

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 15, 2025

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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. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of March 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$203,821.34 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$238,628.08 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
248	Access Limited Construction	Beaver Road Wall	\$190,990.80
249	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$7,655.00
250	Holzer & Jesko	Roof Scupper Repair	\$625.00
251	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$13,613.88
252	North Eastern Uniform	Hartzell Vest	\$1,500.00
253	Office Furniture Warehouse	Admin Office Furniture	\$11,467.50
254	Signs By Tomorrow	Edgeworth Signs	\$12,775.90

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$203,821.34, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$238,628.08. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$0.00. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppa Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$2,065.28 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett reported that with the addition of a fifth officer and the License Plate Readers, the Department has been able to increase enforcement on Ohio River Boulevard and at intersections around town. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. Mr. Jim Vichekc, Public Works Supervisor, stated that all street sign replacements are complete. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of March 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of March 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. The 2025 MRM Worker's Compensation Annual Dividend Distribution was received.
- C. The 2025 Property & Liability Trust Annual Dividend Distribution was received.
- D. The 2023 Liquid Fuels Audit was received.
- E. The Sewickley Public Library 2024 Report was received.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane  
Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive  
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane  
Mr. Doug Donaldson – 202 Orchard Lane  
Ms. Shaleasa Morrow – Pittsburgh Leadership  
Mr. Joseph DiMenno, Esq. – Wright Mallard Associates

Mr. Doug Donaldson inquired about lighting requirements on Ohio River Boulevard. Ms. Politi stated that according to Borough Ordinance, any pole lighting is permitted to be on when a business is open but must be turned off when they are closed and between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM. She also stated that for existing businesses that have lighting on their buildings or grounds other than pole lights, there are no specific requirements. Mr. Donaldson referenced rooftop lights and the Midas sign; however, those lights are not governed by Borough Ordinance. He stated that any lighting casting up and/or out from buildings has an effect on his residence on Orchard Lane. Mr. Hofmann questioned whether the Borough is allowed to levy fines on businesses whose lighting does not comply with Borough Ordinance. Mr. Lucas stated that the Borough is allowed. Mr. Lucas further explained that any new buildings must comply with current building guidelines, however the issues that Mr. Donaldson was referencing are old businesses with lighting grandfathered in to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Hofmann suggested Ms. Politi send letters to the businesses asking them to dim their lights at night when they are not open. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Mr. Donaldson for his concerns.

Ms. Shaleasa Morrow was in attendance to ask Council their opinions on a community-driven project to lower Route 65 in the Manchester and Chateau neighborhoods in Pittsburgh. Mr. Hoeppe stated that there

were no plans to change Route 65 in the Edgeworth area. Ms. Morrow stated there would be a public meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the issue. Council thanked her for the information.

OLD BUSINESS:

BEAVER ROAD WALL UPDATE: Ms. Politi informed Council that the process of applying shotcrete was nearly finished and the new sidewalk had been adequately protected. She stated that once the shotcrete and cleanup are finished, the sidewalk contractor will return to install the handrail. Ms. Politi also stated that some sections of the new sidewalk will be replaced due to quality issues with the concrete. Plantings to replace residents' trees that were lost due to construction will take place in the spring and fall. After brief discussion, Council thanked Ms. Politi for the update.

BEAVER/ACADEMY TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE: Ms. Politi stated that she, Public Works Supervisor Mr. Jim Vicheck, and Mr. Hoepp met with State Representative Valerie Gaydos and Mr. Ken Battle, a representative from State Senator Devlin Robinson's office, to discuss the signal and potential funding opportunities. Due to the lengthy timeline of grant funding, Representative Gaydos and Mr. Battle suggested pursuing emergency funding from PennDOT to address the immediate safety concerns. Mr. Hoepp suggested running new conduit under the road to ensure the current lights are working until funding can be secured to upgrade the entire system. Mr. Hofmann asked Ms. Politi if she had spoken with Sewickley Borough regarding the project. Ms. Politi stated that she had been in touch with Sewickley's Borough Manager, Mrs. Donna Kaib, and that Mrs. Kaib is willing to apply for multi-municipal grants and discuss cost sharing with Sewickley Borough Council. Mr. Hoepp stated the importance of implementing a solution before school begins in the fall. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Ms. Politi for the update.

ACTION CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION – WAY HOLLOW ROAD: Mr. Joseph DiMenno presented to Council on behalf of Mr. Kenneth Wright, the property owner of 12 Woodland Road. Mr. DiMenno stated that there are no plans to develop the proposed new lots at this time. He asked if the proposed new lots would have their own tax ID numbers. Mrs. Politi informed him that they would. Mr. Hofmann again stated his concern about the slope of the proposed new lots and the potential for landslides with any future development. Mrs. Politi stated that the Property Committee had reviewed conditions drafted by the Borough Solicitor, including receiving Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection approval of the sewage planning module. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve the subdivision request at 12 Woodland Road, conditioned upon the April 2025 letter prepared by the Borough Solicitor. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 2 – CONTRACT NO. 01-24 REMEDIATION OF BEAVER ROAD RETAINING WALL: Mrs. Politi stated that this payment request covered half the cost of the stabilization, the soil nails, and the shotcrete. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve Partial Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$190,990.80 to Access Limited Construction. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-02 – AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING A PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT: Mrs. Politi explained that this new grant application is to fund the completion of the second phase of the Church Lane sewer lining project. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve Resolution 2025-02 authorizing the

Borough Manager and Council President to facilitate and assist in obtaining a PA Small Water and Sewer Grant. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 25-R01 – 2025 PAVING PROGRAM: Mrs. Politi stated that the Borough received four bids for this project. The low bid was from Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$580,517.75 for the base bid of paving Chestnut Road from Beaver Road to Woodland Road, Chestnut Road from House 737 to the Borough border, Woodland Road from Poia Road to the bend, and Maple Lane from Edgeworth Lane to Shields Lane, with Add Alternate 1 in the amount of \$28,705.50 for paving Church Lane from Maple Lane to the pavement joint, and Add Alternate 2 in the amount of \$46,033.50 for paving Church Lane from Maple Lane to the dead end. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to accept the base bid from Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$580,517.75, Add Alternate 1 in the amount of \$28,705.50, and Add Alternate 2 in the amount of \$46,033.50 for Contract No. 25-R01 – 2025 Paving Program. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 25-MB01 – BOROUGH BUILDING ADA PARKING IMPROVEMENTS: Mrs. Politi stated that this bid was facilitated through the Quaker Valley Council of Governments and the Borough received four bids. The low bid was from VS&H Construction in the amount of \$123,606.85. Mrs. Politi explained that the Borough Engineer made an error in the quantity of concrete that would be needed and due to this change in quantity, the overall cost of the project would be \$108,996.85. Mr. Hoepf questioned if the reduced quantity would change the contractor's unit price. Mrs. Politi stated the Borough Engineer would confirm the unit price with the contractor. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mrs. Larsen to accept the base bid from VS&H Construction in the amount of \$123,606.85 for Contract No. 25-MB01 – Borough Building ADA Parking Improvements, contingent upon the contractor's agreement on the unit price for concrete. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – CONTRACT NO. 25-MB01 – BOROUGH BUILDING ADA PARKING IMPROVEMENTS: Mrs. Politi stated that this change order reflects the reduction in the quantity of the concrete. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mrs. Larsen to accept Change Order No. 1 for a decrease in the amount of \$14,610.00 for Contract No. 25-MB01. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION: Mayor Smith read the proclamation celebrating the valuable impact of trees in the Edgeworth community and declared April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Edgeworth. Mrs. Politi stated that recognizing Arbor Day is an aspect of the Borough's commitment to sustainable tree planting and maintenance, and stated that the Borough has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the eighth consecutive year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter at 8:42 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:59 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager