

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 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, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Ms. Rebecca Mahr Cartus, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Hoepp stated that there would be a change to the order of the Agenda, and Council would hear the 2025 audit presentation by Maher Duessel, found under New Business.

2025 AUDIT PRESENTATION BY MAHER DUESSEL: Mr. Brian McCall from Maher Duessel provided an overview of the Borough's audit for 2025. Mr. McCall stated that no adjustments were needed and highlighted the Borough's financial stability, including the fully-funded pension plans and the fact that the Borough carries no debt. Council thanked Maher Duessel for their work. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to approve the 2025 Borough Audit performed by Maher Duessel, and to place the legal advertisement in the paper of record as required. All present voted in favor of the motion.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2026 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2026. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2026 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$221,232.54 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$11,368.73 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
306	Griffith	Cylinder	\$1,456.66
307	Home Depot	Snow Blower	\$1,059.00
308	Northern Tool & Equipment	Generators	\$3,999.98
309	Trans Associates	Engineering Fees	\$1,064.00
310	Universal Information Systems	Computer	\$2,005.00
311	Witmer Public Safety Group	Shotguns	\$1,784.09

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$221,232.54, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$11,368.73. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of February 2026 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$5,251.56. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of February 2026 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of 1,188.56 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of February 2026 was presented to Council. Lieutenant Och reported an increase in citations for the month. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of February 2026 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that the department had begun spring maintenance and that all salt orders for the year had been received.. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of February 2026 was not available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mr. Charlie Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. Brian McCall – Maher Duessel
Ms. Shanna Brown – Maher Duessel

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING LICENSE PLATE READER FOR 2026 POLICE CAR: Mrs. Politi explained that with the addition of this plate reader, all cars would now be equipped. The plate reader can be transferred to a new police car in the future. Lieutenant Och reported that officers do use plate readers on every shift. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Ms. Mahr Cartus to approve the purchase of a license plate reader for the 2026 police car in the amount of \$12,435.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2026-02 – APPROVING THE BOROUGH’S PARTICIPATION IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM:

Mrs. Politi explained that the Borough is required to opt-in to this program in order to be eligible for CDBG funding in 2027, 2028, and 2029. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mrs. Genter to adopt Resolution 2026-02 approving the Borough’s participation in Allegheny County’s Community Development Block Grant Program. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING CIVIL SERVICE RULES REVISION: Mrs. Politi explained that it is currently difficult to find qualified candidates to hire for the role of full-time police officer and that the goal of this revision is to attract more applicants. The revised criteria require two years of full-time experience or one year of full-time experience and sixty (60) college credit hours. The Civil Service Commission reviewed the revision and recommended approval. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Civil Service rules revision. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2026-03 – ESTABLISHING PROMOTION CRITERIA FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE:

Mrs. Politi explained that this resolution will allow the Borough to begin the hiring process to fill the position of Chief of Police. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to adopt Resolution 2026-03 establishing promotion criteria for the position of Chief of Police. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MUNICIPAL INTERN PROGRAM UPDATE: Assistant Manager Ms. Amy Brown stated that after completing interviews for the Local Government Academy’s municipal internship program, the residential waste collection assessment and solution development internship had been offered to and accepted by Ms. McKenzie McNamee. Ms. McNamee is a current sophomore studying environmental geoscience at Slippery Rock University. Ms. McNamee has a strong interest in environmental policy and will begin her internship on June 1. After brief discussion, Council thanked Ms. Brown for the update.

2026 EASTER EGG HUNT: Ms. Brown informed Council that the fourth annual Easter egg hunt would take place on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 AM. She stated that they have increased registration this year from 100 children to 125. After brief discussion, Council thanked her for the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:25 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:50 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager