

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2023

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. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MS4 TRAINING Mr. Hoepp announced a change in the order of the agenda, and invited Mr. John Valinsky of Lennon Smith Souleret Inc. to present the annual MS4 training for elected officials. Mr. Valinsky presented a slide show with information about the permit cycle, permit requirements and the importance of good housekeeping and pollution prevention related to storm water. After the presentation, Mr. Valinsky opened the floor to questions. Mr. Hofmann asked if certain activities such as street sweeping were considered beneficial under the MS4 program, and emphasized that the Borough cleans our catch basins and streets on a regular schedule. Mr. Valinsky noted that these activities are beneficial and that they are documented in the Borough office. Mayor Smith asked about Little Sewickley Creek, and if it was an impaired waterway. Mr. Valinsky stated that it was not and explained the requirements for the DEP to determine if a waterway was impaired. Council thanked Mr. Valinsky for his presentation.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2023 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 April 18, 2023. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. Mrs. Genter inquired about the status of the transfer from Baird to AndCo. Mr. Schwend stated this was in process and that the new custodian should be in place by August. After brief discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. Mr. Wilson asked about year over year differences in income and expense. Mr. Schwend explained a few of the key expenditures that varied from this year to last. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of May 2023 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$164,365.12 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$29,437.83 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
97	Eisler Nurseries Inc.	Street Trees	\$3,057.00
98	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$540.75
99	Home Depot Credit Svc.	Salt Building Materials	\$673.80
100	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$9,623.48
101	Markl Supply Co	Firearms	\$2,454.30
102	Penn Landscape and Cement	Landscaping	\$3,020.00
103	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Grinding	\$5,350.00
104	Trans Associates Engineering	Engineer Fees	\$922.50
105	Universal Information Systems	Police Computers	\$3,796.00

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$164,365.12, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$29,437.83. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$544.39 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett stated that the QVCOG was awarded a \$100,000.00 grant for license plate readers to be installed throughout the region. He said that Rep. Valerie Gaydos was instrumental in the grant award, and that he and neighboring Police Chiefs would be meeting to prepare a plan for locations for the readers. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of April 2023 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend highlighted that the Borough would be receiving a Purpleair air monitor through the COG to participate in an air monitoring program in the region, and that the hard to recycle event that typically happens at the Quaker Valley High School will not occur in 2023. 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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Hugh St. Martin - 609 Maple Lane
Mr. John Valinsky – Lennon Smith Souleret

Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING HIRING OF ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Mr. Wilson stated that the interview process had been completed for this position, which is being created in order to smoothly transition the Public Works and Building Code Department upon Mr. Fred Gregorich's retirement in early 2024. Mr. Hofmann then stated that he and Mr. Hoepf had the chance to interview the final candidate, Mr. James Vicheck. Mr. Hofmann summarized his interview with Mr. Vicheck, highlighting his past public works experience, past building construction experience and his enthusiasm to attain the certifications for building code official. Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Hoepf felt that this candidate is highly qualified for the position, and will serve the Borough well. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Aloe to create the position of Assistant Public Works Director, and to offer the position to Mr. James Vicheck pursuant to the terms outlined in the employment offer letter dated May 16, 2023. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING FILLING THE VACANCY ON THE ZONING HEARING BOARD: With the resignation of Mr. Genter at the April Council meeting, Council must appoint a replacement to the Zoning Hearing Board. As in past practice, when a Regular Member of the Board resigns, both Alternate Members are asked if they are interested in fulfilling the vacancy. Both alternates, Ms. Robin Pesa and Mr. David McCormish, were interested in filling the vacancy. Mr. Wilson stated that the Personnel Committee and Chair of the Zoning Hearing Board both recommended Mr. McCormish be appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Hofmann stated that he interviewed Mr. McCormish and feels that he has great credentials and will be an asset to the Board for many years to come. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mrs. Genter to appoint Mr. David McCormish to fulfill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board, with a new term ending 12/31/2024. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF BODY AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR F-550 PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK Mr. Schwend stated that the cab and chassis that was previously approved is set for delivery, and it is time to approve the additional upfit of the vehicle. Mr. Schwend presented a proposal from SEI Inc. in the amount of \$45,663.53 to include an aluminum dump body, central hydraulic system and Western Pro Plus snow plow. This equipment matches the setup of our current vehicles, and SEI Inc. provided COSTARS pricing on their quotation. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Larsen to approve the quote from SEI Inc. in the amount of \$45,663.53. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mr. Schwend provided Council with an update on various projects occurring in the Borough, including administrative tasks, public works projects and contracted services. The summary also included necessary appointments to the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate and the Edgeworth Municipal Authority as well. Mr. Wilson asked about the status of the Beaver Road wall project. Mr. Schwend stated that discussions with the neighboring property owners were ongoing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss a legal matter, and returned to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager