

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2018

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, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Mrs. Carrie Duffield, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, Mayor Gary L. Smith and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2018 were presented to Council. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2018. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of March 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of April 17, 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of March 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend noted the strong housing market, highlighting the steady real estate transfer tax revenue for 2018. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of April 2018 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$203,224.37 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$43,127.85 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6255	Mark & Annie Gensheimer	Sidewalk Repair Refund	\$975.00
6256	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$4,530.85
6257	Parking Lot Paving Company	Beaver Road Line Painting	\$3,150.00
6258	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Pruning & stump removal	\$10,495.00
6259	WatchGuard Video	Boro Bldg. Security System	\$23,089.00
6260	Mahala Office Furniture	Office Chairs	\$888.00
6261	Turner Tractor Inc.	Public Works Trailer	\$2,165.00

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$203,224.37 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$43,127.85. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of March 2018 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of March 2018 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of

\$790.45 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of March 2018 was presented to Council. Chief English discussed an opioid information session that he and Mayor Smith attended, highlighting the thoughtful content discussed. Chief English also discussed the new camera and voice recording equipment that had been installed in the police vehicles. After further discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of March 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of March 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that street sweeping would commence in May, highlighting that a reverse 911 call would be issued 48 hours prior to the project beginning. Mr. Schwend also noted that leaf collection would conclude on the week of April 20th. After some discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of March 2018 were presented to Council. After some discussion these reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Schwend opened the meeting for public comment on the topic of stormwater. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: for the month of March 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the Edgeworth Police Department will be assisting with traffic control at the Quaker Valley Council of Government's hard to recycle event on June 30, 2018. After further discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Mr. John Orndorff representing the Ohio River Trail Council sent Borough Council a PowerPoint presentation and letter asking for Edgeworth's support in Crescent and Moon Township's effort to acquire a bicycle connectivity grant through the Active Allegheny Grant Program. Mr. Marlovits thanked Mr. Orndorff for his tenacity regarding connected trail initiatives and bike safety, but expressed his concerns regarding bike trail expansion in Edgeworth, highlighting the current infrastructure as a hindrance. After further discussion, Borough Council directed Mr. Schwend to write a letter to Mr. Orndorff politely declining to support the grant request at this time.
- B. Minutes & the 2017 Edgeworth Municipal Authority Financial Report were received and filed. Mr. Schwend stated that he had written a letter, at the behest of Borough Council, supporting the Edgeworth Municipal Authority and Ambridge Reservoir's efforts to oppose the issuance of the required DEP permits for the proposed Falcon Pipeline. Mr. Aloe voiced his concerns regarding opposition to the proposed pipeline, highlighting the need for more time and greater factual transparency. Mrs. Duffield voiced her support for the letter, highlighting the need to preserve the Borough's access to safe drinkable water from the Ambridge Reservoir. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Duffield to send the letter supporting the Edgeworth Municipal Authority and the Ambridge Reservoir to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

- C. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Aloe inquired regarding an upcoming reimbursement negotiation concerning street repairs in Leetsdale emanating from damages that may have occurred during the 2010 sewer plant expansion. Borough Council directed Mr. Schwend to write the LMA seeking further information concerning the matter.
- D. Correspondence was received from PennDOT concerning the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program. Mr. Schwend stated that Edgeworth's ARLE grant application to upgrade the signal box at the Academy Avenue traffic signal was denied for the second consecutive year. Mr. Aloe inquired if the Borough could apply for the grant again. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough could apply for the grant on a yearly basis at no cost.
- E. Correspondence was received from Mr. Bernard John concerning his resignation from the Edgeworth Zoning Hearing Board and Civil Service Commission. Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. John's employer requested that he resign due to potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Schwend discussed the procedure for finding new members for both the Zoning Hearing Board and the Civil Service Commission. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to accept the resignation of Mr. Bernard John from the Edgeworth Zoning Hearing Board and Civil Service Commission. The motion was unanimously carried.
- F. Correspondence was received from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs recognizing Edgeworth Borough's website. Mr. Schwend stated that Borough received recognition from PSAB for its website, earning second place in the statewide contest. The website was praised for its content and design. Borough Council thanked Mr. Patrick Connors for his hard work and dedication to the website.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Mr. William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Mr. Jonathan D'Antonio	420 Oliver Road
Mr. Dave Thimons	422 Oliver Road

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING ORDINANCE NO. 550 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH CODE CHAPTER 121 – VEHICLE OPERATION AND STORAGE, TO RESTRICT STORAGE OF ROLL-OFF DUMPSTERS, STORAGE CONTAINERS AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CONTACTOR WORK: President Hoepf opened discussion regarding proposed Ordinance 550. Mr. Schwend mentioned the need to alert contractors and residents of the new contractor work hours on Fridays and Saturdays. Chief English suggested putting an article in the quarterly newsletter concerning the change. Chief English also stated that he would be directing the Police Department to communicate with contractors immediately to alert them of the change. After some further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits to bring Ordinance No. 550 to a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken, with all Council members voting in the affirmative, enacting Ordinance No. 550.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018-2019 ROCK SALT AGREEMENT – THIRD OPTION YEAR: Mr. Schwend began discussion by stating that the Borough would need to enact the third year option for the 2018-2019 Rock Salt Agreement through Cargill Inc. by May 1st if the Borough wishes to continue its partnership with Cargill.

According to Mr. Schwend, SHACOG will rebid the rock salt contract in 2019. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to exercise the third year option for the 2018-2019 Rock Salt Agreement. The motion was unanimously carried.

ACTION CONCERNING PROPOSED PROCLAMATION 2018-02 RECOGNIZING APRIL 8-14, 2018 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: Mr. Schwend stated that the Sewickley Library had requested that Edgeworth recognize National Library Week to help stimulate interest in library activities. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Hoepf adopting Proclamation 2018-02 recognizing National Library Week. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – ROOT COLLAR EXCAVATIONS: Mr. Marlovits stated that the Shade Tree Commission reviewed and recommended root collar excavations as an additional maintenance tool to help verify the root health of Borough Shade Trees that exhibit signs of disease and decay. Mr. Marlovits discussed the practice of root collar excavations, highlighting their use as a preservation tool. Mr. Schwend stated that without performing this test, the Borough Arborist would condemn any shade tree that has a fruiting (fungal) body at its base. This test, according to Mr. Schwend, will allow for confirmation of poor root health prior to condemnation. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to award the bid for the root collar excavation of five Borough Street Trees to Horhut Tree Experts in the amount of \$1,450.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

DIGITAL DOCUMENT SOLUTION PROPOSALS: Mr. Schwend stated that he had acquired three bids pursuant to the request of Borough Council for document digitization solutions. Mr. Schwend stated that Universal Information Systems, Precision Copying, and Toshiba had all presented unique software and hardware solutions. Mr. Schwend emphasized the Toshiba-Docuware solution as the most user friendly program with local customer service and IT specialists. Mr. Schwend presented Borough Council with two proposals from Toshiba, including a cloud-based storage solution and an on premise server solution. Mrs. Genter and Mr. Wilson voiced their support for the cloud-based solution, highlighting less overhead and frequent available updates. Mr. Schwend stated that public access to documents on the cloud would be developed in the near future as well. Mr. Hofmann recommended that the Police Dispatchers be trained to use the document scanning hardware/software to expedite archiving past records. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to accept the proposal from Toshiba/Docuware in the amount of \$7,980.00 for the initial investment and first annual fee. The motion was unanimously carried.

STREETS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Aloe discussed the Streets Committee findings and recommendations, highlighting a split decision regarding the Beaver Road Wall repair. Mr. Hoepf highlighted a general consensus among Borough Council concerning the need for the repair, but encouraged an open dialogue regarding the wall's finish and aesthetic look, i.e. regular concrete finish or dyed and stamped concrete. Mr. Dave Thimons of 422 Oliver Road discussed his concern regarding the timeline of the wall repair. Mr. Thimons stated that he would like to work with the Borough to expedite the repair. Mr. Thimons articulated his concerns with a plain concrete finish to the portion of the wall adjacent to his property and expressed his desire for the repair to look similar to the current wall. Mr. Hofmann stated that the aesthetics of the wall would only be viewed by the residents abutting the wall and highlighted the Borough's responsibility to maintain the structural stability of the wall, not its aesthetics. Mr. Hofmann expressed his concern regarding the increased cost of dying and stamping the wall, highlighting the need to pursue the most cost effective solution. Mr. Aloe also emphasized the need for structural stability and discussed less expensive repair techniques including the continued use of gabion baskets. Mr. Hoepf highlighted the Borough Engineer's professional recommendation of a soil nail wall

and emphasized the need to agree upon a solution as soon as possible. Mayor Smith stated that in his opinion, the Borough has historically done the right thing for all of its residents and expressed his support to maintain the uniform aesthetic look for all neighbors abutting the wall. Mr. Jonathan D'Antonio of 420 Oliver Road expressed his desire for the quickest and most proper repair strategy and stated that he would voluntarily provide access to his backyard and Right-of-Way to ensure the project moved along quickly. Mr. D'Antonio also highlighted his family's frequent use of their backyard and requested that the wall retain a similar look after the repair. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to direct the Borough Engineer to prepare a request for proposals for a soil nail wall, with a dyed and stamped finish to be installed along Beaver Road on the portion of the wall adjacent to 422 Oliver Road, with an alternate RFP to include the portion of the wall adjacent to 420 Oliver Road. The motion passed with Mr. Aloe, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hoepf, Mr. Marlovits, Mrs. Duffield, and Mrs. Genter all voting in the affirmative with Mr. Hofmann voting nay.

Mr. Aloe also discussed the Streets Committee's recommendation concerning the proposed adoption of Poia Road as a public road, stating that the Committee recommended action only if the residents brought Poia Road up to the Borough Engineer's designated standards for a public road. The Committee recommended that if the residents agree to bring the road up to public status, the Borough should replace the public sewer system and contribute a portion of the road restoration from the sewer installation towards the residents' road restoration project. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second by Mr. Aloe to accept the recommendation of the Streets Committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Aloe discussed the final Streets Committee recommendation involving a request from Mrs. Andrea Stiegel of 442 Woodland Road to have sewer access extended to her property. According to Mr. Schwend, the closest public sewer is located at the top of Woodland Road near 445 Woodland Road. Mr. Schwend stated that a force main system would be needed to provide Mrs. Stiegel with public sewer access. Borough Council expressed the need for all residents along Woodland Road Extension to advocate for public sewer access before such a project would be considered. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Genter to assign the Borough Engineer a feasibility study to gain an opinion of probable cost for a sewer extension if all residents along Woodland Road Extension requested access to public sewage. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel & legal matter at 9:10 p.m., and returned to regular session at 9:24 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary