

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 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. Philip Weis.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on April 21, 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 April 21, 2026. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of April 2026 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$292,129.55 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$13,382.21 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
316	Allegheny Arborist Solutions	Arborist Fees	\$5,100.00
317	Carter, Megan	Tree Planting Reimbursement	\$1,200.00
318	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$527.95
319	Tall Timber	Limb Removals	\$250.00
320	Trans Associates	Engineering Fees	\$6,304.26

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mr. Hofmann that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$292,129.55, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$13,382.21. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of April 2026 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 April 2026 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,147.23 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of April 2026 was presented to Council. Mr. Wilson inquired about mutual aid requests and Chief Burlett explained that the department had been requested for assistance 14 times and had requested another agency 5 times in the month of April. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Hoepp stated that there would be a change to the order of the Agenda, and Council would take action concerning the Civil Service Commission Certification List, Proposed Chief of Police Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding, and Administration of the Oath of Office for the Chief of Police, all found on the Agenda under New Business.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CERTIFICATION LIST: Mrs. Politi stated that the Civil Service Commission recently met to certify a list of candidates eligible for promotion to the position of Chief of Police upon Chief Burlett's retirement. The Commission determined that one candidate, Lieutenant William Och, was deemed eligible for promotion. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Mahr-Cartus with a second by Mrs. Genter to accept the Civil Service Commission certification list of candidates eligible for promotion to the position of Chief of Police. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PROPOSED CHIEF OF POLICE AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Mr. Hoepp stated that Borough Council had established an employee agreement with the new Chief of Police. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to adopt the Chief of Police Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding as proposed. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE: Mayor Smith administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant William A. Och, becoming Edgeworth Borough Chief of Police effective June 2, 2026. Outgoing Chief John Burlett presented Chief Och with the Edgeworth Borough Police Chief Badge. Council congratulated Chief Och and welcomed him to his new position. Chief Och thanked his many supporters in attendance and thanked Council for the opportunity.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of April 2026 was presented to Council. Ms. Politi announced the passing of Laborer Peter Kovacs and gave an update on the hiring of a new employee. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of April 2026 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were 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. Charlie Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Ms. Barbara Ross – 306 Maple Lane
Ms. Becky Effert – 411 Chestnut Road
Mrs. Mary Ferris – 106 Woodland Road
Mr. Rich Parker – 419 Chestnut Road
Ms. Toni Lekanidis – 304 Challis Lane
Mr. David Pavlakovich – 425 Oliver Road
Ms. Esther Neft – 446 Leet Road
Officer Nick Adrian
Officer Ken Battaglia
Sewickley Officer Darcel Bouyer
Sewickley Sergeant William Hanlon
Ms. Lori Lowry
Mr. Shawn McCann
Mr. Benjamin Wolfson
Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Sandy Ford
Mr. Giuseppe Rosselli
Mr. James Michael

Ms. Amanda Bruges
Mr. Pat Bruges
Mr. Frank Villanueva
Mrs. Michele Och
Mr. Bill Conley
Ms. Nikki Conley
Ms. Jordyn Och
Mr. Ryan Och
Mr. Dylan Och
Ms. Tammy Och Edwards
Ms. Tyler Edwards
Mr. Christian Edwards
Ms. Karen Vita
Ms. Patti Williams
Mr. Perry Vita
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hartman
Ms. Nickie Lodovico

Mr. Rich Parker was in attendance to report a missing streetlight at the corner of Quaker Road and Meadow Lane. Mrs. Politi stated it had come down in a storm and she would check on the status of its replacement.

Mrs. Mary Ferris was in attendance to report a large tree down in Little Sewickley Creek between Beaver Road and Woodland Road that is starting to change the flow of the creek. She is concerned that the creek is eroding towards the road and this will eventually cause road damage. Mrs. Politi thanked her for reporting it and stated she would look into the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 564 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH ZONING RELATING TO THE SCALE OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES: Mr. Hoepp opened the public hearing at 7:40 pm. Mrs. Politi explained that the revisions in this ordinance increase the total allowable square footage for accessory structures on a property, although the requirements for lot coverage and impervious surface will remain the same. She stated that this Ordinance had been reviewed and recommended by both the Property Committee and the Planning Commission, but the Borough has not received a review from Allegheny County yet. She recommended tabling adoption of the Ordinance until County approval has been received. No other comments were received. After brief discussion, Council thanked her for the update. The public hearing closed at 7:45 pm.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION REGARDING RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING: Mr. Marlovits stated the Property Committee had met multiple times to discuss residential lighting, due to the growing trend of permanent, residential accent lighting and a number of complaints the Borough has received. He stated they had discussed whether this is an issue for the Borough and if an Ordinance would look like if it were to be drafted. Ms. Mahr-Cartus suggested sending a survey to Borough residents. Mayor Smith and Mr. Hoepp stated they do not think a survey would be necessary or helpful. Ms. Lekanidis stated that when she had a problem with her neighbor's spotlight in the past, she spoke with her neighbor who then

adjusted their spotlight. She stated she believes enacting a residential lighting Ordinance would be unnecessary. Ms. Ross asked if an Ordinance would apply to seasonal lighting. Mr. Hoepp acknowledged that there are concerns regarding the details of a residential lighting Ordinance and how it would be enforced. Ms. Effert suggested that residents simply discuss issues with their neighbors and that an Ordinance based on a few houses is too extreme. Mr. Parker expressed his support for a residential lighting Ordinance and that too many houses lit with blinking, flashing, or strobing lights would detract from the character of the neighborhood. Mr. Hoepp explained that Council is considering the Ordinance because residents have come before Council to complain. Mr. Lucas stated that the Borough does not have a Nuisance Ordinance, so there is no other way to enforce concerns about distracting lighting. Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Wilson expressed their belief that the Borough should not create an Ordinance for singular issues. After further discussion, the matter was tabled indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING BUILDING GENERATOR: Mrs. Politi stated that Mr. Vicheck had obtained several quotes to replace the building generator and they are over the bid threshold, so the Borough would need to put the project out for bid. Mr. Hoepp asked how many kilowatts the quoted generators were and Mrs. Politi stated they were for 25-kilowatt generators. Outgoing Chief Burlett explained that the current generator only powers the dispatch center. Mr. Hofmann expressed concern over how high the quotes were and Mrs. Politi stated she would look into the matter. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mrs. Genter to put the project of replacing the Borough building generator out for public bid. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC OVERVIEW CAMERA: Mrs. Politi stated that the price of purchasing the traffic overview camera was included in the 2026 budget. Mr. Hoepp asked what exactly would be seen with the camera. Outgoing Chief Burlett stated it would show the entire intersection of Quaker Road and Ohio River Boulevard in all four directions. He explained they could use it to investigate accidents or help locate stolen vehicles but they would not be able to use it to write tickets. He also explained that it would record on a continuous loop and that officers and dispatchers would be able to monitor it at any time. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Hofmann to approve the purchase of a traffic overview camera for the intersection of Quaker Road and Ohio River Boulevard in the amount of \$6,654.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal 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