

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2026

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, Ms. Rebecca Mahr Cartus, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Borough Solicitor Mr. Daniel Garfinkel.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2026 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2026. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of May 2026 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$225,148.97 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$76,684.73 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
321	Tristar Ford	2026 Ford Explorer	\$44,858.00
322	Allegheny Arborist Solutions	Borough Arborist	\$2,062.50
323	David Davis Communications	Traffic Camera	\$3,327.00
324	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$1,209.15
325	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$17,514.07
326	Pittsburgh Mulching	Park Mulching	\$3,987.50
327	Trans Associates	Engineering Fees	\$3,726.51

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$225,148.97, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$76,684.73. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of May 2026 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$76,065.60. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of May 2026 was presented to Council. District Justice Guisepppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$650.80 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of May 2026 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann shared his concerns regarding overweight trucks passing through the Borough. Chief Och explained that if a dispatcher sees an overweight truck, they will radio to the officer to stop it. He also stated he has not been able to send an officer to weights and measures training, but will

make it a priority when an additional officer is hired. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of May 2026 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that it was a standard month for public works and that their new employee was working out well. Mr. Hofmann asked if the department liked the mower that the Borough recently purchased and Mrs. Politi stated that they do and it has been a great asset to the department. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of May 2026 was presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. A letter from the residents on Shady Lane regarding problems with their waste collection was received. Assistant Borough Manager, Ms. Amy Brown, explained that these houses have had significant issues with their weekly waste collection and the issues are indicative of larger issues to be discussed regarding Waste Management later in the meeting.
- C. The 2024 Liquid Fuels Audit was received.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Gail Murray – 605 Maple Lane

Mrs. Murray was in attendance to express concerns regarding the prohibition of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity in the Borough. Mr. Hoepp stated the Borough agreed with the Allegheny County Sheriff's Association's directives regarding ICE and Chief Och stated that the department is currently following the District Attorney's directives. Mr. Wilson stated the Borough's officers are concerned with resident safety, not interfering or helping with any ICE operatives that may take place in the Borough. After brief further discussion, Mrs. Murray thanked Council for their time.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 564 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH ZONING RELATING TO THE SCALE OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES: Mrs. Politi stated that approval of this ordinance had previously been tabled while she awaited approval from Allegheny County. She explained that she now had County approval and their comments had already been codified. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mr. Wilson to authorize a roll call vote for the adoption of Ordinance 564 – an Ordinance

amending provisions of the Borough of Edgeworth zoning relating to the scale of accessory structures. Mrs. Politi called the roll and all present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING QVCOG WASTE CONTRACT: Borough intern Ms. McKenzie McNamee explained that she had been working on the confusion that exists surrounding definitions in the current contract and the problems that residents have been experiencing with weekly waste collection. Mrs. Politi stated that she is on the Waste Committee with the QVCOG regarding the upcoming bid. She stated that there will be changes in the way the COG bids the service this year and that Ms. McNamee had been working to obtain an accurate number of backdoor pickups to include. She also explained that the COG is considering a bag limit of 6-10 garbage bags. Mr. Hofmann asked about the possibility of including a once-a-month bulk item pickup or the disposal of household hazardous waste and Mrs. Politi stated these are also options the COG is considering. Mr. Wilson encouraged Mrs. Politi to seek alternatives to the current waste service. Mrs. Politi explained that there will be significant changes in the new contract regardless of which hauler wins the bid. After further discussion, Council thanked Ms. McNamee and Mrs. Politi for the update.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PARTNERSHIP WITH SEWICKLEY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Ms. Brown explained that she had recently found a box of historical photos in the basement of the Borough building. In discovering and sorting through the photos, she stated it is clear they deserve to be shared with the public. She stated she reached out to Mr. Hofmann due to his connection to the Sewickley Valley Historical Society, and he connected her to Amanda Schaffer, director of the society. Ms. Schaffer offered to partner with the Borough to help digitize the photos in a way that can be shared. The Historical Society offers an internship that allows 125 hours' worth of work for a stipend of \$2,000. Mr. Hofmann stated he had stopped by the Borough office to look through the photos and that he supported the partnership. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to approve the internship partnership with the Sewickley Valley Historical Society to digitize historical photos in the amount of \$2,000. All present voted in favor of the motion.

RATIFICATION OF HIRING OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER: Mrs. Politi stated she had discussed the hiring of new Public Works laborer, Mr. Cole Brunton, with Mr. Wilson and that the offer had been approved by the Finance Committee. She explained that the hiring needed to be ratified by Council due to the hourly rate being higher than originally budgeted. She stated that Mr. Brunton will be obtaining his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and that he is fitting in well with the department. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Hofmann to ratify the hiring of Public Works laborer, Mr. Cole Brunton, at a rate of \$25.00/hour, to increase to \$26.00/hour once Mr. Brunton obtains his CDL. All present voted in favor of the motion.

MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mrs. Politi stated the lining of the sewer line on Church Lane was complete and the steps to the manhole were the only outstanding item on the project. She stated that paving had begun with curb and catch basin installation on Way Hollow Road. Mrs. Genter asked why this was not done previously and Mrs. Politi explained that PennDOT would not allow the Borough to complete the work prior to the turnback agreement being finalized.

Mrs. Politi also stated that the sidewalk replacement program had begun. She explained that there were significant problems with how the Borough's Engineer conducted the initial data collection and that she and Ms. Brown had re-walked all the sidewalks marked for replacement and verified the information.

Mrs. Politi stated that the Borough had received initial comments back from PennDOT regarding the replacement of the traffic signal at Beaver Road and Academy Avenue. She explained that there is no

waiver available for the design of the signal and does not appear to be a way to differ from PennDOT's signal design standards. She stated she had been in touch with State Representative Valerie Gaydos' office and that they had reached out to PennDOT as well with the same result. Mr. St. Martin inquired about repairing the existing signal and Mrs. Politi explained that is not possible. Due to the age of the signal, the Borough's service provider for the signal is no longer able to work on it. Mrs. Politi explained that the signal is a known safety issue and there are currently no crossing signals at the intersection. After further discussion, Mr. Hoepp referred the matter to the Streets Committee.

Mrs. Politi went on to explain that the Borough's pension audit had begun and was expected to be complete in approximately one month's time, the new police car was being outfitted, and that the new grading Ordinance was almost complete.

After brief further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Politi for the updates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 8:22 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:52 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager