

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 20, 2022

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MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoepf presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepf, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, 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 August 16, 2022 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2022. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of September 20, 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of September 2022 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$170,696.20 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$23,669.28 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

|    |                                |                            |            |
|----|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 41 | Fire Fighter Sales and Service | Fire Alarm Replacement     | \$8,575.00 |
| 42 | Garvin Boward Beitko           | Engineering Fees           | \$1,113.25 |
| 43 | Motorola Solutions             | Dispatch Radio Upgrade     | \$2,722.65 |
| 44 | John Schwend – Reimb.          | Street Sign Post Materials | \$1,500.00 |
| 45 | Square One Associates          | AED's                      | \$6,155.00 |
| 46 | Tall Timber Tree Experts       | Stump Grinding             | \$600.00   |
| 47 | Trans Associates Engineering   | Engineering Fees           | \$3,003.38 |

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$170,696.20, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$23,669.28. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of August 2022 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$787.21 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of August 2022 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett highlighted emergency response trainings that the Police Department will participate in during the coming months. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of August 2022 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of August 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 August 2022 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the July and August Edgeworth Municipal Authority meetings were received.
- B. The Edgeworth Volunteer Fire Relief Corporation Compliance Audit was received.
- C. Correspondence was received from the Edgeworth Club regarding a sewer line running beneath the Club's swimming pool. The Club is requesting to meet with the Streets Committee to discuss options for moving the sewer line. Mr. Schwend explained that the Borough is assessing the sewer line's current condition, and the Streets Committee has agreed to meet with the Edgeworth Club.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. William Lang    | 617 Maple Lane              |
| Mr. Hugh St. Martin | 609 Maple Lane              |
| Mrs. Rebecca Cartus | 302 Maple Lane              |
| Mr. John Poister    | 201 Grant Street, Sewickley |

Mrs. Rebecca Cartus asked Council if solar panels are permitted within the Borough. Mr. Schwend explained that solar panel placement and regulations are included in the Borough's zoning ordinance, and he would review the regulations with Mrs. Cartus.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE #558 – PROHIBITING PARKING ON CHESTNUT ROAD NEAR MAPLE LANE: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough's Traffic Engineer completed a traffic study at the intersection of Chestnut Road and Maple Lane, and recommended that the Borough prohibit parking on Maple Lane within seventy feet of the intersection. Mr. Schwend explained that once the draft ordinance is advertised and approved, No Parking signs would be erected and enforced in the area. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to advertise Draft Ordinance 558 – Prohibiting Parking on Chestnut Road Near Maple Lane. All present voted in favor of the motion.

UPDATE ON PARKING – CHALLIS LANE AND CHESTNUT ROAD: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough's Traffic Engineer is reviewing the intersection of Challis Lane and Chestnut Road, and will perform a pedestrian count and further analysis to determine a best course of action. He explained that options are limited, as prohibiting parking at the intersection would negatively impact residents in the area. Chief Burlett noted that the Edgeworth Elementary School has encouraged parents to pick up students at the front of the school, rather than parking at the intersection. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

SEWICKLEY BOROUGH LIGHT UP NIGHT – REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION: Mr. Schwend renewed discussion regarding Sewickley Borough's request for contributions toward the Light Up Night event. Mayor Smith reiterated his concern with dedicating public funds to the event, as not all residents may attend. Mr. Hofmann agreed with Mayor Smith, and recommended notifying residents of the option to contribute individually and offer support to the event. Mr. Wilson suggested creating a donation request form for any future contribution requests. After further discussion, Council agreed to decline the request for contributions to the Sewickley Borough Light Up Night.

STREETS COMMITTEE – BEAVER ROAD WALL GEOTECHNICAL PROPOSAL: Mr. Aloe stated that the Streets Committee met to review the Garvin, Boward, Beitko Engineering, Inc. proposal for core borings and slope stability analysis on the Beaver Road Wall. The Committee recommended accepting the proposal, in the amount of \$25,641.50, pending review and comment from the Borough Solicitor. Mr. Aloe noted that the analysis and results from the core borings will be useful in determining the best course of action for permanent repair to the wall. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Genter to accept the proposal from Garvin, Boward Beitko Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$25,641.50 for core borings and slope stability analysis on the Beaver Road Wall. All present voted in favor of the motion.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING QUAKER VALLEY COG MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT: Mr. Schwend stated that police departments in the Quaker Valley COG have drafted a mutual aid agreement for police response and coordination. He explained that the Borough's Police Department already provides and receives mutual aid, however some COG communities that were not part of the existing agreement wished to join. The Borough Solicitor has reviewed the agreement, and noted no concern. Chief Burlett expressed his support for the agreement, and stated that mutual aid allows police departments to effectively and efficiently respond to incidents. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Larsen to adopt the Quaker Valley COG mutual aid agreement. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE LIFT: Mr. Schwend stated that the purchase of a public works vehicle lift was included in the Scheduled Expenditures budget. Mohawk Lifts, LLC, a member of COSTARS, has provided a quote for an 18,000lb lift in the amount of \$22,735.46. Mr. Schwend noted that the vehicle lift will be able to accommodate a loaded Public Works vehicle in need of routine or emergency repair. Mr. Hofmann expressed support for the purchase, and highlighted the importance of employee safety and efficiency. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to approve the purchase of a public works vehicle lift in the amount of \$22,735.46 from Mohawk Lifts, LLC. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF 2023 POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE: Mr. Schwend stated that a new police vehicle is scheduled to be purchased in 2023, however manufacturers have extended lead times and imposed deadlines for orders due to supply chain issues. Mr. Schwend recommended ordering the vehicle now in order to receive it in 2023. The cost of the vehicle, as provided by Whitmoyer

Ford with COSTARS pricing, is \$39,000.00, to be included in the 2023 Scheduled Expenditures budget. Mr. Schwend noted that the price does not include the cost of necessary upfitting or equipment installation, which will be completed after the vehicle is delivered. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Ford police utility vehicle from Whitmoyer Auto Group in the amount of \$39,000.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING 2023 MMO: Mr. Schwend stated that the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) for the Borough pension plan has been calculated by the Borough's actuary. He explained that the Borough will receive state aid that typically covers a large portion of obligated funding contributions. The 2023 MMO actuarial calculations for the uniformed pension plan is \$31,410, and the non-uniformed pension plan is \$43,080. Mr. Schwend stated that this MMO will be included in the 2023 budget. Mrs. Genter asked whether the creation of the defined contribution component of the non-uniformed pension plan impacts the MMO calculation. Mr. Schwend stated that while administrative costs will decrease, the estimated contribution remains similar to what costs would be with the added defined contribution component. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mrs. Larsen to approve the 2023 MMO. All present voted in favor of the motion.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

LSA GRANT APPLICATION – LOCAL MATCH FUNDING COMMITMENT LETTER: Mr. Schwend stated that in order for the Borough's LSA grant application seeking \$1 million for Beaver Road Wall Improvements to be fully considered, a matching commitment must be made by the Borough. He explained that the Borough would agree to fund the project to its completion if the total cost of the project exceeds the grant awarded. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to send the local match funding commitment letter for the Borough's LSA grant application for the Beaver Road Wall Improvements. All present voted in favor of the motion.

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY: In recognition of their fifty years of service, Mayor Smith read the following proclamation into the record:

***WHEREAS,** The Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority ("QVAA") has provided EMS & Medical transportation services to the region since 1974; and*

***WHEREAS,** The QVAA currently provides lifesaving emergency services for Aleppo Township, Bell Acres Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Glenfield Borough, Leet Township, Leetsdale Borough, Haysville Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Sewickley Borough, and Sewickley Heights Borough; and*

***WHEREAS,** over the last 5 decades, what began as a volunteer emergency service has developed into a highly technical EMS and medical transportation system staffed by more than fifty dedicated professional paramedics, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers, and office personnel; and*

***WHEREAS,** All QVAA Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians are certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and attend rigorous continuing education classes throughout the year; and*

***WHEREAS,** every year on a 24 hour & 365 day basis, the QVAA responds to more than 2,000 ambulance calls and provides approximately 1,250 wheelchair van transports; and*

***WHEREAS,** the QVAA provides comprehensive certified training programs including CPR, First Aid, and "Stop the Bleed Training" to members of the public and local public safety agencies including local police and fire departments; and*

***WHEREAS,** it is essential and proper to recognize the tremendous impact of the community service that the QVAA provides to our region.*

***NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary L. Smith, Mayor of the Borough of Edgeworth, on behalf of the Council of the Borough of Edgeworth, do hereby recognize the QVAA's staff, officials, and volunteers for providing such an invaluable public service to the residents of the Borough of Edgeworth.***

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Genter to recognize the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority for their fifty years of dedication and service to the Borough. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Additionally, Mr. Schwend stated that Borough had discovered a sink hole developing under the intersection of Chestnut Road and Pine Road, due to a broken pipe from a catch basin washing away the area around a manhole. The Borough Engineer was notified and assessed the area, and recommended an emergency repair to remediate the issue. Stefanick's Next Generation Contracting provided an estimated repair cost not to exceed \$35,000.00, and can begin work in the area within a matter of days. Mr. Schwend stated that the intersection has been closed to all traffic to protect the safety of motorists and pedestrians. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to authorize the emergency repair at the intersection of Chestnut Road and Pine Road in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 from Stefanick's Next Generation Contracting. All present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager