

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 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, Ms. Carrie Duffield, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, 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 September 18, 2018 were presented to Council. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2018. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of October 16, 2018 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of October 2018 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$205,713.73 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$23,190.25 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6292	Frew, Inc.	Boiler Installation	\$17,413.34
6293	Duquesne Light Co.	LED Street Lights	\$4,905.00
6294	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Services	\$1,194.00
6295	Russ Mixer Painting	Borough Building Painting	\$5,000.00
6296	Penn Landscape & Cement	Sidewalk Repair Program	\$3,761.00
6297	Quinn Painting	Police Station Painting	\$3,321.00
6298	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Tree and Stump Removal	\$3,375.00
6299	Urban Forestry Consultants	Arborist Services	\$2,312.50

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Wilson that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$205,713.73 and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$23,190.25. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

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

amount of \$574.35 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of September 2018 was presented to Council. Chief English discussed the recent increase in solicitors throughout the Borough, highlighting political and religious groups in particular. Chief English discussed the protections that the aforementioned organizations have and emphasized that neither our current solicitation ordinance, nor any proposed ordinance could prevent them from soliciting within the Borough. The Chief highlighted that our current ordinance only pertains to commercial solicitors. The Chief stated that the only way that homeowners in the Borough could prevent solicitation of any kind from occurring on their property would be to post a “No Solicitation” sign on their property. The Chief brought a sign in as an example and discussed various sign designs and locations where they can be purchased. Ms. Duffield inquired whether collecting signatures for local elections, such as for Borough Council would be prohibited if homeowners displayed said signage. Chief English confirmed that would be the case. President Hoopp stated that all residents should have the ability to purchase the sign of their choice if they wish to do so. President Hoopp highlighted the need of the Borough to educate the residents on the current ordinance and their available options regarding solicitors.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of September 2018 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the leaf collection operation has started in the Borough. Mayor Smith inquired regarding a new brush chipper that he observed recently in the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that in order to maintain the standard of service for brush collection in the Borough, a larger chipper would be required to pick up brush and affiliated materials. Mr. Schwend highlighted that the current machine has difficulties keeping up with the material placed for collection and often gets clogged and needs repaired, slowing down the overall collection program. Mr. Schwend stated that the demo chipper observed by Mayor Smith was brought into the Borough in effort to gauge its potential effectiveness. Mr. Schwend also discussed the safer nature of a new chipper, highlighting the ability to put all permissible materials directly into the chipper as opposed to manually pitchforking certain materials into a truck bed. Mr. Schwend concluded by stating that a new chipper has been proposed in the 2019 Budget.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of September 2018 were presented to Council. Mr. Aloe discussed his concerns with the number of zoning variances that have been granted recently, highlighting the impact that they may have for future homeowners in the Borough. Mr. Wilson inquired as to when the zoning ordinance had been updated last. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough had conducted a large overhaul of the ordinance in 2008 with periodic updates. After further discussion these reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: President Hoopp opened the meeting for public comment on the topic of stormwater by reviewing the September MS4 report. With there being no further input, 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. Mr. Aloe highlighted his concerns regarding item number four from the engineers report concerning reports of increased suspended solids from Patriot Drilling fluids. Mr. Aloe expressed his desire to know whether monitoring and enforcement for this item was conducted by the PA Department of Environmental Protection or the Allegheny County Conservation District. After some discussion Mr. Aloe made a motion with a second by Mr. Wilson directing Mr. Schwend to send correspondence to the Leetsdale Municipal Authority requesting clarification concerning the enforcement of elevated suspended solid levels and the communication between the Authority and Patriot Drilling. The motion was unanimously carried.
- C. Correspondence was received by the Quaker Valley Council of Governments concerning the proposed 2019 dues structure. Mr. Schwend stated that the COG dues would not be increasing in 2019.
- D. Correspondence was received of the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority concerning a rate increase for 2019. After some discussion this was ordered received and filed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No visitors were present:

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE NO. 551 – THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH STORMWATER ORDINANCE: Mr. Schwend discussed the proposed stormwater ordinance highlighting that this ordinance complies with Act 167 requirements of Allegheny County. Mr. Schwend stated that a grant was secured from the county to help offset the costs associated with adopting the new ordinance. Mr. Schwend also stated that the new ordinance would need to be adopted by December 1, 2018 to comply with Act 167. After some further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits to authorize approval to advertise Ordinance No. 551 in the paper of record. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Schwend updated Council on the discussion regarding the portion of Borough property adjacent to the Woodland Swim Club. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough solicitor had drafted an agreement with an initial period of ten years which would allow the swim club to continue to use their patio and fence that are located on a portion of the Borough’s property with the condition that the swim club would maintain all trees within a designated area of the property. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Duffield with a second by Mr. Aloe to present the Woodland Swim Club with a revocable license agreement for the use of Borough property which would maintain a seventy five foot setback for which the swim club would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the property. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

Next, Ms. Duffield briefly discussed her concerns regarding the anticipated small-wireless facilities deployment act that is being deliberated within the Pennsylvania legislature. Mr. Schwend stated that he attempted to reach out to elected officials at the state level expressing opposition to proposed legislation that would strip local jurisdiction from having zoning authority with regard to these facilities. Mr.

Schwend stated that numerous state associations including the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs had announced their opposition to having wireless facilities regulated by the Pennsylvania Utility Commission in place of local zoning ordinances. Mr. Schwend also highlighted that Sprint has proposed to install a wireless facility within the Borough this upcoming spring. Borough Council voiced their desire to maintain zoning control of the anticipated wireless facilities.

STREETS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Aloe discussed the dialogue that occurred between representatives of Poia Road and the Streets Committee concerning public adoption of the Road. Mr. Aloe also discussed the condition of Poia Road and highlighted features including an outlet pipe that is channeling runoff onto the road and a damaged culvert. Mr. Aloe concluded by stating that the conversation would continue between the representatives of Poia Road and the Streets Committee. Mr. Schwend stated that the Edgeworth Municipal Authority has identified a water service line leak on Sycamore Road that may be causing water damage. Mr. Schwend highlighted that dye testing and using a camera to investigate the source of water would be the next steps. Mr. Schwend concluded by stating that the Public Works department would be repairing the damaged culvert with a gravel lining in effort to channel the runoff emitting from the pipe into the catch basins on Poia Road. Next, Mr. Aloe discussed the proposed merger of Sewickley Borough's sewage treatment services with the Leetsdale Municipal Authority. Mr. Aloe stated that further information should be provided by the Authority's engineer prior to the conversation continuing. Mr. Aloe also discussed his concerns regarding item No. three in the Leetsdale Municipal Authority's September minutes. Mr. Aloe stated that the Authority may be inadvertently treating river water which is leading to the increased infiltration of pollutants and surcharges. After some further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Wilson to have the Borough Manager write a letter to the Leetsdale Municipal Authority to gain further clarification concerning the increased infiltration and surcharge data. The motion was carried by all members in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager/Secretary