

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 19, 2020

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MEETING was called to order via Zoom at 7:05 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. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, 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 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 April 21, 2020. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of May 19, 2020 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of May 2020 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$150,213.17 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$20,878.10 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6413	Garvin Boward Beitko	Retainer Fees	\$564.00
6414	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$2,425.50
6415	Matthews International	Memorial Plaque	\$114.00
6416	Penn Landscape and Cement	Tree Plantings, Damage Repair	\$7,300.00
6417	Sadler Excavation	Emergency Sewer Repair	\$9,100.60
6418	Thomas V. Giel Garage Doors	Garage Door Repair	\$1,374.00

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 \$150,213.17, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$20,878.10. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of April 2020 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$399.57 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of April 2020 was presented to Council. Chief English stated that he will become the President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association in July, and discussed the Governor's response to COVID-19. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of April 2020 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that an emergency sewer repair occurred on Little Sewickley Creek Road, and three cleanouts were installed along the line. Additionally, the vacor truck recently cleaned sewer lines on East Drive and Orchard Place. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of April 2020 were presented to Council. After review and 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 2020 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: for the month of April 2020 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the COG will be hosting a webinar with Allegheny Green Web to discuss green space connectivity in the region. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received.
- B. Correspondence was received from Mr. Peter Friday regarding the Borough Recycling Center. Mr. Friday expressed concern with the amount of waste disposed of in the dumpsters meant for comingled recyclable material only. He asked Council to consider closing the center, or establishing a re-education program that could include in-person operations at the Center. Mr. Aloe discussed moving away from single-stream recycling and establishing separate dumpsters for each material. Mr. Schwend stated that the glass-only dumpster has been successful, and the professional staff has noticed a considerable increase in non-residents utilizing the Center. He explained that the Borough's summer sustainability intern would be analyzing the Recycling Center and creating recommendations for Council's consideration throughout the summer. After further discussion, Council agreed to review the intern's recommendations at a later date.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Toni Lekandis	304 Challis Lane
John	Unknown address – logged in via Zoom

OLD BUSINESS:

SEWICKLEY BOROUGH ACT 537 PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Schwend stated that the Sewers Committee would be meeting with the Borough Engineer in June to discuss options regarding the Sewickley Borough

Act 537 Plan. He stated that the Borough has not received any further correspondence from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority regarding the plan. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – ORCHARD LANE PLANTING UPDATE: Mr. Marlovits stated that the Shade Tree Commission met recently to discuss a replanting plan for Orchard Lane, after the Commission authorized the removal of six hawthorn trees along the street in December. After input from residents and the Borough Arborist, the Commission opted for an individualized approach to replanting. Mr. Morris stated that as a resident of Orchard Lane, she recommended receiving a second opinion regarding options for the street, and Mr. Schwend agreed with the recommendation. After discussion, Council agreed to receive a second opinion from an arborist for Orchard Lane. Additionally, Mr. Marlovits stated that the Commission discussed the deteriorating condition and high maintenance costs of the holiday tree in Way Park. The Commission recommended removing the tree, using a smaller spruce tree in Way Park as the new holiday tree, and planting a replacement. Mr. Hofmann stated that the Borough must communicate the reasons for the removal of the holiday tree in advance. After further discussion, Council thanked Mr. Marlovits for the update.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF CONTRACT 20-S1 – OLIVER ROAD SEWER SEPARATION: Mr. Schwend stated that four bids were received for the Oliver Road sewer separation. The bids received were from A. Folino Construction Inc. in the amount of \$761,168.00, SET Inc. in the amount of \$877,427.00, and Stefanik’s Next Generation Contracting Co. Inc. in the amount of \$1,333,892.50. The bid was received late from Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$747,250.00, and was disqualified. Mr. Schwend explained that the bid amounts were significantly higher than estimated, and that the Borough Engineer’s budget estimate did not include full quantities for all necessary work. Mr. Schwend stated that after discussion with the Borough Engineer, the recommendation was to separate the project, rebid pipe work in 2020, and include paving Oliver Road in 2021. Mr. Hoepf expressed hesitation in receiving lower pricing for pipe work only, based on the contractors who submitted bids and their unit prices. Mr. Aloe expressed concern over leaving the road unpaved for numerous months, and stated that there is no guarantee that paving prices would be reduced in 2021. Mayor Smith stated that the project should be completed in its entirety. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Hofmann to accept the bid from A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$761,168.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT TO FILL VACANCY ON PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Wilson stated that two residents expressed interest in filling the vacancy on the Edgeworth Borough Planning Commission. After consideration, the Personnel Committee recommended appointing Mrs. Mary Ferris to the Commission, due to her continued interest in the Borough and passion for community service. Mr. Schwend stated that the other resident was not interested in fulfilling the vacancy on the Leetsdale Municipal Authority, an important position that must be filled. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mrs. Genter to appoint Mrs. Mary Ferris to the Edgeworth Borough Planning Commission. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING FENCE REPLACEMENT AT BOROUGH BUILDING: Mr. Schwend stated that the wooden fence behind the Borough Building has deteriorated, and is in need of replacement. Quotes were received from three companies to replace the existing fence with either a wooden shadow-box fence, or with a solid vinyl fence: Fence by Maintenance Services in the amount of \$7,417.00 for a wooden fence and \$12,548.00 for vinyl fencing, Penn Fencing in the amount of \$14, 542.38 for a wooden fence and \$15,328.23 for vinyl fencing, and Allegheny Fencing in the amount of \$17,340.00 for both wood and vinyl fencing. Mr. Schwend also stated that four trees would need to be removed in order to replace the fence. Mr. Aloe stated that the vinyl fencing would be less maintenance, and last for many

years. Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Hoepf stated that wood fencing is durable, low maintenance, and aesthetically pleasing. Ms. Toni Lekandis, a resident of Challis Lane with property bordering the fence, stated that she would prefer the vinyl fencing for increased privacy and noise reduction. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe to replace the existing fence with vinyl fencing. No second was made for the motion. A motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mr. Hofmann to replace the existing fence with wooden shadow-box fencing. Six members of Council voted in favor of the motion, while Mr. Aloe opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LGA INTERN INTRODUCTION: Mr. Schwend stated that Ms. Emily Schnarre began her internship with the Borough, and was present on the meeting. Ms. Schnarre introduced herself to Council, and stated that she will be analyzing numerous aspects of sustainability, including recycling, throughout the summer. Council welcomed Ms. Schnarre to the Borough.

MANAGER'S BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough will not begin to see significant budget implications from effects of COVID-19 business closures until August, and that no material impacts have been noticeable to date. Mr. Schwend also explained that based on Act 15, if Council chose to adjust the real estate tax face collection date, they must do so by May 20th, 2020, and take action at this meeting. Mr. Aloe asked whether any residents had requested the face collection date to be extended, and Mr. Schwend stated that no correspondence had been received. Mr. Hoepf and Mr. Hofmann stated that due to the high number of residents who utilize the discount period for real estate taxes, there was no reason to adjust the face collection date. After discussion, Council agreed to leave the face collection date as September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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