

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 2019

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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, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mr. Gregory Marlovits, Ms. Carrie A. Duffield, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on April 16, 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 April 16, 2019. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of May 21, 2019 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of May 2019 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$149,571.97 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$40,015.25 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6343	Frew, Inc.	Pump Replacement	\$2,758.62
6344	Garvin Boward Beitko	Geotechnical Fees-Selleck	\$662.00
6345	Hercules LED	LED Lighting	\$7,149.90
6346	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$15,990.14
6347	Russ Mixer	Boro Building Painting	\$8,345.59
6348	Penn Landscape and Cement	Sidewalk Repair	\$1,884.00
6349	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Removal	\$3,225.00

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$149,571.97, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$40,015.25. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of April 2019 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,091.96 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of April 2019 was presented to Council. Mr. Wilson asked about the status of replacing street signs and fixtures throughout the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that the budget allowed for the replacement of some signs each year. Mr. Hofmann stated that the new signs on Beaver Road look significantly better than other street signs, and expressed his support for replacing all street signs soon. Council directed Mr. Schwend to develop a replacement plan and associated costs. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of April 2019 were presented to Council. After discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: President Hoeppe opened the floor for public comment on the topic of stormwater by reviewing the April 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 April 2019 was presented to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received.
- C. The dividend report from MRM Trust was received.
- D. Correspondence was received from Mr. Mario Peluso stating his resignation from the Edgeworth Borough Planning Commission. Mr. Hoeppe thanked Mr. Peluso for his many years of service to the community, and asked Mr. Schwend if any residents had expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Richard McCormack was interested, and based on his experience and background would be a good fit for the position. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to appoint Mr. McCormack to fill the vacancy on the Edgeworth Planning Commission. All in attendance voted in favor of the motion.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No visitors were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING TREE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE WOODLAND SWIM CLUB: Mr. Schwend stated that the Woodland Swim Club agreed to place the Borough as an additionally insured party in order to cover the encroachment area of the pool deck onto Borough property, and the burden of tree maintenance has been placed on the swim club. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Duffield with a second from Mr. Aloe to accept the tree maintenance agreement. All in attendance voted in favor of the motion.

STEPPING STONE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT WALKER PARK: Mr. Hofmann stated that the stepping stones crossing Little Sewickley Creek at Shelter Two in Walker Park are in good condition and well maintained. He felt that creating another crossing near Shelter Four was not necessary. Mayor Smith stated that the existing stones easily connect visitors to a trail, and agreed that another set was not needed. Mr. Schwend stated that stepping stone crossing of this nature require a permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the current DEP permit for stepping stone installation will expire at the end of the year. After further discussion, Council agreed to forego the installation of additional stepping stones.

Additionally, Mr. Hofmann expressed that the landscaping coming into Edgeworth from the north on Ohio River Boulevard needs a great deal of work. He stated that a plan had been developed in the past, but had never been completed. Mr. Schwend explained that the Borough Arborist will develop a plan to finish the tree plantings and other landscaping in the area. Ms. Duffield stated that to her recollection, the work could not be completed due to the narrow area of Borough land and the neighboring railroad tracks. After further discussion, Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Arborist's plan and cost estimates would be available for the June Council Meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2019-02 – ESTABLISHING EDGEWORTH AS A LIVE WELL ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY: Administrative Assistant Ellen DeWeese explained that Live Well Allegheny is a county initiative aimed at sharing information and programming regarding health and wellness with all county residents. Individual communities can join the initiative by outlining steps they will take to inform their own residents about health and wellness. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Aloe to pass Resolution 2019-02 and establish Edgeworth as a Live Well Allegheny community. All present voted in favor of the motion.

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT BENCHES FOR WAY PARK AND MORROW-PONTEFRACT PARK: Mr. Schwend stated that seven benches in both Way Park and Morrow-Pontefract Park have outlived their useful life. After analyzing many bench options and prices, the Heritage Bench from Belson Outdoors was the best option, for a total of \$5,628.00 for seven benches. Mr. Schwend also highlighted the recycled material used for the bench slats, stating that they will be easier to maintain. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to purchase seven Heritage benches for a total of \$5,628.00 from Belson Outdoors. All present voted in favor of the motion.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

QUAKER VALLEY COG ECODISTRICT: Ms. DeWeese explained that Edgeworth was represented on the Quaker Valley COG team at the recent EcoDistricts incubator held in Millvale from April 25<sup>th</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the three days, the COG team identified strengths and weaknesses of the COG as an organization and a region. Three project ideas were identified around Route 65, recycling, and creating sustainable communities. Ms. DeWeese stated that ideas would only move forward with the support of all COG municipalities. Ms. Duffield stated that Edgeworth is unique compared to most communities in the region, and providing exceptional service to our residents is the first priority. Mr. Hofmann stated that a tangible product from COG efforts should be realized prior to creating more projects. Mayor Smith stated that remaining proactive with changes to recycling could be one area that the COG could work together on. Mr. Wilson agreed with Mayor Smith, and stated that cooperation in this area would benefit residents. Ms. DeWeese stated that she will update Council if the COG intends to move forward with any of these projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter at 8:22 pm, and returned to regular session at 9:05 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager