

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2024

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, Rev. Rebecca M. Cartus, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2024 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2024. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann asked whether real estate tax refunds issued this year have exceeded prior years. Mr. Schwend explained that the amount of refunds is on track compared to previous years, and stated that some residents are choosing to appeal their assessments due to changes in the County's common level ratio. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of May 2024 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$279,150.46 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$27,182.25 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
175	Robert Crusan	Arborist Fees	\$2,170.00
176	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$785.50
177	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$23,344.39
178	Matthews International	Memorial Plaque	\$171.00
179	Penn Global Signs & Graphics	Street Sign	\$72.00
180	Valero Service Inc.	LPR Installation	\$639.36

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Rev. Cartus that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$279,150.46, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$27,182.25. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$2,782.99. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,097.42 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett stated that the license plate reader technology would be installed into the police vehicles within the coming week. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the street sign sale was a great success, and a plan will be made for the remaining signs. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of April 2024 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of April 2024 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend noted that the COG will be hosting a local government reception in August, with additional details to follow. 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.
- C. Correspondence was received from Mr. Sean O’Neill, Superintendent of the Edgeworth Municipal Authority regarding updated Environmental Protection Agency water regulations. The Authority is well within compliance of all regulations regarding PFAs, and routine testing shows miniscule amounts of material within the water supply.
- D. Dividend reports were received from the MRM Workers Compensation Pooled Trust and the Property and Liability Trust. Mr. Schwend explained that dividends are allocated based on Borough and overall trust performance as a whole. Mr. Hofmann asked whether the Borough has experienced lost time injuries, and Mr. Schwend stated that no injuries resulting in time off from work have occurred in several years. After discussion, the reports were received and filed.
- E. The Sewickley Public Library Annual Report was received.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. Bill Lang – 617 Maple Lane

OLD BUSINESS:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS: Mr. Marlovits stated that the Property Committee met to review and discuss the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance, including revising the definition of “human occupancy” to mean overnight accommodations, redefining “rear yard” for properties abutting two streets, placing medical and recreational marijuana facilities in the C-2 Zoning District, as well updating provisions on solar shingles and conditional use criteria. Mr. Marlovits stated that the Committee had no additional changes to propose. Mr. Schwend explained that the Borough

Planning Commission and the Allegheny County Planning Commission will review the proposed changes prior to a public hearing and adoption. Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 24-S1 – EAST DRIVE SANITARY SEWER

RELOCATION: Mr. Schwend stated that Jet Jack Inc., the low bidder for the East Drive sanitary sewer relocation project, informed the Borough Engineer that a \$98,000 calculation error was identified in their bid and requested to withdraw. The Borough Engineer investigated the claim and found that an error was indeed made, and they recommend rejecting the bids and placing the project out to bid again with a simpler scope. Mr. Schwend stated that he spoke with the Edgeworth Club and they are amenable to rebidding the project as it will have no adverse impact on the timeline. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to reject all bids for Contract No. 24-S1. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 24-SW01 – BEAVER ROAD SIDEWALK

IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Schwend stated that five bids were received for the Beaver Road sidewalk improvements, with Cronin Enterprises LLC as the apparent low bidder, with a base bid in the amount of \$286,750.00, and with Add Alternate 1 in the amount of \$383,250.00. The base bid includes replacing the sidewalk, curb, and installing Trex-style railing for the length of the Beaver Road wall repair site, while the add alternate includes the full length of the sidewalk to Church Lane. Add alternates two and three were also bid for aluminum railing installation. Mr. Schwend recommended tabling the bid until the total projected cost of the Beaver Road Wall repairs are received, in order to determine whether Add Alternate 1 should be included in the bid award. After discussion, Council took no action.

STREETS COMMITTEE – BEAVER ROAD WALL BIDDING PROCESS: Mr. Schwend stated that the Streets Committee met with the Borough Engineers to discuss the bidding process for the Beaver Road wall. Due to the specialized nature of the project, the Borough Engineers recommended using a design-build process to seek proposals, which requires a company to have in-house engineering staff. Since a very limited number of contractors are qualified to complete the work, it would be beneficial for the Borough to solicit quotes through COSTARS approved contractors rather than using the traditional advertisement process. The Streets Committee recommended this process as well. Mr. Hoepp asked whether any contractor can provide quotes through COSTARS. Mr. Schwend explained that contractors must be eligible and qualified to provide pricing. Mr. Hofmann asked whether multiple qualified contractors are part of COSTARS. Mr. Schwend stated that at least two qualified contractors are part of COSTARS, and others may be as well. After further discussion, a motion was made by Rev. Cartus with a second from Mr. Hofmann to authorize the Borough Manager to solicit proposals for the construction of a soil nail wall along Beaver Road using the COSTARS procurement process. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Additionally, Mr. Hoepp asked about storm damage in Walker Park near Shelter Four. Mr. Schwend explained that the section of streambank has experienced significant erosion in the past year, and the Borough applied for an emergency permit to complete repairs in the area. Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

OTHER BUSINESS: No Other Business was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss a legal matter, and returned to regular session at 7:53 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager