

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 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, Rev. Rebecca M. Cartus, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Borough Solicitor Mr. Philip Weis. Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen participated in the meeting via telephone.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2025 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 18, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hoepp stated that there would be a change to the order of the Agenda, and Council would hear the 2024 audit presentation by Maher Duessel, found under New Business.

2024 AUDIT PRESENTATION BY MAHER DUESSEL: Mr. Brian McCall from Maher Duessel provided an overview of the Borough's audit for 2024. Mr. McCall stated that no adjustments were needed and there had been a smooth transition between Managers. He explained that expenses were following the approved budget closely, with minor increases due to wages and benefits. Mr. Wilson stated that the Finance Committee met with Mr. McCall prior to the meeting and reviewed the audit. He thanked Maher Duessel for their work. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Rev. Cartus to approve the 2024 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.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$206,764.63 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$95,965.79 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
241	Baycom	Police Car Laptops	\$11,251.05
242	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$26,438.90
243	Lehman, John	Retainer Refund	\$1,130.25
244	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$11,057.04
245	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Grinding	\$650.00
246	Trans Associates	Engineering Fees	\$866.25
247	Tri Star Ford	2025 Police Car	\$44,572.30

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$206,764.63, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$95,965.79. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of February 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$0.00. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of February 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guisepe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$789.03 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of February 2025 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett informed Council that the traffic light at the intersection of Academy Avenue and Beaver Road is no longer able to be repaired due to wiring problems underneath Beaver Road and needs replaced in the near future. Mr. Hofmann suggested applying for a grant and Mrs. Politi stated that she would reach out to State Representative Valerie Gaydos' office for potential assistance. Chief Burlett stressed the importance of safety at the intersection. Mr. Hoepf suggested obtaining a quote for the cost to replace the lights. Mrs. Politi will pursue the issue. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of February 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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. David Selleck – 12 Woodland Road
Mr. Jim Miller – Sewickley Academy
Mr. Brian McCall – Maher Duessel

Mr. Hugh St. Martin came before Council in his role as a Board Member at the Leetsdale Municipal Authority to inform them of damage in the sewer line parallel to Ohio River Boulevard at the end of Church Lane. He stated that the debris collected appeared to be construction material. After brief discussion, Council thanked him for the information.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION – WAY HOLLOW ROAD: Mr. David Selleck presented the subdivision application to Council. He is seeking to divide the current 12.5-acre lot at 12 Woodland Road into three lots. The proposed new lots would be developed and have driveway access from Way Hollow Road. Public water and sewer tap-ins are available. Mr. Hofmann expressed his concern regarding the significant grade of the hillside along Way Hollow Road, and Mr. Hoepf advised that any future development would require a retaining wall of considerable height. Mrs. Politi stated that the application had received a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission based on the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Mrs. Larsen asked if there were any additional reasons for seeking the subdivision and Mr. Selleck stated that the intention is to build on the proposed new lots. Mr. Hoepf asked for more details concerning geotechnical engineering tests that had been performed. Mr. Selleck stated his Geotechnical Engineers had dug two dozen pits across the property down twelve to fifteen feet, however they did not hit bedrock. Mr. Selleck acknowledged the potential difficulties with any future development plans and that, while it is not impossible to build on the proposed new lots, it could end up being a very expensive process. Mrs. Politi explained that any further development would require a full review from the Borough's engineers, a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission, and a special exception from the Zoning Hearing Board due to the proposed new lots' location in the Borough's Conservation Overlay District, although there are no current architectural or building plans proposed at this time. After further discussion, Mr. Hoepf directed the matter to the Property Committee for further review.

ACTION CONCERNING WAIVER REQUEST FOR WORKING HOURS FROM SEWICKLEY

ACADEMY: Mr. Jim Miller, representing Sewickley Academy, explained that the Academy is pursuing an extensive interior renovation scheduled for the upcoming summer. He stated that the Academy is requesting a waiver from provisions of Borough Code Section 121-7 regarding working hours. Mr. Miller stated that there would not be a construction trailer or portable restrooms on the property, and that the contractor would use the Beaver Street parking lot as a lay down yard. Mr. Hoepf asked if the contractors would be parking on-site and Mr. Miller stated that they would. Mr. Hofmann expressed his concern regarding noise pollution to neighbors. Mr. Miller stated that all work was taking place inside the building and he did not anticipate any noise pollution. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson that a waiver be granted from Section 121-7 related to contractor working hours. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL POLICE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: Chief Burlett explained that the agreement allows Edgeworth Borough police to have jurisdiction to make an arrest while participating in the West Hills DUI Task Force. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Rev. Cartus to execute the Municipal Police Cooperative Agreement. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING SETTLEMENT: Mrs. Politi stated that a settlement had been reached in the amount of \$17,500. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the settlement in the amount of \$17,500, with the agreement to be finalized by the Borough Manager and Solicitor. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2025 EASTER EGG HUNT: Assistant Borough Manager Amy Brown informed Council that the third annual Easter egg hunt would take place on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 AM. She stated that there is a change in location this year and the hunt would be held at Edgeworth Elementary School. There are

currently 94 children registered out of a possible 100. After brief discussion, Council thanked her for the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 8:22 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:48 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager