

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2026

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

MINUTES of the Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2026 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2026. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of January 2026 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$229,695.39 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$64,162.01 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
299	Davey Tree Expert Co	Arborist Fees	\$2,737.50
300	Eisler Landscapes	Fall Planting	\$10,254.25
301	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$306.80

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 \$229,695.39, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$64,162.01. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of January 2026 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$18,408.75. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of January 2026 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,252.87 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of January 2026 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann suggested that Chief Burlett set up a meeting with residents on Way Hollow Road to discuss the issue of speed and the data the department has gathered since the installation of the speed timing device. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of January 2026 was not available.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of January 2026 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that the department continued snow removal and had begun early preparations for spring. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of January 2026 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of January 2026 was not available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- C. A letter of retirement announcement was received from Chief John Burlett. Chief Burlett stated that he has been proud to serve the community of Edgeworth for the past 38 years. He will still be in office until mid-March and his last official day of employment will be June 1, 2026. Council expressed sincere thanks to Chief Burlett for his decades of service to the Borough and accepted his letter of retirement.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Ms. Mary Ferris – 106 Woodland Road
Rep. Valerie Gaydos – State Representative
Mr. Carson Cramer – Office of State Representative Valerie Gaydos

Representative Valerie Gaydos and Mr. Carson Cramer were in attendance to update Council on projects her office is working on. Rep. Gaydos encouraged Council to reach out to her office if the Borough needs anything. Mr. Hoepp stated she had been very helpful in procuring grant funding in the past. After brief discussion, Council thanked Rep. Gaydos and Mr. Cramer for their attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING HIRING OF CONSULTANT: Mrs. Politi explained that she would like to hire a public safety strategist to assist in human resources and communications through the department's transition time following Chief Burlett's retirement. Mrs. Politi stated that the Consultant has extensive experience in municipal management, as well as police department policies and procedures. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the hiring of Strategic Solutions to assist the Borough's police department in the transition period following Chief Burlett's retirement with review of the agreement by the Borough solicitor. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mrs. Politi stated that she had recently met with the Borough's Traffic Engineer, who will be facilitating the replacement of the traffic signal at the corner of Beaver Road and

Academy Avenue. The project is expected to bid in late spring or early summer. Mr. Hofmann stressed the importance of ensuring the replacement signal will not interrupt the current aesthetic of the neighborhood. Mr. Hoepf suggested meeting with property owners who may be affected by the project to alleviate any concerns they may have.

Mrs. Politi then updated Council on this year's paving and sidewalk replacement programs. These projects are expected to bid in early March. Mrs. Politi explained that the Borough would be addressing drainage issues on Way Hollow Road as part of the paving program.

Mrs. Politi stated that although the Borough did not receive grant funding for the second phase of the Church Lane sewer lining project, she would still like to bid the project this year so that there is not an extended period of time between the first phase and second phase. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Politi for her update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:37 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:23 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager