

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 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. Katie D. Larsen, Rev. Rebecca M. Cartus, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of January 2024 was presented to Council. Mrs. Genter asked whether the CD for the Scheduled Expenditures Fund is reaching maturity. Mr. Schwend stated that the CD will mature in late February. Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. Genter suggested exploring options on additional renewal or other avenues to continue the CD. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2024 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$224,178.63 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$16,036.04 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
162	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$6,308.00
163	Kaiser Plumbing	Plumbing and Toilet Install	\$2,407.18
164	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$7,320.86

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$224,178.63, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$16,036.04. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of January 2024 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$21,485.43. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of January 2024 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppa Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$668.51 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

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

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of January 2024 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend noted that the Pennsylvania Resources Council will be holding a Hard to Recycle event at Quaker Valley High School on July 27, 2024. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. A request to remove leaf compost material from the Borough's compost site was received. Mr. Schwend explained that the site is at capacity, and that the Department of Environmental Protection encourages the material to be periodically distributed. The access road to the site is under a narrow bridge and is located in close proximity to the Buckeye Pipeline, which could potentially carry risk of damage to the pipeline or tunnel during compost removal. Mr. Gregorich explained that compost was previously removed in 2008 with no damage or issues. Mrs. Larsen asked whether smaller trucks could be used during the removal. Mr. Gregorich stated that triaxle dump trucks can safely fit under the tunnel, and compost removal will require multiple trips due to the large quantity. Mr. Hoeppe asked whether the requester could improve the access road in exchange for the compost. Mr. Schwend explained the challenges associated with improving the access road. Mr. Hofmann stated that the Borough should be held harmless for any damage incurred by the requester upon compost removal. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Hofmann to agree to the removal of compost at the Borough's compost site with the Borough held harmless from any associated damage, and with the agreement subject to review by the Borough Solicitor. 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
Ms. Mercedes Burgh – 208 Quaker Road
Ms. Elsie Knappenberger

OLD BUSINESS:

BEAVER ROAD WALL UPDATE: Mr. Schwend provided an update on the Beaver Road Wall repair project. The Borough's civil and geotechnical engineers met to review and discuss final details of the repair, and expect to place the project out for bid in late March, and awarded in April. The project will be bid separately for designing and completing the wall repair, and then landscaping, sidewalk and hand rail

installation. Mr. Wilson asked about the extent of the sidewalk and handrail installation. Mr. Schwend explained that the sidewalk and handrail will be replaced for the length of the wall repair, with an add alternate included in the bid documents for completing the installation to the intersection of Church Lane and Beaver Road. Mrs. Genter asked whether any delays are expected with the project. Mr. Schwend stated that the wall repair requires specially skilled contractors which are currently engaged in numerous projects around the area, however no delays in materials or labor are expected for the project. After further discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business was discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LETTERS OF SUPPORT REGARDING THE ROUTE 65 AND RIVER ROAD INTERSECTION

ANALYSIS: Mr. Schwend stated that the draft letters to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and PennDOT District 11 are stating the Borough's support for an intersection analysis at Route 65 and River Road in Glen Osborne Borough. The Quaker Valley COG has worked with Glen Osborne and Haysville Boroughs to request the study due to increased vehicle accidents, issues with traffic during train crossings, and other congestion at the intersection. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Rev. Cartus to send the letters of support to PennDOT District 11 and to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION 2024-02 – RECOGNIZING MR.

FREDERICK R. GREGORICH: Mr. Hoepf read and presented the testimonial resolution to Mr. Gregorich upon his retirement as Public Works Director and Building Code Official in recognition of his twenty-two years of service and dedication to the Borough, and declared February 20, 2024 as Fred Gregorich Day in the Borough of Edgeworth. Mr. Gregorich thanked Council for the kind gesture. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Rev. Cartus with a second from Mr. Marlovits to adopt Testimonial Resolution 2024-02. All present voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters, and returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

Upon returning to regular session, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to enter into an agreement with Mr. Fred Gregorich for consulting services through the end of 2024. All present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager