

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2020

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. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor. Mr. Hoepp stated that the meeting was also being streamed via Zoom meetings.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2020 were presented to Council. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 19 2020. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of June 16, 2020 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of June 2020 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$197,764.57 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$33,259.69 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6419	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$17,897.10
6420	Penn Landscape and Cement	Park Mulching	\$2,320.00
6421	Santom Upholstery	Chair Refurbishment	\$2,260.10
6422	Station Auto Parts	Scan Tool	\$2,498.99
6423	Universal Information Systems	Computer Upgrade	\$4,471.00
6424	Urban Forestry Consultants	Arborist Fees	\$3,812.50

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 \$197,764.57, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$33,259.69. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of May 2020 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$400.46 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

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

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of May 2020 were presented to Council. Mr. Schwend reviewed the decision from the June 2, 2020 meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board. After review and 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 2020 MS4 report. 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. Kolia O'Connor regarding anti-bias training for police officers. Mr. Schwend stated that Chief English and the Borough Solicitor are reviewing the police policy manual for any necessary updates or changes, and will make recommendations to the Police Committee upon completion of the review.
- C. Correspondence was received from the Arbor Day Foundation recognizing Edgeworth Borough as a Tree City USA. Mr. Schwend stated that the recognition has been given to the Borough for the third consecutive year, and is awarded for the priority placed on tree planting and health care.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Hugh St. Martin	609 Maple Lane
James Brethauer	Gateway Engineers
William Lang	617 Maple Lane – logged in via Zoom

Mr. Schwend stated that Mr. Hugh St. Martin expressed interest in filling the vacancy on the Leetsdale Municipal Authority, and that the Personnel Committee would be meeting to interview Mr. St. Martin prior to the July Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEWERS COMMITTEE – SEWICKLEY BOROUGH ACT 537 PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Aloe stated that the Sewers Committee met with the Borough Engineer to discuss options regarding the Sewickley Borough Act 537 Plan. The plan outlines the connection between Sewickley Borough and the Leetsdale Municipal Authority (the Authority) treatment plant through Edgeworth's pump stations and combined sewer overflow system. Mr. Aloe explained that the Committee agreed that connecting into the Borough's system is not an option, as an increase in material could overwhelm the system. Mr. Schwend stated that LMA requested the Borough adopt a resolution accepting the plan before its submittal to the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Aloe stated that after significant discussion, the Committee recommended the approval of the resolution with the following conditions:

- A dedicated force main line be installed from Sewickley to the Waste Water Treatment Plant with no interconnections to Edgeworth pump stations or pipes
- The Authority's 25.5% rate reduction is guaranteed for the life of the loan needed to expand the plant's capacity
- The Authority is required to successfully capture a minimum of 85% of the total wet weather flow
- The Authority will provide existing and future CSO policy compliance (which may include capital expenditures for the facilities) at no additional cost to Edgeworth
- The Authority is responsible for odor control provisions, source flow reduction measures related to basement flooding, and funding for any debt service or capital costs related to such.

Ms. Morris asked whether the Authority has necessary easements to install a force main, and Mr. Schwend stated that the easement locations are uncertain. Mr. Hoepf and Mayor Smith expressed concern over the cost projections and savings estimates, and stated the importance of guaranteeing that Edgeworth rate payers would not be responsible for absorbing the cost of the expansion of the system. Mr. Aloe stated that the Borough is already in compliance with state and federal regulations related to combined sewer overflows, and expressed the necessity of ensuring that the Authority will be responsible for maintaining compliance if Sewickley Borough is included. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Hofmann to authorize Mr. Schwend to contact the Authority with the conditions necessary for Council to approve the resolution. All present voted in favor of the motion.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – STATUS ON REVIEW OF GAS AND OIL ORDINANCE: Mr. Schwend stated that the professional staff and the Borough Solicitor have reviewed requests made by concerned residents regarding the Borough's gas resources development ordinance for relevance and applicability. He stated that the Property Committee will meet in July to review the requests and discuss whether to include them in the existing ordinance, and concerned residents will be invited to attend the meeting. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED SUBDIVISION – TERRA EDGEWORTH ASSOCIATES, 301 OHIO RIVER BOULEVARD: Mr. James Brethauer, representing the property owner, stated that the application before Council would redraw two existing lots located at 301 Ohio River Boulevard. The existing lot line is drawn through the middle of the office building located on the property, and the proposed subdivision would eliminate the existing line and establish two parcels with frontage on Ohio River Boulevard. Mr. Brethauer stated that the current owner wishes to sell the property, and the purpose of the application is to make the property marketable to potential buyers and developers. He stated that the proposed subdivision meets the minimum lot size and impervious surface requirements for both parcels, and a thirty-five foot easement has been drawn through Lot 2 for access to Lot 1.

Mayor Smith asked if eliminating parking spaces currently located in Lot 2 would impact parking requirements for Lot 1. Mr. Brethauer stated that nine spaces will be removed from Lot 2, however the number of parking spaces on Lot 1 will still comply with zoning ordinances. Mr. Schwend stated that the only impervious surface on Lot 2 will be the paved access driveway. Mr. Aloe stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Hofmann to approve the proposed subdivision. All present voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING STREET SIGN LIQUIDATION: Mr. Hofmann stated that upon reading about a similar borough's approach to disposing of old street signs, he recommended liquidating old Borough street signs that will be replaced in the coming years. Mr. Hofmann suggested developing a fair process that would give any interested resident an opportunity to receive a street sign. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to dispose of street signs to interested residents with a drawing-style process, and to advertise the process appropriately in the Borough newsletter. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BEAVER ROAD LINESTRIPING: Mr. Schwend stated that each year, road lines and crosswalks are repainted around the Borough, resulting in approximately a \$5,000 investment annually. He explained that in order to yield a higher return on investment, bids were received to line all of Beaver Road with either a water based or thermoplastic paint. The bids received were from Alpha Space, for a total of \$4,900.00 for water based paint, and \$20,957.00 for thermoplastic paint, and from Parking Lot Painting for a total of \$5,465.00 for water based paint, and \$13,380.00 for thermoplastic paint. Mr. Schwend stated that thermoplastic paint is durable and will last for many years. Mr. Hofmann asked whether snow plows will damage the thermoplastic, and Mr. Schwend stated that winter maintenance should have no effect. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to accept the bid from Parking Lot Painting for thermoplastic line striping on Beaver Road in the amount of \$13,380.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Genter asked Mr. Schwend to provide an update on infrastructure projects occurring around the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that the Beaver Road crosswalk will be installed prior to the school year commencing, and ADA ramps will be installed as well. The brick wall repair next to the Borough Building along Chestnut Road was delayed due to COVID-19, however work is expected to begin during the first week of July. The area around Shields Spring will be maintained by the Borough after two women who maintained the spring for many years decided to retire this spring. Finally, Mr. Schwend stated that the pre-construction meeting for the Oliver Road sewer separation project was held, and Columbia Gas is expected to begin replacing the gas main and service lines to each effected house by the end of June. Following their work, A. Folino Construction will begin sewer reconstruction. Mr. Schwend stated that the project will be time consuming, however the Borough and contractors will maintain communication with residents at all times. Ms. Morris asked whether tree roots can be avoided while service lines are being replaced. Mr. Schwend stated that two trees may need to be removed in order to complete the work, and the Borough will work with Columbia Gas to minimize any disruption to other trees in the area. After further discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered executive session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter at 7:55 p.m. Ms. Morris exited the executive session at 8:03 p.m. All other members of Council remained in executive session and returned to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager