

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2024

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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, Mayor Gary L. Smith, and Borough Manager John F. Schwend.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on July 16, 2024 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2024. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of July 2024 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of August 2024 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$202,192.13 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$202,922.69 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
191	Pugliano Construction Co.	Beaver Rd. Bridge	\$68,206.50
192	Davey Tree Expert Co.	Tree Pruning	\$2,750.00
193	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$10,537.35
194	Griffith Inc.	Public Works Mower	\$6,730.28
195	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$12,958.47
196	Penn Landscape and Cement	Sidewalk Repairs	\$22,413.05
197	Peter J. Caruso and Sons Inc.	Microsurfacing	\$12,480.00
198	Pugliano Construction Co.	Beaver Road Bridge	\$66,307.50
199	James Vичeck – Reimb.	Bollard Covers	\$539.54

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 \$202,192.13, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$202,922.69. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of July 2024 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$1,050,527.11. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of July 2024 was presented to Council. District Justice Guisepe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,032.13 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of July 2024 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of July 2024 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend explained that the hard to recycle event was cancelled due to delayed construction at the event site. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. Correspondence was received from Mr. Sean O’Neill regarding fluoride in the water supply. Mr. O’Neill explained that after completing tests on water samples, it was determined that additional fluoride is no longer needed. Mayor Smith stated that fluoride is naturally occurring, and ingesting additional fluoride can present health risks.
- C. Correspondence was received from Mr. Patrick Connors regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award for handicapped accessible parking spaces in front of the Borough Building. Mr. Schwend explained that the project scope includes constructing a retaining wall and adding four to five parking spaces. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$150,000.00, and the grant award totals \$39,092.00. Mrs. Genter expressed concern with the total cost of the project. Mr. Hofmann stated that visitors could park in the existing spaces in front of the building, and stated that the cost of the project is not a good use of taxpayer funds. Mr. Wilson asked whether police vehicles could be parked in the rear of the building to provide space for visitors. Mr. Schwend explained that there are no designated visitor spaces, as each garage bay is used for police vehicles, and employees take each available parking space in the rear of the building. After further discussion, Mr. Hoeppe directed the matter to the Property Committee for review.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane  
Mr. Bill Lang – 617 Maple Lane

Mrs. Hazel Merrills – 332 Woodland Road  
Mrs. Libby Andrews – 608 Poia Road

Mrs. Libby Andrews and Mrs. Hazel Merrills came before Council to express concern with Duquesne Light Company’s (DLC) markings of trees for removal or pruning throughout the Borough. Mrs. Andrews stated that she spoke with a DLC representative who explained that removals are authorized if they are within twenty-five feet of a power line. Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Merrills asked what recourse the Borough may have to assist property owners with trees marked for removal or extensive pruning. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Arborist has been in contact with DLC’s subcontractors regarding their tree removal program, which is slated to begin in 2025, and he is available to assist residents with marked trees who would like to explore options. Homeowners must agree to have their trees removed if they are located on private property, however pruning within the right of way can occur without homeowner permission. Mr. Hofmann stated that the Borough should notify residents of their options prior to

residents agreeing to have their trees removed. After further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Merrills and Mrs. Andrews for their concerns.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 559 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDNG PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND GROWING FACILITIES, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND GROWING FACILITIES, SOLAR SHINGLE TECHNOLOGY, DOUBLE FRONTAGE LOTS, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, AND CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA: Mr. Hoepf opened a public hearing at 7:44 pm. Mrs. Hazel Merrills stated that she is very excited for the changes related to solar shingles as it provides homeowners with more options to access solar technology. After brief discussion and with no further comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:50 pm. A motion for a roll call vote was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to adopt Ordinance 559. A roll call vote was taken, with all present members voting unanimously in favor.

ACTION CONCERNING CONTRACT NO. 24-S1 – EAST DRIVE SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION: Mr. Schwend stated that the Edgeworth Club Board of Directors voted against proceeding with the sanitary sewer relocation project due to the overall cost of the project being exceptionally higher than expected. Mrs. Genter asked whether the Edgeworth Club will consider pursuing the relocation in the future. Mr. Schwend explained that they may, however the Borough will reassess the cost sharing agreement as the sanitary line is in good condition with no concerns of failure. Mr. Wilson stated that the Edgeworth Club will contribute to the cost of engineering fees. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mr. Hofmann to reject all bids for Contract No. 24-S1 – East Drive Sanitary Sewer Relocation. All present voted in favor of the motion.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 01-24 – REMEDIATION OF BEAVER ROAD RETAINING WALL: Mr. Schwend stated that two bids were received for the Beaver Road Wall Remediation project, from Access Limited Construction in the amount of \$580,779.30, and from JG Contracting Company in the amount of \$1,030,000.00. The total estimated cost of the project was \$1.4 million. Mr. Wilson asked whether the Borough Engineers are concerned with the bids received. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineers reviewed each bid thoroughly and spoke with Access Limited regarding their design, and they are confident that the bids are correct and the contractor will do exceptional work. Additionally, minimal tree removal will be required, and the shotcrete color will be determined with input from the residents affected by the work. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to accept the bid from Access Limited Construction in the amount of \$580,779.30 for Contract No. 01-24 – Remediation of Beaver Road Retaining Wall. All present voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Hoepf commended Mr. Schwend for his hard work and dedication to ensuring the Beaver Road wall remediation project is completed.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 24-SW01 – BEAVER ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Schwend stated that five bids were received for the Beaver Road sidewalk replacement along the area of the Beaver Road wall remediation. The low bid was from Cronin Enterprises in the amount of \$286,750.00 for the base bid of replacing the sidewalk from the new wall area to 413 Beaver Road, with Add Alternate 1 in the amount of \$383,250.00 to extend the new sidewalk to Church Lane, for a total cost of \$670,000.00. Mr. Schwend noted that the new railing will be Trex material, which is low-maintenance and easy to clean. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to accept the base bid from Cronin Enterprises in the amount of

\$286,750.00, and Add Alternate 1 in the amount of \$383,250.00 for Contract No. 24-SW01 – Beaver Road Sidewalk Improvements. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING CRACK SEALING RFP: Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Jim Vicheck, Public Works Director, identified streets that would benefit from crack sealing. Three quotes were solicited and one quote was received from Russell Standard Corporation in the amount of \$0.48 per linear foot for a total cost of \$12,600.00. Mrs. Genter asked whether microsurfacing roads would be a better option compared to crack sealing. Mr. Schwend explained that crack sealing is completed on roads that are approximately three years away from paving, while microsurfacing was completed as a test to see how the material withstands over time. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to accept the quote in the amount of \$12,600.00 from Russell Standard Corporation for crack sealing. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 2 – CONTRACT NO. 23-R01 BEAVER ROAD BRIDGE REPAIRS: Mr. Schwend stated that Pugliano Construction Co. has almost completed the repairs to the Beaver Road Bridge. A small punch list of items remain, and the Borough Engineer has recommended partial payment in the amount of \$66,307.50. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second from Mr. Wilson to approve Partial Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$66,307.50 to Pugliano Construction Co. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2024-03 – QUAKER VALLEY COG ROUTE 65 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT: Mr. Schwend explained that the Quaker Valley COG is seeking an intergovernmental cooperation agreement from all member municipalities in order to seek potential grant funding for further studies on the Route 65 corridor. Mr. Schwend highlighted a section of the resolution stating that financial contributions may be asked for, however no obligation is stated. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to adopt Resolution 2024-03 – Quaker Valley COG Route 65 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2024-04 – AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE RAAC FOR CHURCH LANE SEWER LINING: Mr. Schwend stated that the grant application is for the second phase of lining the Church Lane sewer, with the first phase being completed in 2023. The project was separated into phases due to the high cost of the project. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to adopt Resolution 2024-04 – Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Funds with the RAAC for Church Lane Sewer Lining. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Additionally, Mr. Hofmann asked about bike trail signs posted at the intersection of Academy Avenue and Beaver Road in Sewickley Borough. He explained that the sign locations are deceiving and appears to designate Beaver Road in Edgeworth as part of the bike trail. Mr. Schwend stated that he spoke with the Sewickley Borough Manager, who explained that Sewickley Borough Council approved the location of each sign.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session at 8:21 pm to discuss a legal matter, and returned to Regular Session at 8:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager