

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2025

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. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Ms. Rebecca Mahr Cartus, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on September 16, 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 September 16, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hoepp stated that there would be a change to the order of the Agenda and Council would hear the Borough Engineer's Annual MS4 Update, found under Other Business.

ANNUAL MS4 UPDATE: Mr. John Valinsky of Lennon Smith Souleret presented information regarding the Borough's MS4 initiatives. He explained that the goal of the MS4 program is to improve water quality and that the Borough Engineer completed the annual MS4 report in September. The Borough's MS4 permit recently renewed in 2025 and will be up again for renewal in 2030. Mr. Valinsky also stated that a new MS4 requirement in the 2030 permit will include a Volume Management Plan, to reduce downstream erosion and flooding. He explained that this new requirement is similar to the previous requirement of a Pollutant Reduction Plan in that both initiatives address sediment concerns in Borough waterways. After brief discussion, Council thanked Mr. Valinsky for the presentation.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of September 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$306,533.75 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$100,688.39 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
279	Cronin Enterprises	Beaver Road Sidewalk	\$22,892.40
280	VS&H Construction	ADA Parking	\$53,657.23
281	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$857.50
282	Lake Forest Gardens	Fall Planting	\$864.00
283	Lehman, Angie	Engineering Retainer Refund	\$586.50
284	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$14,649.36
285	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Grinding and Removal	\$1,550.00
286	Traffic Logix Corporation	Way Hollow Speed Box	\$3,515.00
287	Trans Associates	Engineering Fees	\$2,116.40

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Ms. Mahr Cartus that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$306,533.75, and a

voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$100,688.39. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of September 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$77,979.47. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of September 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,678.85 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of September 2025 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann expressed his satisfaction that the Department's License Plate Readers were utilized to solve a recent attempted crime in the Borough. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of September 2025 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that the department has begun leaf pickup and that it will continue throughout the month. She also stated that she would be meeting with PennDOT representatives for a final walkthrough of the work on Way Hollow Road in preparation for the road to reopen in early December. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of September 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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mueller – 630 East Drive
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sanders – 18 Woodland Road

Mr. and Mrs. Mueller were in attendance to request an update on the discussion regarding residential lighting from the June 17, 2025 Council meeting. Mrs. Mueller stated that the LED light installation on a neighboring property continues to flash day and night and is very disruptive. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders stated that they live across the street from the property and agree that the lights are a nuisance and strobe at all

hours. Mr. Hofmann asked if they had attempted to reach out to their neighbor regarding this issue and Mrs. Mueller stated they had not. Mr. Hoepf asked Mrs. Politi to reach out to the resident and ask if they would be willing to turn their lights off after a certain time of night. Ms. Mahr Cartus stressed the importance of the wording of any future ordinance due to holiday lighting and potential enforcement issues. Mr. Wilson pointed out that this issue had been referred to the Property Committee and Mr. Hoepf asked the Committee to have an update for the November Council meeting. Council thanked Mr. and Mrs. Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Sanders for the update.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-06 – AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE HIGHWAY TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR WAY HOLLOW ROAD: Mrs. Politi stated that this Resolution had been passed previously but needed updated, due to the original resolution listing former Borough Manager John Schwend as the signatory. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve Resolution 2025-06 authorizing Mrs. Politi to execute the highway transfer agreement for Way Hollow Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING HIGHWAY TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR WAY HOLLOW ROAD: Mrs. Politi stated that the Highway Transfer Agreement will turn ownership of Way Hollow Road from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Borough of Edgeworth once the appropriate paperwork has been signed and filed. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve the Highway Transfer Agreement for Way Hollow Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING BEAVER ROAD AND ACADEMY AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL: Mrs. Politi stated that she had received the results of the traffic study completed by the Traffic Engineer regarding the intersection of Beaver Road and Academy Avenue and that the study does not support the option of a four-way stop. She stated that a two-way stop is not conducive, due to high volume traffic in the morning hours and the limited lines of sight at the intersection. Mr. Hofmann asked if Mrs. Politi had contacted Sewickley Borough regarding the matter. Mrs. Politi stated she had recently located the original permit which lists both Edgeworth and Sewickley Boroughs as owners, and she would be reaching out to Sewickley to discuss potential solutions, although Edgeworth has maintained the signal since 1996. Mrs. Politi stated the Borough has applied for two separate grants regarding the signal project and should receive notice in the upcoming Spring. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Politi for the information.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE DRAFT ORDINANCE 562 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE RELATING TO MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS: Mrs. Politi stated that the proposed ordinance eliminates Way Hollow Road as an exception to the Borough's maximum speed limit of 25 MPH. Sewickley Heights is considering a resolution to the same effect. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to authorize the advertisement of Draft Ordinance 562. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-07 – AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SIGN PENNDOT'S WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT: Mrs. Politi stated that this Resolution had been passed previously but needed updated, due to the original resolution listing former Borough Manager John Schwend as the signatory. After brief discussion, a motion was made by

Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve Resolution 2025-07 authorizing Mrs. Politi to execute PennDOT's Winter Maintenance Service Agreement. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PENNDOT'S WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT: Mrs. Politi stated that the Winter Maintenance Service Agreement reimburses the Borough for costs incurred for winter maintenance and plowing activities on state roads in the Borough during the winter months. The agreement has been amended to only include Little Sewickley Creek Road. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second by Rev. Cartus to approve PennDOT's Winter Maintenance Service Agreement. All present voted in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. BRUCE MEYER TO THE EDGEWORTH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD: Mr. Hofmann stated that he had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Meyer and found him to be well-qualified for the position. He stated that Dr. Meyer is excited to be able to give back to his community by serving in this position. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson to appoint Dr. Bruce Meyer to the Edgeworth Municipal Authority Board. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING WASTE MANAGEMENT COLLECTION CONCERNS: Mrs. Politi stated that the Borough has been experiencing numerous issues with Waste Management. She explained that the issues were mostly on the small truck (backdoor pickup) route and that Waste Management has been sending traveling drivers to the Borough, leading to a lack of consistency in pickups. Mrs. Politi also stated that there are discrepancies in which addresses are currently receiving backdoor pickup and which addresses the Borough is paying for backdoor pickup. The Borough's contract with Waste Management is through the QVCOG and expires at the end of 2026. Mrs. Genter asked if the Borough could stop offering backdoor pickup and Mrs. Politi stated that would be discussed in next year's contract negotiations. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Politi for the information.

Additionally, Mr. Hoepf expressed a concern for the safety at the top of Chestnut Road near the line between Edgeworth Borough and Sewickley Heights Borough. He stated there is no sight distance there and cars often travel above the speed limit. Chief Burlett stated there have been no reported accidents in that area but agreed that it can be dangerous. Mrs. Politi stated the re-opening of Way Hollow Road should alleviate some of the extra traffic on Chestnut Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:40 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:56 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager