

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 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. 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 August 19, 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 August 19, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of August 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$190,274.63 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$111,496.29 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
273	Access Limited Construction	Beaver Road Wall	\$37,438.20
274	Youngblood Paving	2025 Paving	\$56,306.25
275	Home Depot	Work Bench	\$1,168.20
276	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$10,520.89
277	Carol Regueiro	Engineering Retainer Refund	\$262.75
278	Traffic Control Equipment	Signal Batteries	\$5,800.00

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 \$190,274.63, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$111,496.29. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of August 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$0.00. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of August 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guisepppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$2,167.15 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of August 2025 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett stated that a new speed box would be purchased and installed on Way Hollow Road once the state turns the road over to the Borough. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of August 2025 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that the department has been preparing for the start of leaf pickup. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of August 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. Resignation of Mr. Stephen Dawson-Haggerty from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority Board was received. Council thanked him for his service.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mr. Hugh St. Martin – 609 Maple Lane

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 560 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE VEHICLE OPERATION AND STORAGE ORDINANCE RELATING TO IMPROPER VEHICLE STORAGE: Borough Council began discussion regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Hoepf stated that this ordinance provided the Police Department an additional means of enforcing improper vehicle storage on roadways. No public comments were made. After brief discussion, a motion for a roll call vote was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to adopt Ordinance 560. A roll call vote was taken, with all present members voting unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 561 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ORDINANCE RELATING TO STREET OPENINGS: Borough Council began discussion regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Hoepf asked how this ordinance would affect individual residents who may need to replace sewer or water lines. Mrs. Politi stated that enforcement of the ordinance will be at the discretion of the manager and she is willing to work with residents. She also stated that this ordinance matches Sewickley Borough's guidelines for street openings. No public comments were made. After brief discussion, a motion for a roll call vote was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to adopt Ordinance 561. A roll call vote was taken, with all present members voting unanimously in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING THE 2026 MMO: Mrs. Politi stated that calculations for the 2025 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 2026 uniformed pension plan calculation is \$95,441.00, while the non-uniform pension plan does not require a contribution. The MMO costs will be included in the 2026 budget. Mrs. Politi explained that \$35,747.00 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 Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mrs. Larsen to approve the 2026 MMO. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – CONTRACT NO. 25-MB01 EDGEWORTH BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING ADA PARKING PROJECT: Mrs. Politi stated that this change order included the change in material from a Redi Rock wall to a masonry brick wall and a deduction in number of face feet for the wall. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve Change Order No. 1 for an increase in the amount of \$5,100 for Contract No. 25-MB01. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 1 – CONTRACT NO. 25-MB01 EDGEWORTH BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING ADA PARKING PROJECT: Mrs. Politi stated that this payment request covered the earthwork, construction of the retaining wall, and a portion of the sidewalk work. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Larsen with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve Partial Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$53,657.23 to VS&H Construction. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 3 (FINAL) – CONTRACT NO. 24-SW01 BEAVER ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS: Mrs. Politi stated that the final payment request included installation of a gate around the fire hydrant on Beaver Road and the completion of remaining punch list items. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve the Partial Payment Request No. 3 (Final) in the amount of \$22,892.40 to Cronin Enterprises, LLC. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING ACCESS TO BOROUGH PROPERTY: Mayor Smith stated that he had recently met with State Representative Valerie Gaydos in relation to Rail Safety Week, held September 15-21, 2025, and discussed ways that Edgeworth Borough can make the railways that run through the Borough safer. He stated that the majority of properties along the railway have fencing or other natural barriers in place to discourage pedestrians from approaching the tracks, but two properties do not. Mr. Hofmann asked if the Borough can require those properties to put up fencing. Mr. Lucas stated that the only way the Borough can require fencing is for a new development, and cannot retroactively require businesses to install a fence. Mr. Hofmann then suggested sending the properties without barriers a letter informing them of the potential danger and encouraging them to make a change. Mrs. Politi stated she would reach out to the property owners.

Mayor Smith also brought up safety concerns for the Borough-owned property along the Ohio River, where many residents walk or fish. Access to the property can be hazardous due to continuous truck traffic and flooding after heavy rains. Mr. Lucas suggested installing new, adequate signage on the property, advising pedestrians of the potential risks of walking in the area. After brief further discussion, Council agreed to install new signage and thanked Mayor Smith for the information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:55 p.m., and returned to Regular Session at 8:36 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager