

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2018

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoepf presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepf, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 16, 2018 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2018. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of January 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of February 20, 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of January 2018 was presented to Council. Borough Council discussed delinquent real estate tax collections and recently issued property tax refunds. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2018 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$165,010.45 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$99,745.90 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6243	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$13,274.55
6244	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$1,033.26
6245	Overhead Door Company	Police Garage Door	\$3,949.00
6246	Swede Construction	Salt Shed Addition	\$52,806.01
6247	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Street Tree Pruning	\$10,505.00
6248	WB Mason Co.	Police Lockers	\$500.00
6249	Swede Construction	Salt Shed Addition	\$9,880.00
6250	Swede Construction	Salt Shed Addition	\$7,798.08

After some 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 \$165,010.45 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$99,745.90. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of January 2018 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of January 2018 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of

\$665.90 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of January 2018 was presented to Council. Chief English stated that new camera equipment was being installed in all police vehicles. Chief English highlighted the benefits of the new equipment including automatic continual recording. After further discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of January 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of January 2018 was presented to Council. Council discussed the durability of the Walker Park restroom facilities. Mr. Schwend stated that the restrooms had not sustained any damage and were warmly received by residents. Council also praised the Public Works crew for their efficient and effective snow removal and road maintenance throughout the winter months. After further discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of January 2018 were presented to Council. 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. Mr. Schwend stated that stormwater training would be conducted by the Borough Engineer for elected officials and the professional staff in early spring. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Patrick Connors summarized the QVCOG's strategic planning session, highlighting the various programs that the COG Director emphasized. After further 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 Edgeworth Municipal Authority's annual report and 2018 budget were received and filed. Mr. Hofmann highlighted the year over year decrease in unaccounted water in the 2017 Report, stating that he would like to see the percentage of unaccounted for water continue to decrease.
- D. Correspondence was received from Mrs. Gail Murray concerning the Ambridge Reservoir and proposed Falcon Pipeline. Mr. Aloe discussed the proposed Falcon Pipeline route and various drilling techniques and possible impacts. Mr. Schwend stated that the DEP had extended the public comment timeline regarding the proposed pipeline in order to facilitate further public participation. Mr. Schwend highlighted that further information on the pipeline can be found at www.dep.pa.gov Borough Council requested further information prior to considering action regarding the proposed pipeline route.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Ms. Valerie Ganos 411 Trailside Drive, Sewickley PA, 15143
Mr. J. Judson Brooks, Jr. 331 Shields Lane, Edgeworth, PA 15143

OLD BUSINESS:

BEAVER ROAD WALL UPDATE: Mr. Wilson stated that the that the Streets Committee would be rendering a final recommendation concerning the Beaver Road wall repair at the Council meeting on March 20, 2018. Mr. Wilson highlighted concerns regarding lending institutions and the need for permanent easements along the boundary of the wall. According to Mr. Wilson, the Streets Committee discussed that a uniform look across the entirety of the Beaver Road wall, as it is completed in segments, would be desirable, highlighting aesthetics as well as future project planning capacity.

AUTHORIZATION OF PARTIAL PAYMENTS NO. 5 & 6 FOR CONTRACT NO. 17-PW1 – PUBLIC WORKS SALT SHED BUILDING ADDITION: Mr. Schwend stated that the Salt Shed Building Addition had been completed as of February 20, 2018. Mr. Schwend displayed photographs and detailed the final work included in the addition. Mr. Schwend discussed final grading of the surrounding area and highlighted that the Salt Shed had been insulated and could be furnished with a heating system in the future. Mr. Schwend concluded by stating that one of the lighting fixtures had not been installed on the outside of the Salt Shed, and recommended that Borough Council withhold final payment No. 6 in the amount of \$7,798.08 as a retainer until the work is completed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to approve partial payments Nos. 5 & 6 for Contract No. 17-PW1 with payment No. 6 being held as a retainer until all work is completed by Swede Construction. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 548 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH ZONING ORDINANCE: Mr. Schwend highlighted various provisions in the Zoning Ordinance that were altered or clarified in proposed Ordinance No. 548 including clearer definitions of fences, yards, repair vs. replace, and short-term rentals. Mr. J. Brooks of 331 Shields Lane sought clarification regarding the zoning restriction of short-term rentals. Mr. Schwend stated that short-term rentals such as Airbnb would be a permitted use in the R-3 Residential Zoning District. Council discussed in detail the repair and replace clarification in the Ordinance. After some further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to bring Ordinance No. 548 to a roll call vote. Mr. Schwend called the roll for the vote with all present Council members voting in the affirmative, enacting Ordinance No. 548.

ACTION CONCERNING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 549 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES: Mr. Hofmann inquired regarding the need for an Ordinance regarding wireless communication facilities. Mr. Schwend highlighted similar facilities located in neighboring Boroughs and stated that this technology is projected to become more widely used in the coming years. Mr. Brendan Lucas highlighted that the mini-cell phone towers are not currently regulated by the Pennsylvania Utility Commission, but with the matter currently in Commonwealth Court, that may change. Mr. Schwend stated that with the implementation of this Ordinance, the Borough will have a layer of protection from unregulated installation of the communication facilities. After some further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a

second by Mr. Aloe to bring Ordinance No. 549 to a roll call vote. Mr. Schwend called the roll for the vote with all present Council members voting in the affirmative, enacting Ordinance No. 549.

ACTION CONCERNING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 550 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH CODE CHAPTER 121 – VEHICLE OPERATION AND STORAGE, TO RESTRICT STORAGE OF ROLL-OFF DUMPSTERS, STORAGE CONTAINERS AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CONTACTOR WORK: Mr. Schwend began discussion by highlighting a proposed change in contractor work hours and concerns regarding POD and dumpster placement in the Borough as well as the extended period of time in which many vessels have remained in place. The proposed Ordinance was intended to clarify screening requirements for containers such as these. Mr. Lucas recommended that the Ordinance be re-worded in order to avoid confusion for where PODs and dumpsters are permitted to be stored/parked. Mr. Schwend stated that he would work with the Borough Solicitor to clarify the proposed Ordinance. After further discussion, the Ordinance was tabled for supplementary review.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2018-01, LITTLE SEWICKLEY CREEK ROAD SEWER EXTENSION HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT: A Resolution was presented to Council to formally endorse the bond provided by Stefanik’s Next Generation Contracting Inc. for the Little Sewickley Creek Road sewer extension project. This endorsement is a requirement of the highway occupancy permit. After some review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to adopt Resolution 2018-01 endorsing the Bond of Stefanik’s Next Generation Contracting Inc. for the Little Sewickley Creek Road sewer extension project. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 PUBLIC WORKS DUMP TRUCK: Mr. Schwend stated that a new Public Works dump truck had been allocated in the 2018 Scheduled Expenditures budget in order to replace the 2007 Ford Dump Truck currently in use. Mr. Schwend stated that the new vehicle would be available in April 2018. Mr. Hofmann inquired regarding the trade in value of the outgoing dump truck. Mr. Schwend stated that the proposed trade in value was \$12,000, but that he hoped to list the vehicle on Municibid for auction to potentially garner a higher price. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford F-550 XL 4x4 DRW in the amount of \$70,863 and to accept the \$12,000 trade in price if this price is not exceeded during the Municibid auction. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: President Hoopp presented his committee appointments for the 2018-20 session of Borough Council. President Hoopp stated that in order to create a more efficient committee structure, two committees had been combined to form the Streets, Sanitation, Sewers, Water, and Light Committee and the Fire Committee joined the Police Committee, forming the Public Safety Committee, bringing the total number of committees to four. President Hoopp encouraged feedback for the listed committees and member placement.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary