EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2026

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. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Ms. Rebecca Mahr Cartus, Assistant Borough Manager Amy E. Brown, and Borough Solicitor Mr. Brendan Lucas.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on August 18, 2026 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2026. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of August 2026 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of August 2026 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of August 2026 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of $273,104.83 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of $106,584.78 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

344	David Davis Communications	Traffic Camera	$3,253.20
345	Eisler Landscapes	Spring Planting	$7,419.50
346	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	$12,000.15
347	McConnell, Ian	Sidewalk	$1,044.61
348	N&N Landscaping	Sidewalks	$69,897.92
349	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Grindings	$1,750.00
350	Valero Service	Police Car Upfit	$7,979.40

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Larsen with a second by Mr. Wilson that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of $273,104.83, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of $106,584.78. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of August 2026 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of $47,700.14. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of August 2026 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of $1,368.21 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of August 2026 was presented to Council. Chief Och stated that after the hiring of two new full-time officers and four new part-time officers, his department is fully staffed. He also reported that they had begun the 12-hour schedule on September 1 and

it has been working well so far. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of August 2026 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of August 2026 was presented to Council. Public Works Director Mr. Jim Vicheck stated that the department's recent hire, Mr. Cole Brunton, had received his CDL and that they are preparing for leaf pickup season to begin. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of August 2026 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of August 2026 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of August 2026 was not available.

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. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Lauren Crossett – 13 Little Sewickley Creek Road
Mr. John Dunn – Sewickley
Mr. Richard Sadler – Sadler Excavation
Mr. John Schwend – Gibsonia, PA

Mr. John Dunn was in attendance to ask Council to reconsider their decision not to hang military banners on Beaver Road. He stated that the banners will run from Bellevue to Baden and he would like to include Edgeworth. Mr. Hoepp stated that surrounding communities' banners have more visibility than banners in Edgeworth would have and that there is no sidewalk to view them from on one side of Beaver Road. He also stated that hanging banners would require significant tree trimming on private properties. Mr. Marlovits stated that the Borough plans to update the World War II memorial in Way Park in 2027 and Mrs. Cartus supported this idea by stating that the memorial fits with the character of the neighborhood. After brief further discussion, Council recommended no action be taken.

Mrs. Lauren Crossett of 13 Little Sewickley Creek Road was in attendance to ask Council to consider adding a crosswalk and the intersection of Little Sewickley Creek Road and Beaver Road. She stated that there are many children who live on Little Sewickley Creek Road, many people also use it to walk, run, and bike, and there is no safe way to cross Beaver Road at the intersection. She also stated that there are no sidewalks on that side of Beaver Road, so they are unable to use the crosswalk at Nichols Field either. Ms. Brown stated she would have the Borough's traffic engineer look into a solution. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Crossett for her time.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING SHACOG PURCHASING ALLIANCE ROCK SALT BID: Ms. Brown stated that because of the significant increase in cost from last year's SHACOG price of $88/ton to this year's proposed price of $160/ton, the Quaker Valley Council of Governments has decided to put out its own bid for rock salt. She stated that because it's a smaller number of municipalities than those that participate in SHACOG, the QVCOG was optimistic that they could get a better rate. Ms. Brown then explained that the QVCOG bid opening was not until September 17, 2026, but the Borough had to respond to the SHACOG bid by October 1, 2026. For this reason, approval was needed for the Borough Manager to accept the lowest bid on behalf of Council. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Larsen to allow the Borough Manager to execute an agreement with the lowest bidder for the purchase of rock salt in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING 2027 MMO: Ms. Brown stated that the calculations for the 2027 minimum municipal obligation (MMO) were received from the Borough's actuary. The Borough receives state aid which typically covers a large portion of the funding obligation to the pension plans. The 2027 uniformed pension plan calculation is $66,359, while the non-uniform pension plan does not require a contribution. The MMO Costs will be included in the 2027 budget. Ms. Brown also explained that the $44,330 obligation listed for the non-uniform defined contribution plan reflects payroll contributions that will be made throughout the year, and the Borough will receive state aid credit for the defined contribution aspect of the plan also. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Larsen, with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve the 2027 MMO. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONERNING RESOLUTION 2026-09 – AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE QVCOG 2027-2031 SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ELECTING MUNICIPAL BILLING: Ms. Brown stated that the QVCOG received two bids for the upcoming waste contract from Waste Management and County Hauling and that Waste Management was the low bidder in every category. The bid results in an approximately 15% increase for base curbside service per year. Ms. Brown stated that other changes in the 2027 contract include quarterly household hazardous waste collection, an eight-bag limit per week, and one bulk item collection per month. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Larsen with a second from Ms. Mahr Cartus to adopt Resolution 2026-09 – Authorizing Participation in the QVCOG 2027-2031 Solid Waste and Recycling Contract with Waste Management and Electing Municipal Billing. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 26-E01 – BOROUGH BUILDING GENERATOR REPLACEMENT: Ms. Brown stated that the Borough received four bids for this project and that the low bid was from Merit Electrical Group for $47,970.00. She explained that the Borough Engineer had reviewed the bid and confirmed the price with the contractor. Mr. Vicheck stated that the low bid was in line with other quotes he had received prior to the formal bidding process. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Marlovits to accept the bid from Merit Electrical Group in the amount of $47,970.00 for Contract 26-E01 – Borough Building Generator Replacement. All present voted in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. DEMETRIOS PAPPAN TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS: Ms. Brown stated that the vacancy on the Building Code Board of Appeals was due to a resident moving out of the Borough and that there are strict requirements to sit on the Board. She explained that members must be a registered architect, registered engineer, or have significant

construction experience. She stated that Mr. Vicheck had recommended Mr. Pappan and that Mr. Pappan was happy to accept. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Ms. Mahr-Cartus to appoint Mr. Demetrios Pappan to the Building Code Board of Appeals. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 563 WAIVER REQUEST FROM DR. WILLIAM HOUGH: Ms. Brown explained that Dr. William Hough had received a letter dated June 16, 2026, notifying him that he was in violation of Ordinance 563 regarding weeds on his property at 223 Meadow Lane. Ordinance 563 was passed in January 2026 and allows residents to request a waiver from Borough Council if the property meets certain criteria. Dr. Hough requested a waiver based on his opinion that his yard is a pollinator garden. He was not in attendance. Mr. Wilson suggested contacting a Master Gardener to review the property and give an opinion, but also noted the yard in question appears to be mostly overgrown weeds. After brief further discussion, Mr. Hoepp referred the matter to the Streets and Sanitation Committee.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION UPDATE: Ms. Brown explained that the Borough Arborist had notified the Commission that the cherry trees on Church Lane were infected with a disease called Black Knot and that they would all need to be removed. The Shade Tree Commission had met on August 26 to discuss a removal plan for the 26 trees. Mrs. Politi had obtained a quote from Tall Timber Tree Experts at a price of $200 per tree if half were removed, and $250 per tree if all 26 were removed. Mrs. Larsen suggested planting a diversity of trees to replace the cherry trees, in order to avoid the situation happening again. Ms. Brown stated that the Shade Tree Commission would meet again on October 14 to discuss a replanting plan. After brief further discussion, Council thanked Ms. Brown for the update.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE: Mr. Marlovits stated that the Property Committee had met to discuss military banners and the installation of a chess table in a Borough park. He stated that the Committee was recommending a chess table be installed in the parklet behind the Borough building as part of its renovation in 2027. Ms. Brown stated that she would work with Mr. Charlie Pyle from Sewickley to design a table for Council's approval. After brief discussion, Council thanked Mr. Marlovits for the update.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Amy E. Brown – Assistant Borough Manager