

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 16, 2018

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MEETING was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoopp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoopp, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

In order to accommodate the large number of guests anticipating the recognition of both the Quaker Valley High School Boys' Soccer and Football Teams on their state championship seasons, President Hoopp moved this agenda item to the beginning of the meeting.

RECOGNIZING THE QUAKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER & FOOTBALL TEAMS ON THEIR PIAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS: President Hoopp congratulated members of the QVSD High School Boys' Soccer and Football Teams for their memorable seasons and outstanding accomplishments. President Hoopp read aloud honorary Resolutions recognizing both teams for their on-field success and wished them well in their future endeavors. Mr. Caleb Bender of the Soccer Team and Mr. Jacob Pesicka and Head Coach Jerry Veshio of the Football Team received framed Proclamations commemorating their illustrious seasons.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 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 December 19, 2017. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of December 2017 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend highlighted the year over year increase in revenue for 2017 as well as the year over year reduction in overall expenditures. Mr. Wilson commended the professional staff on their financial acumen for 2017. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of January 16, 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of January 2018 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$1,120,309.07 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$6,764.68 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6238	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$2,111.25
6239	Home Depot	Walker Park Equip.	\$36,630.00
6240	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$840.23
6241	Rehrig Pacific Co.	Recycle Bins	\$2,002.00
6242	Roadsafe Traffic Systems	Traffic Control	\$900.00

Mr. Hofmann inquired regarding payment made to Coraopolis Borough for access to their detention facility. Chief English stated that the Borough does not have its own detention facility and highlighted the location of Coraopolis's facility as well as the relationship with the Coraopolis Police Department as strong attributes for the use of its facility. Mrs. Genter inquired regarding payment to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough advertised 2018 meeting dates for the Planning Commission and Borough Council, and would also be periodically advertising for Zoning Hearings as needed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$1,120,309.07 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$6,764.68. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of December 2017 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$570.79 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of December 2017 was presented to Council. Chief English stated that the Department was doing well. Mr. Schwend stated that all elected officials would need to complete their National Incident Management System (NIMS) ICS-100 & 700 trainings in order for the Borough to be compliant with state and federal emergency preparedness guidelines. Mr. Schwend highlighted that emergency funding during disaster events is tied to the Borough's compliance with set guidelines. Mr. Aloe highlighted the enrichment that the training provides, as well as its user-friendly interface. After further discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of December 2017 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Jeff Neff was no longer Fire Chief of the Cochran Hose Company, noting the election of Mr. Shayne Quinn as the new Chief. Mr. Aloe highlighted that Chief Quinn is currently a part-time dispatcher for Edgeworth Borough's Police Department. After further review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of December 2017 was presented to Council. After some discussion, the report was ordered received and filed. President Hoopp commended the new Public Works crew on their efforts during the recent snow fall events. Mr. Schwend stated that the Public Works Department has adapted very well with the new personnel, highlighting their willingness to learn quickly. Mr. Schwend also highlighted the danger caused by residents blowing/shoveling excess snow on to Borough streets after they have been plowed and treated. This, according to Mr. Schwend, translates into an inefficient use of Borough resources and fosters unsafe roadway conditions. Mr. Schwend also highlighted that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has granted a permit extension concerning the footbridge that spans Little Sewickley Creek in Walker Park. Mr. Schwend concluded by discussing the progress of the salt shed addition. Mr. Schwend recommended approving a change order to install ½" OSB on the ceiling of the salt shed addition. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve Change Order No. 2 for Contract No. 17-PW1 in the amount of \$5,961.59. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of December 2017 were presented to Council. President Hoepf inquired regarding permitting requirements for plumbing repairs. Mr. Schwend stated that any plumbing alterations require a building permit and highlighted that Edgeworth Borough still conducts in house plumbing inspections. After some 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. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: A review of 2017 news and events related to the COG 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. The audit report from the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority for 2016-17 was received and filed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Mrs. Marcia Gordon	426 Oliver Road
Mr. Joe Boward	Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering
Mr. Miles Walker	Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering
Mr. Jerry Vescio	Quaker Valley School District
Mr. Jacob Pesicka	Quaker Valley School District
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Pesicka	Parents of Mr. Jacob Pesicka
Mr. Bobby Patterson	Quaker Valley School District
Mr. Caleb Bender	Quaker Valley School District

OLD BUSINESS:

BEAVER ROAD WALL UPDATE: Mr. Joseph Boward and Mr. Miles Walker of Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering presented their findings regarding the Beaver Road Wall’s stability and potential repair techniques. Mr. Boward highlighted that the current wall is a combination of composite materials and gabion baskets. Mr. Boward stated that the wall has outlived its life-expectancy and would need considerable repairs or to be replaced in the near future. Mr. Boward stated that core borings have revealed favorable subsurface conditions for different wall repair designs. Mr. Boward discussed four potential repair techniques including a buttress wall, a versa-lock wall, a soldier beam wall, and concluded with the soil nail wall. Mr. Boward stated that the soil nail wall technique partnered with the use of “micro piles” would be the recommended repair technique for the Beaver Road Wall, specifically highlighting utility line placement and favorable bedrock conditions for installation. Mr. Boward also highlighted examples of soil nail walls in Glen Osborne Borough and Moon Township, presenting photographs to Borough Council. Mr. Hofmann asked how long the soil nail technique has been in use, as well as the longevity of the materials used. Mr. Boward stated that the technique emerged out of California and has been in use for over thirty years. Regarding the material longevity, Mr. Boward

highlighted that the anti-corrosive materials used in the nails should ensure a 75 year wall lifespan. Mr. Boward emphasized the need to hire one company to execute both the design of the wall, as well as the construction and highlighted a few local companies who excel in soil nail wall repairs. Mrs. Genter expressed her concern with the high traffic volume on Beaver Road. Mr. Boward stated that repair calculations would factor in the volume of vehicular traffic to ensure safety. Mrs. Marcia Gordon of 426 Oliver Road expressed her concerns regarding the impact of the construction on her property and the aesthetic appeal of the new wall, specifically stating that the current wall played a large role in her decision to purchase her property over twenty years ago. Mr. Boward emphasized that the repair would have a minimal footprint on property owners, especially when contrasted with alternative methods, highlighting that much of the work will be conducted from above the wall. Mr. Boward stated that he anticipates a fifteen foot temporary easement and approximately a one foot permanent easement for the soil nail wall repair to be feasible. Mrs. Gordon also asked about the preservation of her trees and landscaping. Mr. Boward stated that the majority of the trees would not be impacted, but there may be a few trees that might need removed that abut the wall. Mr. Boward then presented various aesthetic styles and pricing for finishing techniques including a basic slate concrete finish, a dyed rock finish, a stamped finished, and an artisanal styled finish. Mr. Wilson inquired if it would be possible for interested residents to negotiate a custom finish for the portion of the wall that abuts their property with the selected contractor. Mr. Boward stated that it could be a possibility. Mr. Boward concluded by discussing two options for the wall repair. Option one included a full length wall repair of approximately 465 feet at a cost of between \$900,000 - \$1,000,000, before any aesthetic finishing is added. Option two included the length of wall that abuts the Thimons property at 422 Oliver Road of approximately 150 feet in length at a cost of between \$256,000 - \$330,000, before any aesthetic finishing is added. Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Schwend inquired regarding a right of way legal agreement between the affected residents and the Borough for both the temporary and permanent easements. Mr. Lucas stated that he would work with the Borough Engineer and affected residents to craft an agreement. President Hoeppe stated that he would advise the Borough to repair portions of the wall only when necessary in order to focus on the compromised portions of the wall that have been identified by the Borough Engineer. Mr. Hoeppe concluded by referring the matter to the Streets Committee for further evaluation and a final recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:40 p.m., and returned to regular session at 8:55 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary