

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019

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, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 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 February 19, 2019. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of March 2019 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$152,516.90 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$91,878.03 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6327	Hercules LED LLC	Down Payment- LED Lights	\$6,129.90
6328	Garvin Boward Beitko	Geotechnical Fees	\$595.50
6329	Hayes, Brenda	Wall Coverings	\$6,060.00
6330	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$2,638.13
6331	Overhead Door Co.	Public Works Garage Door	\$1,697.00
6332	Toshiba Business Solutions	Digital Document System	\$14,340.00
6333	Traffic Logix Corporation	Speed Box	\$2,989.00
6334	Trans Associates Engineering	Signal Services	\$477.50
6335	Vermeer Mid Atlantic	Brush Chipper	\$56,951.00

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$152,516.90, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$91,878.03. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of February 2019 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of

\$1,077.71 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of February 2019 was presented to Council. Chief English explained that a new speed box has been installed on Beaver Road to remind drivers to slow down and obey speed limits. After further review and discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of February 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 February 2019 were presented to Council. Mr. Schwend gave a summary of the cases coming before the Zoning Hearing Board on April 1, 2019. Council expressed concern over the number and frequency of requested variances in respect to setback requirements. After further discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: President Hoepp opened the floor for public comment on the topic of stormwater by reviewing the February 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 February 2019 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the COG is continuing discussion on glass recycling throughout the area, and reminded Council of the Glass Pop Up Recycling event on March 30, 2019 at Edgeworth Elementary School. After further review and discussion, 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 ISO regarding Edgeworth's Building Code Effective Grading Schedule (BCEGS). The correspondence stated that the Borough's classification improved from a Grade 7 to a Grade 4.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Brian McCall Maher Duessel, CPAs

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING BEAVER ROAD WALL: Mr. Aloe stated that after further discussion with the Borough Engineers regarding repairs to the wall on Beaver Road, the Streets Committee recommends that no bids be solicited for the project at this time. The engineer indicated that due to increased landslides, contractors are busier than last year and there is a risk to bidding projects multiple times if a contract is not awarded. Mr. Aloe stated there is funding earmarked for the repair that can be used if

needed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Hofmann to postpone repairs to three sections of the wall along Beaver Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF OIL AND GAS ORDINANCE REVIEW: Mr. Aloe stated that he and Mr. Schwend recently met with Ms. Gail Murray regarding her concerns over oil and gas drilling within Edgeworth. Mr. Aloe suggested that the Property Committee analyze current ordinances and review opportunities to strengthen language surrounding oil and gas drilling. Council also reaffirmed their position that no wells would be permitted on Borough owned land. Mr. Hoepf directed the property committee to consider the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING THE 2018 AUDIT CONDUCTED BY MAHER DUESSEL: Mr. Hofmann introduced Mr. Brian McCall from Maher Duesel CPAs. Mr. Hofmann stated that the finance committee had met prior to the meeting and reviewed the details of the audit, and asked questions regarding DCED reporting and details of the audit. Mr. McCall presented the audit to Council in the regulatory format, and stated that the auditors were able to obtain reasonable assurance over the Borough's financial statements, and no adjustments were necessary. Therefore, the Borough received a clean, unmodified opinion from the auditors. Mr. McCall also highlighted that no management process letter was issued. Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Hoepf commended the professional staff for the management operations that led to the highly successful audit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 7:44 p.m., and returned to regular session at 7:51 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager