Wilson also stated that there would be no increase in the property tax rate for Edgeworth residents for the fifteenth consecutive year. Mr. Wilson highlighted that the projected revenues generated in 2018 are based on conservative estimates and are accompanied by a fairly conservative expenditure plan. Mr. Wilson also discussed the Scheduled Expenditure projection, highlighting the anticipated purchases of a new police vehicle and dump truck, as well as the Beaver Road wall repair, and the Little Sewickley Creek Road sewer extension project. Mr. Wilson stated that road paving is not currently slated to occur in 2018, but a reserve fund may be available for such a project, if necessary. Mr. Schwend highlighted that the health insurance premium increase is the lowest that it has been in recent years. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter to authorize the advertisement of the 2018 Budget. The motion was carried by all in attendance. An additional motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mrs. Genter to authorize advertisement of Ordinance No. 547 setting the tax rate for 2018. This motion was also unanimously carried by all in attendance.

PROPOSED FEE CHANGES FOR 2018: Mr. Schwend stated that the last adjustments to the fee structure had occurred in 2015. Mr. Schwend highlighted slight increases to Walker Park Shelter rentals, Police Service fees, and Zoning Hearing fees. Mr. Wilson voiced his support for the proposed fee changes. Borough Council agreed with the proposed fee structure adjustments and authorized Mr. Schwend to present a resolution at the December Council meeting.

AUTHORIZATION OF PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR CONTRACT NO. 17-PW1 – PUBLIC WORKS SALT SHED BUILDING ADDITION: Mr. Schwend updated Borough Council on the status of the salt shed building addition, highlighting that all work is expected to be concluded by mid-December. Mr. Schwend recommended that Borough Council approve payment No. 1 to Swede Construction in the amount of \$54,225.00 for the salt shed building addition. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve partial payment No. 1 for contract No. 17-PW1. The motion was unanimously carried by all in attendance.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2017-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH, PROHIBITING THE LOCATION OF CATEGORY 4 LICENSED CASINO FACILITIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH: Mr. Schwend stated that the Pennsylvania legislature had passed legislation permitting a total of ten category four casinos to open within the state. Mr. Schwend discussed the definition of a category four casino and highlighted that the current law states that category four casinos may not be located within twenty-five miles of a current casino. Mr. Schwend stated that Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh would exclude Edgeworth from having such a casino, but the law may change and it would be prudent for the Borough pass the presented Resolution. According to Mr. Schwend, all Pennsylvania municipalities have the ability to prohibit category 4 casinos, but only have until the end of the year to do so. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mrs. Genter to

adopt Resolution 2017-07 prohibiting the location of category 4 licensed casino facilities within the Borough. This motion was unanimously carried by all in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:40 p.m., and returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary