

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2018

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoeppe presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoeppe, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Ms. Carrie Duffield, 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 May 15, 2018 were presented to Council. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2018. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of June 19, 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of May 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann commented on the year over year increase in earned income tax revenue. Mrs. Genter inquired regarding the high yearly expenditure for the part-time Public Works laborer line item. Mr. Schwend explained that the Public Works Department has been short one full time laborer from being fully staffed this year and has implemented a part-time laborer into the schedule. Mr. Schwend stated that the current part-time Public Works laborer, Mr. Nolan Flynn has received his temporary CDL permit and would be pursuing his CDL license to complete the requirements for becoming a full-time laborer. Mr. Schwend stated that he would be monitoring Mr. Flynn's progress and would possibly request consideration for Council to hire Mr. Flynn on a full-time basis. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of June 2018 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$206,508.90 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$101,473.93 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6271	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Services	\$904.25
6272	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Services	\$2,110.02
6273	M & M Uniforms	Police Uniforms	\$1,249.00
6274	Penn Landscape & Cement	2017 Sidewalk Program	\$7,168.52
6275	Stefanik's Next Generation	Sewer Extension Project	\$68,813.10
6276	Horizon Information Systems	Borough Bldg. Cameras	\$21,881.00

Mrs. Genter inquired regarding two invoices made payable to MRM Insurance. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough would be paying its yearly obligation for both the professional liability insurance and the general umbrella insurance (automotive, property, etc.) Mr. Schwend highlighted that the Borough has annually received a dividend check

from MRM based on its good standing and limited claims. Mr. Hofmann commended the Borough for its safety oriented work environment and recommended an event to recognize the staff for its commitment to safe work practices. After further 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 \$206,508.90 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$101,473.93. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of May 2018 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,161.72 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of May 2018 was presented to Council. Mayor Smith noted that Chief English was unable to attend the Council meeting because he was attending a state Chief of Police Conference. After some discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of May 2018 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of May 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. Mr. Hofmann inquired regarding the development of a catch basin monitoring program. Mr. Connors and Mr. Schwend discussed the GIS based program, developed with the assistance of the Borough Engineer, and explained that the program would inventory all Borough catch basin maintenance digitally, eliminating the current paper forms that are currently in use. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: for the month of May 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend highlighted the upcoming hard-to-recycle event that would be held at the Quaker Valley High School on June 30, 2018. Mr. Hofmann expressed his desire to have more frequent hard to recycle events for the convenience of Borough residents. President Hoepp inquired regarding Sewickley Borough's resignation from the COG. Borough Council expressed their apprehension with the COG's direction, highlighting the new bylaws and a potential dues increase. Mr. Schwend stated that he would be attending the COG's upcoming Board of Directors meeting on June 20, 2018 and would relay any pertinent information to Borough Council. This report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received.

- C. Correspondence was received from Van Allen, LLC concerning a tax exception appeal by Norfolk Southern.
- D. Correspondence was received from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) concerning the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule. Mr. Schwend stated that in the prior year all municipalities within the Commonwealth had received a downgraded grading score because the Pennsylvania Legislature had not adopted the most recent Universal Construction Code. Borough Engineer Mr. Kevin Brett stated that Legislature is working to and likely would adopt the 2015 UCC code during the current session. Mr. Schwend concluded by stating that the ISO would not be downgrading municipal ratings in 2018.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Mrs. Gail Murray	605 Maple Lane
Mr. Kevin Brett	Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering, Inc.

Mrs. Gail Murray of 605 Maple Lane came before Council to discuss her concerns regarding the petrochemical and resource extraction industries in the Pittsburgh region. Mrs. Murray began by thanking Borough Council for joining surrounding municipal entities in writing a letter expressing concern with the proposed Falcon One pipeline due to its proximity to the Ambridge Reservoir. Mrs. Murray continued by referencing numerous scientific studies linking hydraulic fracturing and detrimental health effects. Mrs. Murray concluded by inviting all Borough officials to a zoning seminar that would be held on June 20, 2018 at the Sewickley United Methodist Church. According to Mrs. Murray, the seminar would focus on municipal zoning strategies and current legislation regarding the resource extraction industries.

OLD BUSINESS:

BEAVER ROAD WALL UPDATE: Mr. Schwend stated that right-of-way agreements were being finalized for the Beaver Road wall repair. Mr. Schwend highlighted that the advertisement for the bidding process would be placed in subsequent Friday editions of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette with a formal bid-opening taking place on July 13, 2018. Mr. Schwend also briefly discussed the three separate bid segments that are required for the project. Mr. Schwend concluded by stating that he anticipated Borough Council could take action on awarding the bid at the July Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS – LENNON SMITH SOULERET ENGINEERING, INC: Borough Engineer, Mr. Kevin Brett came before Council and all members in the audience for the annual training on the MS4 program and to discuss various changes for the upcoming permit. Mr. Brett highlighted that the Borough maintains an individual MS4 permit. Mr. Brett stated that the Borough Engineers would be completing the application and developing an initial Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) prior to the October 2, 2018 deadline. Mr. Brett explained that the proposed PRP will need to be advertised and adopted in a public meeting to meet PA DEP guidelines. Mr. Brett stated that stream bank restoration projects and rain gardens would be developed throughout the Borough within its PRP. Mr. Brett discussed all six Minimum Control Measures and best practices with Council and concluded by reviewing various fee increases anticipated for the new permit cycle.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR CONTRACT NO. 14-S1 – LITTLE SEWICKLEY CREEK ROAD SEWER EXTENSION: Mr. Schwend stated that the Little Sewickley

Sewer line extension project was drawing to its conclusion, highlighting lawn restorations as one of the outstanding tasks. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineer recommended making a partial payment to Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting for contract No. 14-S1 while withholding a portion of the remaining payment until all work is finalized and reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve partial payment No. 1 for Contract No. 14-S1 in the amount of \$68,813.10 to Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting. The motion was unanimously carried by all in attendance.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT WEINBERG TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD: Mr. Hofmann stated that the Personnel Committee had reviewed the credentials and interviewed Mr. Robert Weinberg to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Hofmann discussed Mr. Weinberg's experience as an attorney and highlighted that he was eager to become involved within the community. Mr. Hofmann concluded by stating that the Personnel Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Robert Weinberg to the Zoning Hearing Board. After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to appoint Mr. Weinberg to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term ending December 31, 2019. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

WALKER PARK TRAIL CREEK CROSSING: Mr. Schwend discussed the stepping stones that were proposed to be installed on the trail adjacent to Shelter #4 in Walker Park. Mr. Schwend stated that the original DEP Permit for the installation had expired but was granted an extension through the end of 2018. Mr. Schwend stated that he had acquired estimates, one for consultation and one for installation of the eleven trail stones. Borough Council voiced their apprehension for the proposed installation proposal questioning the benefit of installing the stepping stones versus the cost. Mr. Schwend stated that the installation of the trail crossing could only occur during a limited time frame due to Trout spawning during the spring, fall, and winter months. Mr. Hofmann expressed his interest in connecting the entire trail system in Walker Park, but did not want to spend an excessive amount of Borough funds to build a crossing that doesn't connect to other trails in the Park. After further discussion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting.

WALKER PARK RESTROOM SCREENING: Mr. Schwend stated that a design had been prepared to develop a natural screening and planting program in order to make the area around the new restroom facilities in Walker Park more visually appealing. Mr. Schwend proceeded to present the various species of trees and shrubbery through a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Schwend also discussed various cost saving measures for the initial proposal including a reduction of the total number of plantings. Mrs. Genter recommended having smaller trees planted to reduce the overall cost of the project. Mr. Aloe stated that the proposed landscape design provided an immediate solution for the restroom aesthetics and would be an investment in the Borough's park infrastructure that would benefit all who use the park and would pay dividends for many years to come. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mrs. Genter to award the Walker Park restroom planting project to Rabold's Nursery in the amount of \$16,812.00. Mr. Aloe, Mrs. Genter, & Mr. Hoopp all voted in the affirmative while Mr. Hofmann, Mrs. Duffield, and Mr. Marlovits all voted nay. With the vote being a 3-3 tie, Mayor Smith exercised a vote in the affirmative propelling the measure forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:45 p.m., and returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary