

aEDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2026

MEETING was called to order at 7:09 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, 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 December 16, 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of December 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of December 2025 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of December 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$1,314,357.60 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$13,298.55 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 Mrs. Genter that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$1,314,357.60, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$13,298.55. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of December 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$16,596.08. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of December 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guisepe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,146.73 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of December 2025 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett commended the dedication and service of his officers and dispatchers throughout the year 2025. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of December 2025 was not available.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of December 2025 was presented to Council. Mr. Hoepf complimented the department on their hard work completing snow removal after a recent storm. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of December 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of December 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of December 2025 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. Mr. Jim Miller was in attendance from Sewickley Academy to ask Council to approve a proposed address update on their campus. He explained that the different buildings on campus all share the same address, which is not ideal in case of an emergency at a specific building. The Academy would like to add letters to each building and field so that they can be more easily identified. Mr. Marlovits asked if the school planned to install directional signs on campus with these changes and Mr. Miller stated that they did. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve Sewickley Academy's proposed address updates. 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. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Ms. Mary Ferris – 106 Woodland Road
Mr. Jim Miller – Sewickley Academy
Mr. Michael DiVittorio – Sewickley Herald

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 563 – AN AMENDMENT TO THE WEEDS ORDINANCE: Mrs. Politi stated there had been no changes made from the draft Ordinance. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Larsen with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the adoption of Ordinance 563, an amendment to the Weeds Ordinance. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2026-01 – AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO APPROVE CERTAIN OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS PRIOR TO BOROUGH COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL APPROVAL: Mrs. Politi explained that the resolution allows Borough administrative staff to make certain necessary EFT payments prior to Council meetings. The payments are reflected on the monthly financial report for Council's review and ratification. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve Resolution 2026-01 authorizing the Borough

Manager to approve certain operating disbursements prior to Borough Council's official approval. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF 2026 POLICE FORD EXPLORER INTERCEPTOR: Mrs. Politi explained that with the purchase of the new car, the Borough would then list the 2023 Ford Explorer Interceptor, which has approximately 70,000 miles on it, on Municibid. The equipment will be taken out of the 2023 Explorer and installed in the new 2026 Explorer. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve the purchase of a 2026 Police Ford Explorer Interceptor in the amount of \$44,858.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS HUSTLER MOWER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT: Mrs. Politi explained that the Hustler mower has several benefits, such as better turning radius, greater comfort for Public Works, and an approximate 20-year lifespan. She stated that Public Works would like to order the mower now so that it will be ready for grass-cutting season in June. The mower being replaced will be listed for public bid on Municibid. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve the purchase of a Hustler mower with related equipment in the amount of \$24,194.28. All present voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TREASURER'S BOND AMOUNT: Mrs. Politi explained that she had received a legal recommendation to raise her treasurer's bond to cover the highest amount of funds that she had access to. This would create a drastic increase in the budget line item, but she did not have a price available yet. Mrs. Larsen asked why the increase was being proposed at this time and Mrs. Politi explained that it was flagged in the Borough's recent Liquid Fuels audit. After further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Politi for the update.

ACTION CONCERNING PERSONNEL DISCIPLINARY MATTER: A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve the discipline for Officer 8608 as outlined in the drafted letter. All present voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:56 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:09 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager