EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2026

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, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Ms. Rebecca Mahr Cartus, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Borough Solicitor Mr. Brendan Lucas.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2026 and the Special Meeting held on July 31, 2026 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2026 and the Special Meeting Minutes from July 31, 2026. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hoepp stated that there would be a change to the order of the Agenda and Council would take action on the hiring of Mr. Edward Altmeyer and Mr. William Luffey, found under New Business.

ACTION CONCERNING HIRING OF MR. EDWARD ALTMEYER AND MR. WILLIAM LUFFEY AS FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICERS: Mr. Hofmann stated that he had the opportunity to interview both Mr. Altmeyer and Mr. Luffey, and found them to be extremely well-qualified and ready to make a difference in the community. He reported that they were both recommended by the Police Committee. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to hire Mr. Altmeyer and Mr. Luffey as full-time patrol officers. All present voted in favor of the motion. At this time, Mayor Smith administered the oath of office to Mr. Altmeyer and Mr. Luffey and they were presented with their badges. Chief Och and Council congratulated them and welcomed them to Borough staff.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of July 2026 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of $184,031.14 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of $66,355.09 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

335	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	$540.45
336	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	$23,288.11
337	Matthews International	Memorial Plaque	$210.53
338	Potosnak, Amy	Engineering Retainer	$102.05
339	Signs By Tomorrow	Recycling Signs	$725.25
340	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Grindings	$420.00
341	Traffic Control Equipment	Traffic Camera Repair	$540.00
342	Valero Service	Graphics Removal	$300.00
343	Youngblood Paving	Paving	$40,228.20

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of $184,031.14, and a

voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of $66,355.09. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of $994,746.98. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of $768.01 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann asked if the department had noticed an increase in heavy truck traffic in the Borough. Chief Och stated that the hiring of two new officers would help monitor truck traffic in the Borough, as well as e-bikes and scooters, and enable the department to do targeted enforcement details. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. Public Works Director Mr. Jim Vicheck stated that the department was busy during the month and continued upkeep on the parks, Borough building maintenance, and landscaping. Mrs. Larsen reported a deteriorating bench at the corner of Beaver Road and Church Lane and Mr. Vicheck stated he would look into a replacement. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of July 2026 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. Mr. Charlie Harris thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up fallen leaves and branches on Beaver Road. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of July 2026 was presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority meeting were received.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. Charlie Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Gretchen Altmeyer – Moon Township
Ms. Paige Altmeyer – Moon Township
Ms. Brooke Altmeyer – Moon Township
Ms. Reese Altmeyer – Moon Township

Mrs. Rebecca Luffey – Bethel Park
Mr. Bryson Luffey – Bethel Park
Mr. John Dunn – Sewickley
Mr. Charlie Pyle – Sewickley

Mr. John Dunn was in attendance to present the idea of military banners along Beaver Road in Edgeworth Borough. He stated he is a Sewickley Borough resident and former Sewickley Council member. He began the program in Sewickley and would like to extend it to neighboring communities. He stated he would handle the insurance and pole permits and would serve as volunteer chair of the program for one year, after which the Borough would take over. Ms. Mahr-Cartus asked how many he would like to install and Mr. Dunn answered that there are 44 available poles along Beaver Road. After brief discussion, Council thanked Mr. Dunn for the presentation and referred the matter to the Property Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING SHACOG PURCHASING ALLIANCE ROCK SALT BID: Mrs. Politi stated that this was the second time SHACOG had put rock salt out to bid and that they received only one bid of $160/ton, a significant increase over last year's price of $88/ton. She stated that the QVCOG was now looking at putting out their own bid in an effort to get a lower price per ton for their communities because it is a smaller area that would include set delivery days and times. The Borough must respond to the SHACOG bid by October 10, 2026 and the QVCOG bid will not be opened until September 24, 2026. Mr. Marlovits asked how much salt the Borough currently has in storage. Mr. Vicheck stated that he currently has 150 tons and went through 500 tons last winter. He stated he wanted to order 400 tons throughout this winter. Mr. Hoepp asked why the price had increased so significantly from last year and Mrs. Politi answered that there is a nationwide salt shortage and many salt providers no longer want to store salt for long periods of time. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Politi for the update.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – CONTRACT NO. 26-R01 – 2026 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mrs. Politi stated that this change order represented a decrease in the overall cost of the project due to in-place quantities. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Ms. Mahr-Cartus to approve Change Order No. 1 for a decrease in the amount of $47,733.54 for Contract No. 26-R01. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) – CONTRACT NO. 26-R01 – 2026 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mrs. Politi stated that the Borough was satisfied with the work that Youngblood Paving had done and Mr. Vicheck reported that there was one line that still needed repainted on Way Hollow Road. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Ms. Mahr-Cartus to approve Partial Payment No. 2 (Final) in the amount of $40,228.20 to Youngblood Paving, to be held pending line repainting on Way Hollow Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH POLICE BARGAINING UNIT REGARDING TWELVE-HOUR SHIFTS: Mr. Hofmann asked who had proposed the schedule change and Mrs. Politi stated that Chief Och, the officers, and the consultant the Borough utilized had all recommended the change. Mrs. Politi stated that September through December of 2026 would be a trial period for the schedule and if successful, it would be extended into 2027. Mrs. Politi stated that the officers would still be earning the same amount of time off. Mrs. Genter asked if the proposed twelve-

hour shifts were typical of other Boroughs in the area and Mrs. Politi stated that they were. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Ms. Mahr-Cartus to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding as proposed. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION FROM MR. CHARLIE PYLE REGARDING INSTALLATION OF CHESS TABLE IN A BOROUGH PARK: Mr. Pyle explained that he is a senior at Quaker Valley High School and a lifelong chess player. He stated that his love of chess had led him to start a chess club, work with the Sewickley Library, and build outreach by installing a concrete chess table in the park in front of the Lindsey Theater on Walnut Street in Sewickley Borough. He stated that he had already raised enough to install a second table and would like to do so in Edgeworth. Mr. Hofmann asked if the table would be allowed within the confines of the parks' deed restrictions and Mr. Lucas stated he would look at each deed individually to determine if it would be possible. Mrs. Genter also suggested the parklet behind the Borough building as an alternate location. After brief further discussion, Mr. Hoepp referred the matter to the Property Committee and Mr. Pyle thanked Council for their time.

MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mrs. Politi updated Council on several projects happening in July. She stated that the majority of residents with sidewalk replacements were utilizing the Borough's contractor, several are using their own contractor, and that there was small number that had not responded yet. She reported that the QVCOG waste bid opening would take place on August 21, 2026 and that she had sent a letter to PennDOT District 11 requesting relief from design standards for a neighborhood traffic signal. She also stated that both the five-year state pension audit and the draft grading ordinance had been completed and were under review. Lastly, she reported that the Borough would be partnering with the Sewickley Valley Historical Society to scan historical photos and documents and the project is expected to begin early next year. After brief discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Politi for the update.

PIZZA WITH THE POLICE: Ms. Amy Brown, Borough Assistant Manager, stated that Pizza with the Police would be held on Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 pm at the Borough building, there would be multiple officers participating, and Chief Och would be getting the pizza from Police Station Pizza in Ambridge. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Ms. Brown for the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:31 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Larsen to approve a medical leave of absence for the Borough Manager, Ellen Politi, beginning on September 7, 2026 and continuing until October 30, 2026, during which the Borough Manager shall receive her full salary and benefits.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager