

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2023

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoeppe presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoeppe, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katie D. Larsen, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on July 18, 2023 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2023. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. After brief discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of August 2023 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$161,808.71 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$62,748.95 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
118	Davey Tree Expert Co.	Street Tree Pruning	\$375.00
119	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$33,684.51
120	Markl Supply Co.	Police Vest	\$1,235.00
121	Pow-R Mole Sales	Sewer Camera	\$23,370.00
122	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Grinding	\$250.00
123	TransAssociates Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$3,834.44

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$161,808.71, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$62,748.95. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$586.11 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett stated that new police car is currently being upfitted and should be ready in the coming weeks. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of July 2023 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of July 2023 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- C. Correspondence was received from the Edgeworth Club regarding relocation of the sewer line located beneath the Edgeworth Club's pool. Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Flannery is proposing that the Club and Borough equally share the cost of the project. Mr. Hoeppe directed the matter to the Sewers Committee and to the Solicitor for legal review.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mrs. Gail Murray – 615 Maple Lane
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. Dennis Zeitler – 516 Irwin Drive
Mrs. Melanie Richman – 208 Chestnut Road
Ms. Jennifer Murdock – 211 Orchard Lane
Ms. Mercedes Burgh – 208 Quaker Road
Mr. Milton and Mrs. Lynn Klein – 307 Shady Lane
Mr. Charles Harris and Ms. Darlene Nowak – 526 Irwin Drive

Mrs. Gail Murray expressed concern regarding resident notification of the recent boil water advisory from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority. She stated that many residents were not aware of the advisory, and stressed the importance of all residents being updated on public health matters. Mrs. Lynn Klein also expressed concern, and stated that the Borough should hold the ultimate responsibility for ensuring residents are informed. Mr. Hoeppe explained that the Authority is a separate entity from the Borough, and is responsible for their own communication system. However, the Borough has shared updated resident contact information with the Authority and is helping to ensure a similar situation will not occur again. After further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Klein for their concern.

OLD BUSINESS:

SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM PRESENTATION: Mr. Alex Clifford provided an update to the sidewalk repair program, and presented recommendations for future iterations of the program. He explained that an initial analysis was completed of all sidewalks in the Borough, and deficient slabs were marked at a later time. Mr. Clifford recommended completing the analysis and marking simultaneously to ensure accuracy and efficiency. Additionally, Mr. Clifford suggested reviewing sidewalk specifications with the Borough Engineer to eliminate any ambiguity of slabs in need of repair, compared to slabs that

generally don't constitute a hazard. Mr. Marlovits asked what percentage of affected properties were due to street tree related damage. Mr. Clifford stated that about 10% of properties had slabs affected by street trees. Mr. Wilson asked how residents were notified if their affected slabs were caused by a street tree. Mr. Clifford explained that notification letters included contact information to the Borough office for any resident who would like to review their sidewalk, including street tree related concerns. After further discussion, Council thanked Mr. Clifford for his work throughout the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2023-04 – NOTICE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS FOR THREE YEARS: Mr. Schwend explained that in order to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the Borough must opt-in to the program. Mr. Schwend stated that Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects applied for under the CDBG program do not include household income surveys, and the Borough Engineer is working on a design for adding ADA complaint parking to the front of the Borough Building. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to adopt Resolution 2023-04, opting in to the Allegheny County CDBG and HOME programs for three years. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 23-ST01 – PINE ROAD CULVERT REPAIR: Mr. Schwend stated that three bids were received to repair the culvert beneath Pine Road, from N&N Landscaping LLC in the amount of \$146,576.41, from Mar-Allen Concrete Products, Inc. in the amount of \$167,390.00, and from Lone Pine Construction in the amount of \$176,099.44. Mr. Schwend explained that the culvert is in deteriorating condition, and the bid price includes milling and paving over the affected area. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to award Contract No. 23-ST01 – Pine Road Culvert Repair to N&N Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$146,576.41. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING 2024-2028 POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: Mr. Schwend stated that the Police Committee met to discuss the draft 2024-2028 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. Due to the draft agreement being a personnel matter, Mr. Schwend stated that it will be discussed in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter, and returned to regular session at 8:09 p.m.

Upon returning to regular session, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Marlovits to approve the 2024-2028 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. All present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Larsen to agree to share 50% the cost of the sewer relocation project with the Edgeworth Club, with the option for the Borough to withdraw from the agreement based on actual bid results, and subject to entering into an easement agreement prior to work commencing. All present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager