

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2025

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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, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of October 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$284,429.65 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$89,170.84 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
288	VS&H Construction	ADA Parking	\$58,294.62
289	Home Depot	Beaver Road Railing	\$1,436.77
290	Miskevich Masonry	Wall Repair	\$842.35
291	N&N Landscaping	Way Hollow Catch Basins	\$20,120.56
292	Sam's Club	Police Laptop	\$899.00
293	Station Auto Parts	Salt Storage Building	\$867.54
294	Trans Associates	Traffic Study	\$3,344.00
295	Universal Information Systems	Police Computers	\$3,366.00

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 \$284,429.65, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$89,170.84. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of October 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$45,256.79. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of October 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,976.02 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of October 2025 was presented to Council. Mr. Hoepp congratulated Chief Burlett on the department's work on a recent police matter in the Borough. Chief

Burlett thanked several neighboring departments for their assistance in the same matter. Chief Burlett also reported that the department had installed a speed box on Way Hollow Road and begun monitoring the data. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of October 2025 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi reported that the fall leaf collection program is ongoing and will continue through the first week of December. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of October 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.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- C. Correspondence was received from Mrs. Marcia Gordon regarding parking on Oliver Road. Mr. Marlovits stated that there has been a recent influx of young families with children move onto Oliver Road and that the children are often outside playing in driveways and the street. He agreed with Mrs. Gordon that cars parked along Oliver Road obstruct the view of these children and create a potentially dangerous situation. Mr. Hoepf noted that similar requests have been received in recent years, and Council did not wish to create additional parking restrictions. After further discussion, Council took no action on the matter.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane  
Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive  
Ms. Ellen Stevenson – 309 Kenney Drive  
Ms. Devon Murdoch – 105 William Penn Circle

Ms. Ellen Stevenson came before Council to speak about Youth Connect, an organization that impacts the lives of children by utilizing existing programs in the area. She stated a large part of what they do is raise awareness of potential areas of concern for children and that recently, they are reaching out to communities to communicate the dangers of electric bikes and electric scooters. Ms. Stevenson asked that Council consider mailing information to Borough residents about the potential dangers of these activities and the current laws surrounding them. Mrs. Politi stated that the Borough would include the information in their winter newsletter. After further discussion, Council thanked Ms. Stevenson for the information.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING HIGHWAY TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR WAY HOLLOW ROAD: Mrs. Politi stated that this Agreement had been approved at the previous month's meeting but needed to be approved again after PennDOT made changes to the language. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve the Highway Transfer Agreement for Way Hollow Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 562 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE RELATING TO MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS: Mrs. Politi stated that this ordinance eliminated Way Hollow Road as an exception to the Borough's maximum speed limit of 25 MPH. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the adoption of Ordinance 562. All present voted in favor of the motion.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE ORDINANCE UPDATE DISCUSSION: Mr. Marlovits stated that the Committee had made updates to the current Weed Ordinance that will be presented at December's Council meeting. He stated residents will have the ability to apply for a waiver from Council for this Ordinance if they choose to do so. Mr. Marlovits also stated that the Committee is discussing updates to the Zoning Ordinance regarding outdoor lighting, noise levels, and accessory structures, which will be presented at a future meeting. Mrs. Larsen stated that the Committee had discussed a potential ban on gas leaf blowers and decided not to pursue a ban at this time, but had considered modified hours for lawn work. Mr. Harris urged the Committee to reconsider this decision, due to the disruptive nature of gas leaf blowers and their negative impacts on the environment. Mr. Marlovits stated that the Committee would continue to research the topic. After further discussion, Council thanked the Committee for the update.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE BUDGET: Mr. Hofmann stated that the Finance Committee, along with Ms. Politi and Ms. Brown, had recently met to discuss the proposed budget. He stated that the Borough will not be raising property taxes for the twenty-third year in a row. He also mentioned several projects and purchases in the budget for 2026 and highlighted the fact that the Borough has continued to upgrade and improve facilities and infrastructure. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to advertise the 2026 budget as presented. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-08 – REQUESTING A LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT AND DESIGNATING THE BOROUGH MANAGER AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS: Mrs. Politi stated that this Resolution would allow the Borough to apply for a grant that would cover half of the cost of a new salt storage building. She stated the new building would be a 2027 project, with site work taking place in 2026. Mr. Hofmann asked what the Borough would do with the current building. Mrs. Politi stated that the building would be utilized for storage. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve Resolution 2025-08 authorizing requesting a Local Share Assessment grant and designating Mrs. Politi and Mr. Hoepp to execute all related documents. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-09 – ESTABLISHING THE CRITERIA FOR THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM: Mrs. Politi stated that this resolution allows for Borough residents who serve as volunteer firefighters and meet the criteria, to receive a credit on earned income tax and a reduction in real estate tax. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve Resolution 2025-09 establishing criteria for the volunteer service credit program. All present voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:16 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 9:22 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager