

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 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. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Rev. Rebecca M. Cartus, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2024 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2024. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of March 2024 was presented to Council. Mrs. Genter asked about year to date values for the pension plans, and asked whether quarterly snapshots could be provided in the future. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of March 2024 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of April 2024 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$230,490.44 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$37,434.88 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
169	Davey Tree Expert Co.	Tree Pruning	\$2,625.00
170	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$7,065.00
171	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$22,899.88
172	North Eastern Uniforms	Police Vests	\$1,575.00
173	Pennsylvania DUI Association	Breathalyzer Equipment	\$570.00
174	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Grinding	\$2,700.00

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 \$230,490.44, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$37,434.88. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of March 2024 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 2024 was presented to Council. District Justice Guisepe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$571.91 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of March 2024 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett stated that all officers recently completed training on proper pepper spray and baton use, in accordance

with the Department's Use of Force policy. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of March 2024 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of March 2024 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the excess compost material has been removed from the Borough's facility, and yearly catch basin inspections have begun. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of March 2024 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of March 2024 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of March 2024 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meeting were received. Mr. Schwend noted that the Authority's office building is in need of foundation and structural repairs, and the Authority's Board is assessing options for repair or consolidating offices.
- B. Correspondence was received from Mrs. Molly Watson requesting a property address change for 604 Poia Road. Mr. Schwend explained that the property is located at the corner of Poia Road and Woodland Road, with the residence fronting Woodland Road, and the proposed new address would be 340 Woodland Road. Mr. Schwend noted that if approved, the Borough will notify Allegheny County and the post office, however the property owner would be responsible for notifying all other entities. After brief discussion, a motion was made Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to approve the request to change the property address of 604 Poia Road to 340 Woodland Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. Bill Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Mary Ferris – 106 Woodland Road

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS: Mr. Schwend stated that some changes were made to the proposed zoning ordinance changes presented at the March Council Meeting, including revising the definition of "human occupancy" to mean overnight accommodations, redefining "rear yard" for properties abutting two streets, and placing medical and recreational marijuana facilities in the C-2 Zoning District. The proposed ordinance also includes provisions on solar shingles and conditional use criteria. After discussion, Mr. Hoepf directed the draft ordinance to the Property Committee for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 24-S1 – EAST DRIVE SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION: Mr. Schwend stated that two bids were received for the East Drive sanitary sewer relocation project, from Jet Jack, Inc. and from W.A. Petrakis Contracting LLC. He explained that the project was bid two ways, with Contract A being a bored alignment underneath the tennis courts of the Edgeworth Club, and with Contract B being a gravity sewer alignment along Academy Avenue. Each bid also included add alternates for aligning the sewer under the Beaver Road sidewalk, or aligning the sewer within Beaver Road. Tree removals were included for Contract B. Mr. Schwend stated that Contract B (\$333,740.00) with add alternate 1 (\$339,350.00) was the ideal option, with Jet Jack Inc. as the low bidder in the amount of \$673,090.00. Mr. Marlovits noted the high bids compared to the Engineer's opinion of probable cost. Mr. Hofmann asked whether the bid amounts aligned with the Borough's budget for the project. Mr. Schwend stated that the cost of the project will be shared with the Edgeworth Club, however the bid amounts are higher than either party was expecting, and the bid results have not yet been shared with the Edgeworth Club. Mr. Lucas stated that the Borough should take no action on the bid until the Edgeworth Club has determined if they are willing to proceed with the project. After discussion, Mr. Hoepp directed the matter to the Sewers Committee.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 23-R01 – BEAVER ROAD BRIDGE REPAIRS: Mr. Schwend stated that the rebid of the Beaver Road Bridge improvement project yielded two bidders: Pugliano Construction Co. in the amount of \$165,815.00, and N&N Landscaping LLC in the amount of \$217,884.06 for the base bid. Add alternates were included for the cost of the guiderail installation, and for a full liner repair of existing pipe. Mr. Schwend noted that the cost of the guiderail increased for the rebid compared to the previous bid. Mr. Wilson stated that the structural repairs to the bridge should be completed without the guiderail, in order to utilize grant funding allocated for the project. Mr. Marlovits asked whether the guiderail designed in the rebid required eighty feet of installation on either side of the bridge. Mr. Schwend stated that per PennDOT standards it is required. Mr. Hoepp suggested that the Borough explore the option of installing a standard guiderail. Mr. Hofmann expressed concern with the guiderail, and stated that the Borough should proceed with the base bid and add alternate 2. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mr. Hofmann to award Contract No. 23-R01 to Pugliano Construction Co. in the amount of \$165,815.00, with add alternate 2 in the amount of \$20,295.00, and to assess the installation of a guiderail at a later date. Mr. Hoepp, Mr. Hofmann, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Genter, and Rev. Cartus voted in favor of the motion, while Mr. Marlovits and Mrs. Larsen were opposed.

ACTION CONCERNING ROCK SALT CONTRACT – EXERCISING SECOND OPTION YEAR: Mr. Schwend stated that the second option year is to extend the contract with Cargill, Inc. to purchase rock salt for another year, until June 30, 2025, with purchasing quantity estimates due at a later date. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Larsen to exercise the second option year in the rock salt contract with Cargill, Inc. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY REGARDING VIDEO RECORDINGS: Chief Burlett explained that the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office has proposed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with municipal police departments regarding the release of video recordings. The MOU places the responsibility of releasing, redacting, or denying video recordings of body or vehicle cameras, including legal challenges, on the District Attorney's office. Mr. Lucas explained that the MOU would allow the District Attorney to have greater control over evidence of a potential crime. He recommended approval subject to the Solicitor's review of the language in the proposed MOU. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Rev. Cartus to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding

with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office regarding the release of video recordings, subject to review by the Borough Solicitor. 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 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Edgeworth. Mr. Schwend 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 seventh consecutive year. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Rev. Cartus with a second from Mr. Marlovits to formally recognize April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Additionally, Rev. Cartus asked whether the Borough will be participating in Sewickley Borough's upcoming Memorial Day Parade. Chief Burlett stated that he will be driving an Edgeworth Police vehicle in the parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss a legal matter, and returned to regular session at 8:27 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager