

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 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, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Ms. Carrie A. Morris, Mrs. Elizabeth Genter, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on September 17, 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 September 17, 2019. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of October 15, 2019 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of October 2019 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$230,737.88 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$19,112.04 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6367	Econo Signs LLC	Stop Signs	\$2,650.00
6368	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineer Fees	\$469.25
6369	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineer Fees	\$3,969.85
6370	Markl Supply Company Inc.	Bullet Proof Vests	\$825.50
6371	Penn Landscape and Cement	Borough Building Front Yard	\$2,700.00
6372	Trans Associates Engineering	Engineer Fees	\$572.44
6373	Urban Forestry Consultants	Borough Arborist Fees	\$7,925.00

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$230,737.88, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$19,112.04. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of September 2019 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$980.03 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of September 2019 was presented to Council. Letters of Commendation were presented to Sergeant John Burlett and Officer Nicholas Adrian for their dedication to solving a lengthy case. Mr. Hoepf read the following into the record:

“Over the past year and a half we have investigated two extensive thefts from homes. In both cases the residents were elderly and had care givers. The first case was turned over to the county detectives. When the second case was reported several months later, Sgt. John Burlett started to investigate. Because we never heard back from county detectives on the first case, Off. Nick Adrian joined the investigation and he and Sgt. Burlett found that the two cases were connected. They developed a suspect and made an arrest and through their investigation it was discovered that this suspect was responsible for other crimes in numerous municipalities. This suspect was hired as a caregiver and in every case preyed on the elderly and infirmed. Due to the hard work perform by Sgt. John Burlett and Officer Nick Adrian, a very bad person is going to jail for a long time.”

Mrs. Genter stated that while road paving occurred, consideration should be given for a crosswalk from Irwin Drive across Beaver Road near Edgeworth Elementary School. Mr. Schwend stated that he would request input from the Borough’s Traffic Engineer regarding signage and specific regulations related to crosswalk placement. After further review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of September 2019 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that leaf collection has begun, and would continue until early December. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of September 2019 were presented to Council. Mr. Schwend asked Council to consider residents who would be interested in serving as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, or on the Edgeworth Municipal Authority. 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 September 2019 MS4 report. Mr. Schwend stated that the hearing for the Edgeworth Swim Club’s illicit discharge into Little Sewickley Creek was recently held. Due to the financial obligation that the Swim Club has already faced, along with a pending fine from the state Department of Environmental Protection, the Magistrate felt that no further fine was necessary. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: No report was available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Schwend stated that the Board has a current vacancy, and must be filled as soon as possible.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received.
- C. Correspondence was received from the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority (QVAA) regarding response planning during the Sewickley Bridge preservation project. The correspondence stated that QVAA will post a staffed ambulance at Cochran Hose Company’s station located in Sewickley during the project in order to continue providing a timely

response to residents. Mr. Aloe stated that he is impressed with the response time of QVAA, and commended their professionalism and dedication to public safety at all times.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Mary Ferris	106 Woodland Road
John Burlett	Edgeworth Police Department
Nicholas Adrian	Edgeworth Police Department

Ms. Mary Ferris spoke to Council's earlier discussion related to a crosswalk across Beaver Road from Irwin Drive. Ms. Ferris stated that she would be in favor of the crosswalk in order to provide pedestrians and students with a safe place to cross Beaver Road, but that a clear line of sight at the intersection was inhibited by the Edgeworth Elementary School fence. Ms. Ferris also shared with Council that a tree branch blocks the speed limit sign for the school zone located on Beaver Road. Mr. Schwend stated that he will discuss options with the Borough's Traffic Engineer. Council thanked Ms. Ferris for her suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS:

SHIELDS SPRING EASEMENT AGREEMENT: Mr. Hofmann stated that after discussion, a pending agreement had been reached with Three Rivers Trust, the owner of the property on which a portion of Shields Spring is located. The agreement would provide an access easement to the Borough to maintain the spring when necessary. Mr. Hofmann expressed his support for the agreement, and stated that it will allow the Borough to maintain a historic treasure of Edgeworth. Mr. Hofmann thanked Three Rivers Trust for their cooperation in the matter. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Genter to accept the agreement with Three Rivers Trust to provide an easement to the Borough of Edgeworth for the maintenance of Shields Spring. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING PROPSALS FOR BRICK WALL REBUILD AT BOROUGH BUILDING:

Mr. Schwend stated the brick wall along the Chestnut Road side of the Borough Building was in need of repair, and included in the budget for exterior building renovations. Three bids were received from Penn Landscape and Cement in the amount of \$17,400.00, Melnick's Masonry in the amount of \$22,500.00, and MDL Landscape Management in the amount of \$29,072.00. Mr. Hoopp asked whether the rebuild of the wall would include appropriate structural updates to ensure its longevity, to which Mr. Schwend replied that it would. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to accept the bid from Penn Landscape and Cement in the amount of \$17,400.00 to repair the brick wall along the Chestnut Road side of the Borough Building. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH LETTER REGARDING OIL AND GAS

ZONING IN MUNICIPALITIES: Mr. Schwend stated that Mayor Smith brought to the attention of the professional staff a letter written by Franklin Park Borough regarding zoning requirements for oil and gas found in the Municipalities Planning Code. Council decided that due to Mayor Smith's absence, discussion of the letter would be tabled until the November Council Meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mr. Schwend provided an update to Council on various projects and plans for the coming months. Upon the request of Council at the September meeting, representatives from Quaker Valley School District will be attending the December 17th Council meeting to present updates on the financial status and construction plans for the new high school. Mr. Hofmann stated that all residents should be notified of the meeting date in order to have their questions answered by leaders of the school district. Mr. Wilson stated that many residents are concerned with tax increases and the financial status of the school district. Ms. Morris asked whether the Borough could take a formal stance on the issue, since the school district is a separate entity. Mr. Schwend stated that part of the proposed new high school would be located within the Borough, in which a land development application and Special Exception for construction would be necessary. After further discussion, Mr. Schwend continued with his update and stated that both the East Drive sanitary sewer lining and the 2019 road paving project would be completed within the coming weeks. After approval from Council, the process for changing the provider for the Employee 457b plan was underway. The Shade Tree Commission will be meeting in November to discuss a planting plan for Orchard Lane. Ms. Morris stated her support for a planting plan, and highlighted issues with trees currently planted along Orchard Lane. Finally, Mr. Schwend stated that a short list of candidates to serve as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor has been developed. Mr. Wilson stated that the solicitor is a valuable resource to the members of the Zoning Hearing Board, and welcomed the opportunity for Council to meet with the potential candidates. After further discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for his update.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager