

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 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, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Rev. Rebecca M. Cartus, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Borough Solicitor Mr. Philip Weis.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of May 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$279,249.62 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$26,981.30 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
260	Trans Associates Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$398.75
261	Axon Enterprise	Taser	\$1,548.50
262	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$1,262.25
263	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Removals and Stump Grinding	\$3,225.00
264	Valero Service	New Vehicle Outfit	\$5,687.12

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 \$279,249.62, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$26,981.30. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of May 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$155,501.42. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of May 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,902.63 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of May 2025 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett noted an increase in people attempting to solicit without a permit and that the department was monitoring the situation closely. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of May 2025 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that the Public Works Department was keeping up with seasonal park maintenance and thanked Cochran Hose Company for assisting in hanging a new American flag at the Borough building. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of May 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. Correspondence from Mrs. Natalie Mueller regarding a Residential Lighting Ordinance was received. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller came before Council to inquire about instituting a Residential Lighting Ordinance. She stated that in October 2024, a neighboring property installed LED lights installed along every level of their residence. Since the lights have been installed, they have constantly been on and flashing day and night. Mrs. Mueller stated that the colors change for different holidays. She stated that the lights create a glow over the house and create a driving distraction, as well as a nuisance for adjacent properties, such as her own. Mrs. Politi explained that there is no language in current Borough Code that prohibits this kind of light display. Mr. Weis asked Mrs. Mueller if she had talked to the neighboring property owner about this issue. Mrs. Mueller stated that she had not and doesn't feel comfortable doing so. Mr. Mueller presented a sample ordinance from the Pennsylvania Outdoor Lighting Council for consideration. Mr. Marlovits reported a similar problem with a residence on Leet Road. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hofmann expressed their support for considering a Residential Lighting Ordinance. Mr. Weis and Mrs. Politi stressed the importance of the wording of any future ordinance so as still to allow residents to put up seasonal lighting decorations. Mr. Hoepf thanked Mr. and Mrs. Mueller for bringing the issue to Council's attention and referred the matter to the Property Committee for further evaluation.

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
Mr. and Mrs. William and Natalie Mueller – 630 East Drive

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION CONCERNING BEAVER ROAD AND ACADEMY AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL:

Mrs. Politi reported that PennDOT approved the temporary solution that was proposed by Traffic Control Systems and the Borough's Traffic Engineer. She stated that this would not be a permanent solution

because the poles do not meet PennDOT's standards, and there are no pedestrian signals included. In order to be more likely to receive ARLE Grant funding, PennDOT recommended that the Borough consider committing to matching funds for the project. Mr. Marlovits asked if Sewickley Borough would be willing to share in the cost of replacement. Mrs. Politi stated that the permit for the signal was granted to Edgeworth Borough, but that she would reach out to Sewickley Borough. Mr. Hofmann expressed concern at the estimated total cost of the replacement and asked if the Borough could replace the signal with a four-way stop. Dr. Smith stated that line-of-sight at the intersection would be challenging for a four-way stop. Mr. Hoepp referenced a previous traffic study commissioned by Sewickley Borough that supported a four-way stop at the intersection. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve a traffic study to consider a four-way stop at the intersection of Beaver Road and Academy Avenue. All present voted in favor of the motion. A second motion was made by Rev. Cartus with a second by Mrs. Larsen to authorize matching funds up to \$206,000 for the ARLE grant application. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 – CONTRACT NO. 24-SW01 – BEAVER ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS: Mrs. Politi explained that this change order was a deduction from the sidewalk contract for Beaver Road pavement restoration. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve Change Order No. 2 for a deduction in the amount of \$12,882.60 for Contract No. 24 – SW01. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 2 – CONTRACT NO 24-SW01 – BEAVER ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS: Mrs. Politi stated that this partial payment request was the majority of the remaining balance and that there will be one final payment request. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Partial Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$228,980.00 to Cronin Enterprises, LLC. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 – CONTRACT NO. 01-24 – REMEDIATION OF BEAVER ROAD RETAINING WALL: Mrs. Politi stated that this change order was a deduction from the wall contract for Beaver Road pavement restoration. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter, to approve Change Order No. 3 for a deduction in the amount of \$11,503.63 for Contract No. 01-24. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 3 – CONTRACT NO. 01-24 – REMEDIATION OF BEAVER ROAD RETAINING WALL: Mrs. Politi stated that this partial payment request was the majority of the remaining balance and that there will be one final payment request. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Rev. Cartus to approve the Partial Payment Request No. 3 in the amount of \$243,514.93 to Access Limited Construction, Inc. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – CONTRACT NO. 25-R01 – 2025 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mrs. Politi stated that this change order covers the paving of both lanes of Beaver Road following the Beaver Road wall restoration. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$42,405.30 for Contract No. 25-R01. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

JULY 4TH BIKE PARADE: Ms. Amy Brown, Assistant Borough Manager, stated that the annual July 4th Bike Parade would once again be held on July 4th, beginning at 10 AM at Edgeworth Elementary School. She added that they plan to give out two new prizes this year, one for Most Patriotic and one for Coolest Helmet. After brief discussion, Council thanked Ms. Brown for the update.

Additionally, Mrs. Politi stated that the pre-construction meeting for the Borough Building ADA Parking project recently took place. During the meeting, wall material was discussed, as the contractor expressed concern with matching the pattern and color of the existing brick building. The contractor asked whether the Borough would consider a cobblestone finish. After brief discussion, Council asked for samples of both materials to be prepared for further consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:18 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:28 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager