

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2025

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. Katherine Larsen, Rev. Rebecca M. Cartus, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2024 were presented to Council. Rev. Cartus requested an amendment to the Regular Meeting Minutes under the presentation from Current Hydro related to infrastructure if the project is abandoned. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes as presented and the Regular Meeting Minutes as amended from December 17, 2024. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of December 2024 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann stated that the Finance Committee had recently met to discuss the Borough's pensions. The committee recommended a few small changes in investments but reported that the pensions are performing well, within the confines of the Investment Policy Statement. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of December 2024 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$1,201,035.07 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$100,345.26 were presented to Council as per the following list.

| <u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u> | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 233 | Access Limited Construction | Beaver Road Wall | \$92,624.07 |
| 234 | Garvin Boward Beitko | Engineering Fees | \$880.00 |
| 235 | Lennon Smith Souleret | Engineering Fees | \$5,465.44 |
| 236 | Trans Associates | Engineering Fees | \$1,375.75 |

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$1,201,035.07, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$100,345.26. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of December 2024 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$7,383.44. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of December 2024 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$808.07 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of December 2024 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett complimented his staff on their hard work in 2024. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of December 2024 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that heat has been installed at the salt shed and all winter equipment was working properly. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of December 2024 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meeting were received.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) – CONTRACT NO. 24-ST01 WALKER PARK STREAM RESTORATION: Mrs. Politi explained that this is the final payment request for work done on the streambank at Walker Park and that the Borough engineer recommended payment. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve Partial Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$6,918.75 to G. Salandro Excavating. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 1 – CONTRACT NO. 01-24 REMEDIATION OF BEAVER ROAD RETAINING WALL: Mrs. Politi explained that this partial payment request includes the design work, half of the mobilization costs, and half of the traffic control costs for this project. She stated that the soil nail work took approximately two weeks and has been completed. The sidewalk contractor will return to pour the remaining sidewalk in February and the wall contractor will return in March to shotcrete and complete the project. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Rev. Cartus to approve Partial Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$92,624.07 to Access Limited Construction. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-01 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. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr.

Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve Resolution 2025-01 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 AUDIT AGREEMENT 2024-2026: Mr. Hofmann stated that the Finance Committee met to discuss the fee increase presented for audit services performed by Maher Duessel in this agreement and felt that the increase was reasonable. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve audit agreement for audit years 2024-2026. All present voted in favor of the motion.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. DAVID ALOE TO THE EDGEWORTH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Mrs. Politi stated Mr. Aloe has agreed to continue to serve on the board until a suitable replacement is found. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Rev. Cartus with a second by Mr. Marlovits to reappoint Mr. Aloe to the Edgeworth Municipal Authority. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PURCHASE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FURNITURE: Mrs. Politi explained that the quote provided by Office Furniture Warehouse for furniture includes a desk for her office, a desk for Mrs. Brown, and a drafting table at Costars pricing. Council advised Mrs. Politi to sell the old desks and donate them if unable to sell. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Larsen with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve the purchase of new administrative office furniture in the amount of \$22,935.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:41 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 7:58 p.m.

Upon returning to Regular Session, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Larsen to establish an additional full-time police officer position, effective July 1st, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager