

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 18, 2020

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MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoepp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepp, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Ms. Carrie A. Morris, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth Genter, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2020 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 21, 2020. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of January 2020 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of February 18, 2020 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of January 2020 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2020 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$219,885.31 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$30,701.89 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6391	Voided Check	Void	\$0.00
6392	Voided Check	Void	\$0.00
6393	Voided Check	Void	\$0.00
6394	Voided Check	Void	\$0.00
6395	Voided Check	Void	\$0.00
6396	Voided Check	Void	\$0.00
6397	Cintas Corporation	Borough Bldg Grout Seal	\$2,380.00
6398	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineer Fees	\$369.30
6399	Jet Jack Inc.	East Dr. Sewer Lining	\$22,903.00
6400	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineer Fees	\$4,649.59
6401	Universal Information Systems	Borough Bldg Wifi Update	\$400.00

Mr. Hofmann asked about the completion of the East Drive sewer lining project. Mr. Schwend explained the lining process, and stated that the quality of work was excellent. 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 \$219,885.31, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$30,701.89. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of January 2020 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of January 2020 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$953.01 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of January 2020 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of January 2020 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of January 2020 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the backhoe has been repaired for a total cost of approximately \$12,000. He also stated that due to the mild winter, very little road salt has been used for the season. Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Wilson asked about storage capacity for road salt. Mr. Schwend explained that the salt contract requires the Borough to purchase 80% of the estimated total. After further discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of January 2020 were presented to Council. Mr. Schwend reviewed the decisions from the January 30, 2020 meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board. After 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 January 2020 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT was not available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received.
- B. Correspondence from the Allegheny League of Municipalities was received, designating Edgeworth Borough as a 2020 Banner Community.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Toni Lekandis	304 Challis Lane
Julie Rooney	409 Edgeworth Lane
Elizabeth Murphy	303 Chestnut Road
Mary Ferris	106 Woodland Road
Rebecca Cartus	302 Maple Lane

Rev. Rebecca Cartus addressed Council about a flyer that was placed on her doorstep regarding the dangers of small cell towers and 5G technology, and read portions of the flyer aloud. She stated that the flyer seemed to be part of a misinformation campaign, and asked if Council was aware of the small cell towers. Mr. Schwend apologized for the situation, and stated that after discussion at the previous Council Meeting, an anonymous person placed the flyers on cars and properties around the Borough in violation of the solicitation ordinance. He also explained that small cell towers are currently considered public utilities and are not subject to municipal zoning requirements when placed in the rights of way. Mr.

Hoeppe stated that the Borough can require a permit for electrical inspections, but cannot prohibit the placement of the towers in the Borough. Ms. Morris and Mr. Lucas discussed a pending decision from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that will determine the utility status of small cell towers.

Ms. Toni Lekandis asked whether small cell providers are required to give advanced notice or plans related to the number of towers that will be installed in the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that they do not, and that currently no other applications have been received. Ms. Elizabeth Murphy asked whether the Borough or residents will be able to voice an opinion in the matter. Mr. Hoeppe suggested that concerned citizens contact their state elected officials. After further discussion, Council thanked the residents for their concern.

Ms. Mary Ferris expressed concern over streambank erosion on Creek Drive, and asked if the Borough has any plan to stabilize the area. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough is aware of the situation, and the area has been included in a pollutant reduction plan.

Ms. Lekandis stated that due to residential construction on Nicholas Place, mud and debris from construction vehicles have been left on Challis Lane. She asked whether the Borough can clean the debris from the street and sidewalk. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough will notify the contractors and ensure that the area is cleaned and maintained.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

SEWERS COMMITTEE – SEWICKLEY BOROUGH ACT 537 PLAN: Mr. Hoeppe stated that he, Mr. Schwend, and Mr. Aloe met with the Borough Engineer to discuss next steps in consideration of the 537 plan, and stated that Council will hold a public meeting with representatives from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority (LMA) to discuss concerns. Ms. Morris referenced a recent article in the Sewickley Herald discussing the plan, and expressed concern with overall cost, infrastructure impacts, and transparency. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hofmann agreed that the overall cost of the plan is of great concern, and discussed differences in infrastructure estimates between the plan and the Borough Engineer's review. Mr. Hoeppe stated that the proposed plan in its current state is not sufficient, and further information will be necessary for consideration. After further discussion, Council directed Mr. Schwend to schedule a meeting with Leetsdale Municipal Authority's engineer.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING 2018 AND 2019 MMO PAYMENTS: Mr. Schwend stated that Findley, the actuary that handles the Borough pension plans, discovered an incorrect value provided by a previous Findley employee in April 2017 when calculating the Borough's minimum municipal obligation. Mr. Schwend explained that due to the error, the Borough must contribute \$5,829.30 (\$3,868.00 for 2018 and \$1,961.30 for 2019) to the General Pension plan in order to properly fund the plan. After some discussion, Mr. Wilson asked whether the error will result in further fines or expenses. Mr. Schwend stated that since the error will be rectified, no other costs should be incurred. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to deposit \$5,829.30 from the General Account into the General Pension plan. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF 2020 FORD UTILITY PICKUP: Mr. Schwend stated that the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Public Works department was included in the 2020 budget. The new pickup truck would replace the pickup purchased in 2008. The cost of the purchase through Whitmoyer Auto Group, with COSTARS pricing, is \$42,214.00, and includes a utility body, bed liner, cab protector, and a mini light bar. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough would need to purchase a plow and salt spreader to fit the new pickup, for an estimated price of \$12,000.00. Mr. Schwend also

asked Council to authorize the listing of the 2008 Ford F-350 for public auction. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Aloe to authorize the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-350 pickup truck from Whitmoyer Auto Group in the amount of \$42,214.00, and to authorize the sale of the 2008 Ford F-350. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OLIVER ROAD SEWER SEPARATION: Mr. Schwend stated that bids for the Oliver Road sewer separation will be opened in April, and residents adjacent to the project will be notified in the coming weeks. The road will be paved upon completion of the project. Mr. Hoepp stated that the project will benefit residents and mitigate basement flooding in the area. Mr. Wilson asked whether similar work will need to be done on East Drive and in other areas of the Borough, and Mr. Schwend stated that the water issues on East Drive are currently being treated as a private property concern. After further discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

OTHER BUSINESS:

STREETS COMMITTEE – CROSSWALK AT IRWIN DRIVE AND BEAVER ROAD: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Traffic Engineer reviewed the suggestion of Ms. Mary Ferris to consider placing a crosswalk at the intersection of Beaver Road and Irwin Drive. The Traffic Engineer stated that the placement of the crosswalk, two ADA ramps and two pedestrian signs was deemed appropriate. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Ms. Morris to install a crosswalk, two ADA ramps, and two pedestrian signs at the intersection of Irwin Drive and Beaver Road. The motion was carried by all in attendance.

2020 LGA INTERN PROGRAM: Administrative Assistant Ellen DeWeese stated that after submitting a project for consideration, the Borough has been selected to host an intern through the Local Government Academy's Municipal Intern Program for the summer of 2020. She stated that prospective applicants will be interviewed during April, and the intern will begin in mid-May. After some discussion, Council thanked Ms. DeWeese for the report.

MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mr. Schwend updated Council on numerous projects that are currently in progress. He stated that the Employee 457b transition is running smoothly, and a representative from Henderson Brothers Retirement will be meeting with individual employees in early March. The Property Committee will be meeting with concerned residents to discuss the gas resources development ordinance in March. Sidewalk repair notices will be sent in the coming months, and the Borough will include a grinding option this year as well. Mr. Hofmann commended the grinding option as a cost saving measure. The Borough Arborist is continuing to work on a planting plan for Orchard Lane, and street sign posts have been ordered. Additionally, the Shields Spring maintenance agreement has been received, and the Borough will reach out to the historical society and garden club to discuss beautification. The creek bank along Shelter 4 in Walker Bark has begun eroding, and will be addressed, and the brick walk along the side of the Borough Building is scheduled for replacement in the spring. Finally, the administrative staff is developing a process for digital documentation and utilizing the dispatch employees, and bids have been received for new office furniture in the administrative offices. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered executive session to discuss a legal matter at 8:20 p.m. Ms. Morris exited the executive session at 8:30 p.m. All other members of Council remained in executive session and returned to regular session at 8:59 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager