

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2025

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

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Rev. Cartus to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hoepf stated that there would be a change to the order of the Agenda and Council would take action on the hiring of Mr. Kenneth Battaglia, found under New Business.

ACTION CONCERNING HIRING OF MR. KENNETH BATTAGLIA AS A FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICER: Mr. Hofmann stated that he and Mr. Hoepf had the opportunity to interview Mr. Battaglia and found him to be a highly-qualified and highly-recommended officer. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to hire Mr. Battaglia as a full-time patrol officer. All present voted in favor of the motion. At this time, Mayor Smith administered the oath of office to Mr. Battaglia and he was presented with his badge. Chief Burlett and Council congratulated him and welcomed him to Borough staff.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of June 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$208,284.44 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$552,884.80 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
267	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$35,683.00
268	Holzer & Jesko	Salt Shed Repair	\$1,200.00
269	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Removals and Stump Grinding	\$3,700.00
270	Youngblood Paving	Paving	\$512,301.80

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 \$208,284.44, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$552,884.80. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of June 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$324,440.95. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of June 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$2,315.41 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of June 2025 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett thanked Council for hiring Officer Battaglia and expressed that he will be a good addition for the future of the department. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of June 2025 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that the Public Works Department was working on catch basin inspections and their part-time employee was working out well. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of June 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. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- C. Presentation from Mr. John Orndorff Regarding Ohio River Trail Update. Mr. Orndorff was not in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Ms. Kelly Gray
Ms. Mary Ann Battaglia
Mr. Joshua Armstrong
Mr. James Lema
Ms. Jessi Hall
Lieutenant William Och
Officer Nicholas Adrian

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 1 – CONTRACT NO. 25-R01 2025 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mrs. Politi explained that this payment request was for the majority of the contracted amount and that outstanding items included thermoplastic line striping and yard restoration. Mrs. Politi expressed satisfaction with the work that had been completed so far. After brief

discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve Partial Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$512,301.80 to Youngblood Paving. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE REVISIONS: Mrs. Politi provided Council with several ordinance revisions for consideration, including updates to ordinances related to noxious weeds, street openings, storage of vehicles, subdivision and land development, and zoning. Mrs. Politi provided brief explanations of each ordinance in its current state, and explained that the updates should be reviewed due to outdated or incorrect language, complaints from residents, or modern circumstances. Mr. Charles Harris asked whether Council would consider modifications to the noise ordinance related to the use of gas-powered leaf blowers and other landscaping equipment. Mr. Harris expressed concern with the noise, pollution, and general nuisance that such equipment generates throughout the Borough. Mr. Wilson agreed with Mr. Harris, and recommended reviewing the noise ordinance as well. After some discussion, the matter was referred to the Property Committee for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 7:54 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 7:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to share 50% of the additional engineering costs incurred and paid to Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering for the Beaver Road Wall Project, in the total amount of \$19,256.30, in order to settle the disputed amount between the Borough and Access Limited Construction, and to authorize the Borough Engineer to draft a Change Order for the contract reflecting a deduction of \$9,628.15. 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