

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2019

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, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Ms. Carrie Duffield, 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 January 15, 2019 were presented to Council. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2019. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of January 2019 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of February 19, 2019 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of January 2019 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2019 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$180,324.87 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$10,034.49 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6319	Frew Inc.	Boiler System Repair	\$2,960.90
6320	The Hite Company	Borough Bldg. Lights	\$180.98
6321	Lennon Smith Souleret	LCSR Sewer Project	\$969.30
6322	Roemer, William	Refund LCSR Project	\$1,040.79
6323	Smith, Gary	Refund LCSR Project	\$2,830.96
6324	Studio B Kay Weigand	Borough Bldg. Wallpaper	\$94.06
6325	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Tree Removal	\$1,275.00
6326	Trans Associates Engineering	Signal Services	\$682.50

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$180,324.87, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$10,034.49. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of January 2019 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of January 2019 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$471.09 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of January 2019 was presented to Council. Chief English explained that officers are reminding residents to ensure their vehicles are locked when not in use. After further review and discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of January 2019 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of January 2019 was presented to Council. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of January 2019 were presented to Council. Mr. Schwend explained the results of the latest cases decided by the Zoning Hearing Board. After further discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: President Hoepf opened the meeting for public comment on the topic of stormwater by reviewing the January 2019 MS4 report. With there being no further input, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: for the month of January 2019 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the COG is administering numerous Community Development Block Grants, including a new water line installation in Leetsdale. The COG is also launching a Regional Route 65 Corridor Study. Edgeworth will host the COG Board of Director's Meeting in November. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received.
- B. The Edgeworth Municipal Authority Annual Report was received via email.
- C. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received.
- D. Correspondence was received from the Allegheny League of Municipalities designating Edgeworth as a 2019 Banner Community.
- E. Correspondence was received from Communities First and the League of Women Voters inviting members of Council to the "Plastic Apocalypse" presentation on February 20, 2019. The event will highlight plastic use around the world, as well as recycling changes throughout the region. Ms. Gail Murray spoke on behalf of Communities First. She also expressed her concerns regarding increased presence of the oil and gas industry in the region. Ms. Murray asked Council to consider strengthening existing ordinances to further limit the possibility of oil and gas drilling in Edgeworth. Mr. Schwend explained that public land in Edgeworth is owned by the Borough, and it would be very difficult for a company to place fracking wells within the Borough. Council affirmed their position that no wells would be permitted on Borough owned land.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang
Ms. Gail Murray

617 Maple Lane
605 Maple Lane

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING BEAVER ROAD WALL: Mr. Aloe stated that the Streets Committee had met prior to the Council meeting to discuss the Beaver Road wall. The committee recommended receiving bids for repairs to the wall on Beaver Road once more, and deciding on a course of action after bids are reviewed. Mr. Aloe stated that the Borough has had no recent discussions with residents regarding the wall, and he felt that wall repairs are not an urgent issue at this time. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to authorize the bidding process for repairs to three sections of the wall along Beaver Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES: Mr. Schwend explained that the Borough requested bids from four companies to install battery backup and generator adaptor systems at the Hazel Lane and Quaker Road traffic signals in the Borough. Two bids were received, one from Traffic Control and Engineering in the amount of \$29,956.00, and one from Bronder Technical Services in the amount of \$18,289.33. Mr. Hofmann questioned the level of maintenance required for the batteries, and the alert process if the system fails. Chief English stated that the system would save time for officers responding to calls and ensuring public safety during a power outage. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Genter to accept the bid from Bronder Technical Services to install battery backup systems per quote #E-11642-19. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF VERMEER VC1500 WOOD CHIPPER: Mr. Schwend stated that as per previous discussion, the wood chipper utilized by Public Works could not properly manage the workload required. Quotes were received for three separate chipper models: Vermeer for \$56,951.00 including warranty, Morbark for \$64,699.00 with no warranty, and Bandit for \$44,900.00. Mr. Schwend and Mr. Fred Gregorich tested all three models, and the Bandit model was deemed unable to chip material properly. Mr. Schwend also stated that Vermeer included a trade allowance for the old wood chipper in the amount of \$13,500. After further discussion and review, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Ms. Duffield to purchase the Vermeer VC1500 Wood Chipper in the amount of \$56,951.00, and to trade the current chipper in to the dealer for \$13,500.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING LED LIGHTING UPGRADES IN THE BOROUGH BUILDING: Mr. Schwend explained that two quotes were received to LED retrofit all incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs in the Borough Building and Salt Storage Facility. The quotes were from Hercules LED in the amount of \$12,259.80 for both buildings, and from Sargent Electric in the amount of \$19,803.00 for the Borough Building alone. Mr. Hoepp inquired about the shades of the light bulbs and electricity costs. Mr. Schwend ensured the bulbs would remain a proper shade for the office environment, and stated that the change should decrease electricity costs by approximately \$170 per month. After further discussion and review, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to accept the quote from Hercules LED to retrofit all incandescent and fluorescent lighting in the Borough Building and Salt Storage Facility. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK: Mr. Schwend stated that after discussions with First National Bank, he recommended creating two depository accounts in order to increase annual return on the Borough's Scheduled Expenditure account. After discussion and review, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second by Mr. Hofmann to authorize the Borough Manager to create the depository accounts for the Scheduled Expenditure funds. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ACTION REGARDING GLASS AND RECYCLING IN EDGEWORTH: Mr. Schwend explained that as of April 1, 2019, plastic bags of all types will not be accepted in recycling containers. Glass, while still a recyclable commodity, is contaminating other recyclable products in Waste Management's current single stream system. Mr. Schwend asked that in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Resources Council, Edgeworth host a glass recycling "pop-up" event where residents can drop off their glass and have it properly recycled. Mr. Hoepp inquired about the cost of the event, and stated that recycling is important to residents and Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the cost of the event is \$750. After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Genter to authorize \$750 to hold a glass recycling event in Edgeworth. All present voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2019 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY INTERN PROGRAM: Mr. Schwend stated that the Local Government Academy is again requesting projects for their summer intern program. Ms. Ellen DeWeese explained that, if selected, an intern would be tasked with digitizing historical documents in an online database. The intern would also help Borough staff create new forms of communication for residents, including a Borough Facebook page. Ms. Duffield questioned the security of the Facebook page. Mr. Schwend explained that the page would be monitored with the best interests of residents in mind. Ms. DeWeese stated that the cost of the program is divided between the Borough and the Local Government Academy, and the intern would be with Borough staff full time throughout the summer. After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to authorize Borough staff to submit the project proposal to the Local Government Academy for consideration. All present voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 8:20 p.m., and returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

2020-2023 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – EDGEWORTH POLICE: Mr. Hofmann began the discussion by indicating that the current Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Edgeworth Police will expire on December 31, 2019. Mr. Hofmann stated his appreciation on behalf of Council for the work and sacrifices made by the members of the Edgeworth Police Department for their service to the community. Mr. Hofmann presented Council with a proposal to extend the current Police Collective Bargaining Agreement for another four year period, continuing the same wage increases, proportional health care contribution increases, and the creation of a Sergeant's wage. Mr. Schwend presented Council with the cost of the proposal, and indicated that he felt the Collective Bargaining Unit would be receptive to this offer. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Ms. Duffield to approve an extension of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement pursuant to the memo from the Borough Manager dated February 5, 2019. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL UPDATE: A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to set the non-uniform employee health care contribution rate to 12%, and to extend the same provisions for supplemental pay to employees who choose single coverage, or opt out of coverage, as the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement dictates. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager