

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 18, 2019

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MEETING was called to order at 7:20 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 May 21, 2019 were presented to Council. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2019. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of June 18, 2019 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of June 2019 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$199,040.39 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$15,427.60 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6350	PA Resources Council	Lightbulb Recycling	\$328.00
6351	Universal Information Systems	Three New Computers	\$5,164.00
6352	Urban Forestry Consultants	Arborist Services	\$4,875.00
6353	US Municipal	Stop Signs	\$1,156.60
6354	Penn Landscape and Cement	Street Tree Planting	\$3,904.00

After some 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 \$199,040.39, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$15,427.60. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of May 2019 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$206.03 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of May 2019 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the Public Works Department will be hiring a full-time laborer to replace Josh Nye, who has given is two weeks notice. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: President Hoepf opened the floor for public comment on the topic of stormwater by reviewing the May 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 May 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. Correspondence was received from Mrs. Michele Heryford requesting permission to place an etched memorial bench in Way Park. Mr. Wilson asked whether the deed restrictions placed on Way Park prohibit such benches. Mr. Hofmann stated that the design and style of the bench inconsistent with all other benches in the park. Mr. Wilson recommended discussing a policy for benches similar to the Borough's tree dedication policy. After further discussion, permission for the etched memorial bench in Way Park was denied.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

William Lang                      617 Maple Lane

OLD BUSINESS:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – DISCUSSION OF OIL AND GAS ORDINANCE REVISIONS: Ms. Duffield stated that after numerous committee meetings, the Property Committee recommended revising the existing oil and gas ordinance. Proposed changes include changing gas resources development from a special exception to a conditional use, requiring additional environmental studies, and to provide notice of past violations. Ms. Duffield stated that the proposed changes would strengthen the existing ordinance as much as possible. Mr. Hofmann stated that the changes would update the existing ordinance to fit current technologies. Mr. Wilson stated that while the proposed changes are appropriate, it would be worthwhile to simultaneously review other zoning ordinances for necessary updates. After further discussion, Council agreed to review the existing zoning ordinance for future changes prior to the July 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 19-S1 – EAST DRIVE SANITARY SEWER LINING: Mr. Schwend stated that four contractors requested bid proposal forms, and two base bids were received from Jet Jack Inc. in the amount of \$26,321.00, and Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$32,245.00. An alternate bid amount was also received for lining and rehabilitating manholes as

necessary. Mr. Schwend stated that he and Mr. Frederick Gregorich did not feel that the alternate work would be necessary due to the present conditions of the manholes. Mr. Hofmann recommended adding the replacement of ladder bars from the alternate bid as necessary for safety. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to accept the bid from Jet Jack, Inc. in the base amount of \$26,321.00 with an amendment to add replacement ladder bars as needed. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROUTE 65 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Arborist developed a proposal for completing tree plantings and other landscaping on Route 65. The proposal includes twenty-eight trees, with a cost estimate in the range of \$25,000 to \$30,000. Mr. Hofmann stated that finishing the landscaping would be a good reflection on the Borough. Mr. Marlovits stated that smaller caliper trees would be a good fit for the area, and agreed that completing the project is worthwhile. Ms. Duffield asked whether money for this project is already designated in the budget. Mr. Schwend stated that it is not, however the Shade Tree Commission does have funds available for a separate planting plan. Mr. Wilson recommended budgeting for the plantings and completing the work next year. Mr. Aloe expressed weariness regarding planting crab apple trees, due to the possibility of attracting deer across Route 65. After further discussion, Council directed Mr. Schwend to place the tree planting out for bid.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Borough Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 8:13 pm, and returned to regular session at 8:50 pm.

Ms. Duffield asked for the floor and informed Council that she would not be able to organize and attend the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Parade this year. Mayor Smith, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Hofmann all volunteered to assist in the organization of the event in Ms. Duffield's absence.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager