

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 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. Daniel S. Wilson, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, 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 June 19, 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 June 19, 2018. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of July 2018 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$143,425.75 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$105,964.61 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6277	Cranberry Supply Co	Salt Storage Shed	\$528.31
6278	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineer Services	\$6,090.25
6279	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineer Services	\$11,816.10
6280	Urban Forestry Consultants	Arborist Services	\$4,536.95
6281	Woltz & Wind Ford Inc.	2018 Ford Dump Truck	\$82,993.00

Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough had purchased a 2018 Ford F-550 dump truck from Woltz & Wind Ford in the amount of \$82,993.00 and that it was scheduled to be delivered within the next week. Mr. Schwend highlighted that the original proposal included a trade in offer in the amount of \$12,000 from Woltz & Wind Ford, but the Borough accepted a higher offer in the amount of \$15,100 from a private party buyer on Municibid. Borough Council commended the strategy of selling the former vehicle. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Wilson that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$143,425.75 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$105,964.61. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of June 2018 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,387.90 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of June 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Hofmann complimented the Police Department on their vigilance for intercepting materials that were being illegally dumped at the recycle center. Chief English discussed an Allegheny County proposal to form a civilian review board that would review municipal police department conduct during noteworthy cases. Chief English stated that he and other municipal police departments were apprehensive regarding the formation of this board and voiced his support for reviews being conducted within each respective department across the County. Borough Council expressed their support for the Chief's position. After some discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of June 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the Public Works Department began installing new stop signs and street signs along Beaver Road. Mr. Hofmann complimented their aesthetics, but highlighted that the combination of the selected colors and abundant sunlight made the Edgeworth logo difficult to read at times throughout the day. Mr. Schwend stated that he would look into fixing this issue. After further discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of June 2018 were presented to Council. After some discussion these reports were ordered received and filed. Borough Council briefly discussed their concerns with the upcoming slate of zoning hearings that would take place on July 18, 2018. Mr. Hofmann highlighted the virtue of the Borough's zoning ordinance and emphasized the need to enforce/maintain it on a more frequent basis. Borough Council expressed their concerns with variances being granted and the adverse impacts that those choices may have on future residents. Borough Council directed Mr. Schwend to relay their apprehensions during the hearing.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Schwend opened the meeting for public comment on the topic of stormwater. Mr. Schwend commented that the CharWest COG vector truck came through the Borough to clean various catch basins and placed all appropriate materials in a lined MS4 dumpster which was collected by Waste Management. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: for the month of June 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend discussed the state of the Quaker Valley Council of Governments and commented regarding the coming year's budget for the COG. Borough Council inquired regarding the Borough's future membership status. Mr. Schwend stated that he would recommend remaining a member for the immediate future and re-evaluate after the 2019 dues and budget are established. Mr. Schwend highlighted various benefits that the Borough receives from being a member, including the GIS package as well as waste collection and road salt joint-purchasing/bidding. Mr. Schwend concluded by stating that the Edgeworth Municipal Authority had secured a CDBG grant in the amount of \$282,750 with the assistance of the QVCOG for a water line replacement on Victory Road in Leetsdale Borough. After further discussion, the 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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following visitors were present:

Mr. Joseph Boward	Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering
Mr. William Lang	617 Maple Lane

OLD BUSINESS:

WALKER PARK STEPPING STONES: Mr. Hofmann stated he and Mr. Schwend had not had the opportunity to observe the proposed route and identify alternatives for the Walker Park stepping stone path across Little Sewickley Creek. Borough Council tabled the discussion until the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF BID FOR CONTRACT NO. 01-18 FOR THE BEAVER ROAD WALL REPAIR: Mr. Joseph Boward representing the Borough Geotechnical Engineer briefly discussed the history of the Beaver Road wall and various repair techniques that have been implemented to stabilize the wall during failures, including gabion baskets. Mr. Boward explained that the most recent failure required a more permanent technique in the form of a soil nail wall. Mr. Boward stated that soil nail walls are ideal for projects similar to this because of the minimal footprint needed adjacent to the affected property owners, and the smaller relative costs and time requirements when compared to other techniques. Mr. Boward discussed the pre-bid meeting, stating that three contractors had acquired a bid packet. According to Mr. Boward, only one contractor, Geobuild LLC, submitted a formal bid for the project in the itemized total amount of \$374,776.25. Mr. Boward discussed the bid structure highlighting three options for the wall repair. Option one in the amount of \$245,000 entailed remedial repair to the Beaver Road wall adjacent to 422 Oliver Road, including design, mobilization, and installation of the soil nail wall with a concrete exterior. Option two in the additional amount of \$55,000 included all details specified in option one with the expansion of the wall repair to 420 Oliver Road. Mr. Boward concluded by discussing option three in the amount of \$74,766.25 which would only be considered with the selection of both options one & two, and would include the dying and stamping of the repaired portion of the Beaver Road wall. Mr. Boward emphasized that the Borough could select individual proposals from the bid. Overall, Mr. Boward stated that the final cost was in the approximate range that was anticipated for the bid. Mr. Boward highlighted the credentials of Geobuild, and stated that there were no prohibitions in their experience or qualifications that should prevent the Borough from awarding them the bid in some capacity. Mr. Hofmann discussed his apprehension for allocating such a large sum of money to arbitrarily improve the aesthetics of the wall. Mr. Hofmann stated that he fully supported the wall repair without the optional dying and stamping in order to ensure the safety of vehicular traffic, pedestrians, and property owners alike. Mr. Aloe also voiced his concerns, stating that recent projects authorized by the Borough have benefited all residents, while this expenditure of dying and stamping the wall would only benefit a few properties. Mr. Wilson inquired regarding the option of re-bidding the project later in the year. Mr. Boward stated that contractors qualified for this project are experiencing a high volume of work due to the heavy rainfall and landslides this spring, but could not affirmatively presume that waiting would reduce the cost or increase bid participation. Borough Council discussed the potential continued use of

gabion baskets to repair the wall failure. Mr. Boward stated that gabions are ideal for temporary fixes, but would not be appropriate for the specific failing section of the wall, highlighting that the number of gabions required to create a sound mass gravity structure would take up a significant footprint on the adjacent properties. President Hoopp discussed potential litigation costs that would be incurred if the Borough acquired the needed land to conduct the repairs without the property owners' agreement. Mr. Hoopp also discussed the compromise of dying the concrete in order to maintain the same color for the length of the wall and reduce the cost that stamping the wall would incur. Mr. Boward asked for Borough Council's permission to inquire about the cost of dying the concrete. Borough Council agreed to permit Mr. Boward to proceed. Mr. Schwend concluded by stating that he would discuss the bid results with the affected property owners and would look into discussing change orders with the contractor. With no further discussion, the matter was tabled until the August Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:25 p.m., and returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary