

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 20, 2018

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

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2018 were presented to Council. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2018. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Vice President Aloe moved the presentations of Mr. John Orndorff and Mr. JR Henry forward in the agenda:

Mr. John Orndorff, representing the Ohio River Trail Council, came before Borough Council to present a proposal for bike route signage for a potential route that would go through Edgeworth along Beaver Road. Mr. Orndorff emphasized the overall goal of having other municipalities such as Sewickley Borough and Leetsdale participate, linking the Ohio River Trail across the Ohio River. Mr. Orndorff stated that the signage and posts would be provided to the Borough at no cost, but requested that the Borough be responsible for installation. Mr. Hofmann highlighted safety concerns as well as his apprehension regarding the request for 28 signs to be installed along Beaver Road. Mayor Smith and Chief English also expressed various safety concerns stemming from an increase in bicycle traffic. Mr. Aloe stated that he would like to see more research conducted on the topic. Mr. Orndorff concluded by discussing a training opportunity intended to facilitate safe biking habits that would be held during the weekend of May 18, 2018 at the Edgeworth Elementary School. Borough Council thanked Mr. Orndorff for his presentation.

Mr. J.R. Henry of the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority appeared before Borough Council to discuss services provided by the Authority as well as its call volume, staffing, and overall cost structure. Mr. Henry also highlighted the budget and revenue streams that are currently used to provide the aforementioned services. Borough Council thanked Mr. Henry for his presentation and expressed their gratitude for the level of service that the Authority provides to the area's residents.

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

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of March 2018 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$169,171.50 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$10,505.84 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6251	Forsite Mailboxes & Signs	Sign Post Hardware	\$3,470.55
6252	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$584.25
6253	Universal Info Systems	PD Firewall & Laptop	\$2,731.99
6254	Urban Forestry Consultants	Arborist Services	\$3,718.75

Mr. Hofmann inquired regarding the purchase of street signs. Mr. Schwend stated that Borough had purchased and would be installing new street signs and posts along Beaver Road beginning in the spring. After further 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 \$169,171.50 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$10,505.84. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of February 2018 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$901.33 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of February 2018 was presented to Council. Chief English discussed the recent presentation by the Quaker Valley School District Resource Officer concerning emergency preparedness. Chief English also highlighted a new software program that allows for the Police Department to monitor all Quaker Valley Schools in real-time, which will allow for better coordinated responses in the event of an emergency. Chief English concluded by stating that he had issued a directive outlining response procedures for active shooter situations and discussed the appropriate procedures with the officers of the Police Department. After further discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of February 2018 was presented to Council. After some discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of February 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. Patrick Connors highlighted stormwater management courses that he would be attending at the upcoming Allegheny League of Municipalities Conference in April. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Schwend discussed the proposed bylaws put forth by the QVCOG's board of directors. Mr. Schwend highlighted changes in the bylaws as well as various programs that have been implemented by the COG's Executive Director. After some 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. Correspondence was received from Mrs. Gail Murray concerning the Ambridge Reservoir and proposed Falcon Pipeline. Mrs. Murray expressed her concerns with the proposed route of the Falcon Pipeline, highlighting the nearby reservoir which currently feeds Edgeworth's water supply. Mr. Schwend stated that the Edgeworth Municipal Authority's Engineer would be in contact with the Ambridge Reservoir's Engineer to discuss potential concerns related to the proposed Falcon Pipeline route. Mrs. Murray highlighted upcoming listening sessions hosted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection concerning the matter. Borough Council directed the professional staff to include information regarding the listening sessions on the Borough's website.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Mr. J.R. Henry	Valley Ambulance Authority
Mr. Robert Bagans	320 Nicholas Place
Mr. William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Gail Murray	605 Maple Lane
Mr. John Orndorff	Ohio River Trail Council

OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF DRAFT 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 CONTRACTOR WORK:

Mr. Schwend introduced proposed Ordinance No. 550 to Borough Council for review. Mrs. Genter expressed her concerns regarding the permitted start time for contractors on Fridays and Saturdays. Mr. Schwend stated that many surrounding municipalities have a similar start time. Mr. Schwend also highlighted the Police Department's integral role in enforcing the proposed contractor work hours. After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to advertise Ordinance No. 550 as presented in the paper of record. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

BEAVER ROAD WALL UPDATE: Mrs. Genter stated that the Streets Committee had met to discuss the Beaver Road Wall repair. The committee recommended that the wall should have a uniform look consisting of dyed concrete and stamping. Mrs. Genter highlighted that greater aesthetic uniformity would be visually appealing and more similar in look to other portions of the wall that may not be replaced for five or more years. Mr. Wilson stated that the overall cost of the visual upgrade would be dispersed over the lifespan of the wall which should be close to 70 years. Mr. Schwend stated that the dying and stamping of the wall could increase the cost as much as ten percent. Mr. Hofmann and Mrs. Duffield voiced their concern regarding the increased cost of the visual upgrades to the wall repair. Mr. Aloe stated that the overall visual style of the wall would have little impact on the appraised value of the abutting properties. After further discussion the motion was tabled until the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 BOROUGH AUDIT AND ADVERTISEMENT – BRIAN McCALL, MAHER DUESSEL: Mr. Brian McCall and Mr. Bob Belicose presented their 2017 unmodified audit opinion to Borough Council. Mr. McCall discussed the audit structure and procedure which included sample testing of transactions as well as review of compliance with policies and procedures. Mr. McCall highlighted that no audit adjustments were necessary. Mr. Wilson stated that the Finance Committee had reviewed the auditor's findings and recommended that the report be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and advertised in the paper of record. After further discussion, a motion to advertise the 2017 audit was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mrs. Genter. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING UPGRADES TO THE BOROUGH BUILDING CAMERA AND SECURITY SYSTEM: Mr. Schwend discussed a proposal to upgrade and add to the current camera monitoring and security system. Mr. Schwend highlighted the salt shed addition and second floor of the Borough building as two locations in need of monitoring. Mr. Schwend also discussed the key fob entry upgrade which would provide for more accountable and reliable entry into Borough facilities. Mr. Schwend stated that three bids for the project had been received with Horizon Information Systems being the lowest at \$19,476. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to accept the bid offer of \$19,476 from Horizon Information Systems for Borough Building camera and security system upgrades. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC SIGNAL BACKUP POWER OPTIONS: Mr. Schwend discussed options for battery backup systems to prevent traffic signal outages and foster safer driving conditions along Ohio River Boulevard during power failures. Mr. Schwend presented two options: first, a manual gasoline powered generator and second, an automatic battery backup. Chief English stated that he would recommend the automatic battery backup, highlighting it as the most efficient option. Chief English emphasized that the automatic backup would not require the officer on duty during a power outage, allowing them to respond to potential emergency calls. Mr. Aloe requested that the professional staff reach out to other municipalities who use similar battery backup systems. The discussion was tabled until the April meeting.

LEAF MACHINE ANALYSIS: Mr. Patrick Connors discussed year over year savings between the new leaf loader and the old machine. Mr. Connors stated that the Borough saw significant financial savings in employee wages, overtime wages, and man hours with the implementation of the new machine. Mr. Connors highlighted that the new machine required a slight increase in fuel consumption, but overall proved to be much more efficient in its operation than the prior equipment. Borough Council thanked Mr. Connors for his research and presentation.

ALOM, SUSTAINABLE PENNSYLVANIA, AND TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY RECOGNITION: Mr. Connors discussed various recognitions that the Borough had been awarded in 2018, including being named an Allegheny League of Municipalities Banner Community, a Sustainable Pennsylvania Silver Certified Community, and recognition as a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation. Mr. Connors highlighted the Borough's results oriented approach and its dedication to fiscal responsibility and sustainability as the pillars of these recognitions. Borough Council thanked Mr. Connors for his diligence during the application process.

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH PROCLAMATION 2018-01, RECOGNIZING APRIL 9-13, 2018 AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK: Mr. Schwend discussed observing April 9-13 as Local Government Week and to recognize all Borough officials who volunteer their time to make Edgeworth an exceptional

place to work and live. Mr. Schwend stated that he would like to reward the volunteers on Borough Boards, Committees, and Commissions for their public service with a luncheon during the second week of April. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Duffield to approve Proclamation 2018-01, recognizing April 9-13 as Local Government in Edgeworth Borough. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 9:05 p.m., and returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m.

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