

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2025

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoeppe presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoeppe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Rev. Rebecca M. Cartus, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of April 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$268,923.58 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$12,852.50 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
255	Eisler Nurseries	Spring Planting	\$1,739.00
256	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$9,227.50
257	Lake Forest Gardens	Beaver Road Wall Plantings	\$1,262.25
258	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Grinding	\$225.00
259	Trans Associates Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$398.75

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 \$268,923.58, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$12,852.50. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of April 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 April 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$2,781.26 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of April 2025 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann complimented the department's continued efforts to increase traffic enforcement. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of April 2025 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that the Public Works Department spent two weeks cleaning up from storm damage in late April and have since returned to their regular duties. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of April 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. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mr. Dave DeNardo – Sewickley Academy
Mr. Jim Miller – Sewickley Academy
Mrs. Ashley Birtwell – Sewickley Academy
Mr. Jake Rodgers – ELA Sport
Mr. Kevin Brett – LSSE Engineers
Mr. Adam Livingston – LSSE Engineers

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT – SEWICKLEY

ACADEMY: Mr. Jim Miller, representing Sewickley Academy, informed Council that their land development application had received a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission, as well as eight variances and one special exception from the Zoning Hearing Board. He stated that they are now seeking approval from Council, as well as a waiver from Borough Ordinance 113-24 B1, regarding the requirement of a sidewalk on Hazel Lane between the entrance to the bus loop and Ohio River Boulevard. There is currently no sidewalk on that side of Hazel Lane, and there is an existing crosswalk for pedestrians to cross Hazel Lane. Mr. Miller explained that they are expanding Frick Field to meet the PIAA regulation size requirements and realigning the bus loop, although the traffic pattern will remain unchanged. These changes will allow Sewickley Academy to move soccer and lacrosse games from Nichols Field on Beaver Road to Frick Field on campus. Mrs. Larsen inquired as to what Nichols Field would be used for in the future. Mr. Miller stated it would still be used for tennis, baseball, and softball. Mr. Miller stated that there are more parking spots on campus than at Nichols Field and that it would relieve congestion on Beaver Road. Mrs. Larsen asked about the timeline for the project, and Mr. Miller answered that they are still in the funding phase. Mr. Hoepf voiced his concern regarding game attendees parking on Borough streets instead of on Sewickley Academy's campus. Mr. Miller stated that the Academy would be proactive in sending out parking maps and informing visiting teams where their spectators should and should not park. Mr. Hofmann stated that Edgeworth Police could post No Parking

signs on Borough streets if parking becomes a problem, and Chief Burlett agreed. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve the application for land development for Sewickley Academy, as well as the waiver from Borough Ordinance 113-24 B1. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-03 APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH: Mrs. Politi stated that the Borough must adopt the Emergency Operations Plan every two years. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Rev. Cartus to approve Resolution 2025-03, approving and adopting an Emergency Operations Plan for the Borough of Edgeworth. All present voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING BEAVER ROAD PAVEMENT RESTORATION: Mrs. Politi explained that Youngblood Paving would be completing the Beaver Road pavement restoration on the southbound lane, in addition to the 2025 paving program. Mr. Adam Livingston and Mr. Kevin Brett, of Lennon Smith Souleret, explained that Cronin is responsible for restoring the pavement four feet from the curb, the trenching, and the saw cutting. Mr. Livingston stated that Cronin Enterprises, Access Limited Construction, and the Borough will share the cost of the pavement restoration in order to ensure that it will be a continuous new roadway, instead of patchwork where there is damage. Mr. Hofmann asked about repaving both lanes. Mrs. Politi stated that the northbound lane had been repaved in 2022. Mr. Brett advised that paving typically lasts approximately 10 years, but both lanes could be paved and would be more cost effective. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits, to pave both lanes of Beaver Road to restore the pavement following the Beaver Road wall restoration. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mrs. Politi provided Council with a brief overview of projects occurring throughout the Borough.

The replacement of portions of the new sidewalk along Beaver Road wall due to spalling, is complete. She stated that 65 feet of handrail sustained storm damage and the replacement of those sections, as well as the installation of the remaining fencing is almost complete.

The Borough's traffic engineer is in discussions with PennDOT regarding potential temporary solutions for the traffic signal at Beaver Road and Academy Avenue, and the Borough will submit an application for ARLE grant funding.

The 2025 paving program is expected to begin in early June.

VS&H Construction has agreed to honor their unit pricing for the ADA parking project at the Borough building, and are waiting for a notice to proceed from Allegheny County.

Mrs. Politi and Mr. Jim Vicheck, Public Works Supervisor, met with PennDOT to discuss drainage options on Way Hollow Road during construction. PennDOT has denied the Borough's request to add two catch basins at the intersection of Way Hollow Road and Woodland Road. Instead, a rock swell and a new catch basin will be installed along the right-hand side of the road. PennDOT will also replace and line the existing pipe that runs under Way Hollow Road, from the new catch basin to the creek.

CurrentHydro is completing two additional ecological studies in order to submit their application for a federal permit to install hydroelectric power at Dashields Dam. The company received appropriate permission from the Borough to do so.

Pizza with the Police will be held on Thursday, August 21st at Sewickley Academy's lower school cafeteria. Ms. Amy Brown, Assistant Borough Manager, stated that they hope to have most Edgeworth officers attend the event.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager