

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 18, 2022

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

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on September 20, 2022 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2022. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of October 18, 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of October 2022 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$261,691.00 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$96,144.40 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

48	Bearcom	Police Vehicle Radios	\$1,687.70
49	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$797.50
50	JASE Construction	Beaver Rd. Wall Repair	\$67,300.00
51	L-TRON	Police Vehicle Printer	\$78.92
52	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$18,489.69
53	Motorola Solutions	Body Cameras	\$1,744.00
54	Penn Landscape & Cement	Sidewalk Repair	\$3,480.00
55	Trans Associates Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$2,566.59

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Wilson that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$261,691.00, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$96,144.40. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,966.42 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that fall leaf collection has begun, and the emergency sewer repair at the intersection of Chestnut Road and Pine Road has been completed. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of September 2022 were presented to Council. After review and discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of September 2022 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meetings were received.
- B. Correspondence was received from Ms. Evelyn Rader concerning roaming cats. Mr. Hoepf stated that Council had previously received similar correspondence from Ms. Rader, and asked Mayor Smith to provide a brief summary of the health concerns presented in the correspondence. Mayor Smith outlined the health concerns noted by Ms. Rader, and explained that other animals carry the same diseases and transfer to humans is very rare. Mr. Schwend then provided Council with an email from Mr. William Hough reiterating the conclusions that Mayor Smith presented. Ms. Rader stated that the lack of an ordinance banning roaming cats has caused harm to her property and self, and highlighted environmental wildlife concerns. Ms. Rader presented a petition she circulated in support of enacting an ordinance banning roaming cats. Mr. Hoepf stated that Council previously chose not to consider enacting such an ordinance for reasons including enforceability, feasibility, and relevancy. Council thanked Ms. Rader for her time.
- C. Correspondence was received from Mr. Dan Slagle of Nichols & Slagle Engineering regarding the Chestnut Road sewer blockage. Mr. Schwend reiterated that the Borough cleaned and repaired the sewer line, and no overflow was expected due to the blockage.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Mr. Hugh St. Martin	609 Maple Lane
Mrs. Rebecca Cartus	302 Maple Lane
Ms. Evelyn Rader	206 Quaker Road

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #558 – PROHIBITING PARKING ON CHESTNUT ROAD NEAR MAPLE LANE: After brief discussion, Mr. Aloe made the motion for a roll call vote, with a second from Mr. Marlovits. Mr. Hoepf, Mr. Aloe, Mr. Marlovits, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Genter, and Mrs. Larsen all voted in favor of adopting Ordinance 558 – Prohibiting Parking on Chestnut Road Near Maple Lane.

SEWERS COMMITTEE – EDGEWORTH CLUB POOL: Mr. Aloe stated that the Sewers Committee met with representatives from the Edgeworth Club to discuss options for relocating two sewer lines that run beneath the Edgeworth Club pool. Due to the location of the lines and manholes, the Committee recommended contacting the Borough Engineer to study the existing conditions and design the relocation of the lines prior to the Edgeworth Club's proposed renovations to the site in the coming years. Mr. Schwend stated that the cost of the engineering study and design would be shared evenly by the Edgeworth Club and the Borough, not to exceed \$15,000 in total. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to authorize the Borough Engineer to study and design the relocation of two sewer lines beneath the Edgeworth Club pool, and to share the cost of the design not to exceed \$15,000.00 in total. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING AMENDMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE RULES: Mr. Schwend stated that the Civil Service Commission recently met to review proposed changes to the Civil Service Rules. Proposed changes include modifying the minimum hourly experience requirement from 1,000 to 2,000 hours, including years of experience in lieu of educational requirements, and including language to remain compliant with state law and consistent with testing procedures. Mr. Schwend stated that the Civil Service Commission endorsed all proposed changes. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Larsen to approve the amendments to the Civil Service Rules. All present voted in favor of the motion.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER: Mr. Schwend stated that due to a shortage in the availability of part-time police officers, a need has arisen to advertise for the hiring of a full-time officer. He explained that the Police Committee and Finance Committee will meet to review staffing in the coming weeks, and outlined the process for hiring a full-time officer under the Civil Service Rules. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Marlovits to authorize the advertising of the position of Full-Time Police Officer. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

QUAKER VALLEY COG PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION FOR MR. FRED GREGORICH: Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Gregorich was recently recognized by the Quaker Valley COG for his dedication and commitment to public service in both the Borough and Aleppo Township. Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Hoepf nominated Mr. Gregorich for the award, and the COG Board of Directors approved his nomination. After brief discussion, Council thanked Mr. Gregorich for his commitment to the community and his many years of service.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager