

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 18, 2020

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MEETING was called to order via Zoom 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. Daniel S. Wilson, 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.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2020 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 July 21, 2020. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of August 2020 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$190,804.98 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$60,104.42 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6431	Voided Check	Void	\$0.00
6432	HC Global	Radio Equipment	\$956.25
6433	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineer Fees	\$589.50
6434	Griffith Inc.	Public Works Mower	\$31,624.65
6435	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$7,971.02
6436	Push N Pull	Salt Spreader/Plow	\$15,098.00
6437	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Tree/Stump Removal	\$3,865.00

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$190,804.98, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$60,104.42. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of July 2020 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$977.78 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of July 2020 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the Public Works equipment has recently required unnecessary repairs due to poor quality diesel fuel. Mr. Schwend explained that he contacted three suppliers to provide estimates for a 500-gallon diesel tank to be placed at the salt storage building. The lowest estimate was received from Adams Petroleum for \$3,257.94. Mr. Schwend stated that the fuel price would be approximately 70 cents per gallon less than retail.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of July 2020 were presented to Council. Mr. Schwend reviewed the outcome of the July 27, 2020 meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board. 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 July 2020 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT for the month of July 2020 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received.
- C. Financial statements from the Leetsdale Borough Municipal Authority were provided to Council via email.
- D. Correspondence was received from the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General concerning Edgeworth Borough's 2019 Liquid Fuels Audit. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough received an unmodified report for the 2019 Liquid Fuels Account.
- E. Correspondence was received from Duquesne Light regarding street light outages on Oliver Road. The conduit and underground wiring are beyond repair, and Duquesne Light will analyze replacement and cost sharing options.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Susan Kaminski	443 Maple Lane
William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Hugh St. Martin	609 Maple Lane
Alie Gruelle	711 Chestnut Road
Jenn Doody	701 Hill Street, Sewickley
Jeff Neff	805 Maple Lane, Sewickley

Mrs. Susan Kaminski approached Council regarding a newly formed organization in the area, the Quaker Valley Inclusivity Alliance (QVIA). Mrs. Kaminski stated that part of the organization's focus is on establishing relationships with local police departments, and addressing areas of improvement. QVIA recently presented a list of questions regarding policing, use of force, funding, and training to Sewickley Borough Mayor Brian Jeffe. Mrs. Kaminski asked Council to consider ways to increase transparency, and

continue assessing areas of improvement within the department. Mr. Hoepf stated that any public information can be made available to interested parties. Mr. Schwend stated that in response to recent social justice events, Chief English and the Borough Solicitor are reviewing the police department's policies and procedures, and updating as necessary. Mrs. Kaminski also expressed concern with an apparent lack of COVID-19 precautions during a recent first responder appreciation picnic in Walker Park. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough's reopening plan is given to patrons who rent the shelters, and the Borough encourages all who utilize Walker Park to practice social distancing, wearing masks, and proper hand washing. After further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Kaminski for her comments.

Ms. Alie Gruelle approached Council to discuss a further review of the Borough's small cell tower ordinance. She suggested utilizing Mr. Dan Cohen, an attorney with experience in telecommunications issues, to assess areas of improvement. Mr. Hoepf explained that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ruled that 5G cell towers are considered public utilities and are exempt from zoning ordinances in the public right of way. Mr. Lucas stated that the Borough's ordinance was recently enacted, and that the Court's decision solidifies that municipalities are limited in regulating small cell tower placement. Ms. Gruelle stated that receiving another opinion would be helpful. After further discussion, Mr. Schwend stated that he would contact Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Hoepf referred the matter to the Property Committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

STREETS/SANITATION COMMITTEE – RECYCLING AND PARKING UPDATES: Mr. Schwend stated that the Streets and Sanitation Committee recently discussed recycling and parking issues in the Borough. The committee recommends that signs are placed in front of each dumpster at the Recycling Center to clearly state what materials are accepted in the bins. The signs will be posted for a two-month trial period, after which the committee will reassess the matter. Mr. Schwend also stated that the committee agrees with the recommendation of Chief English to enforce temporary No Parking signs for a period of 90 days in order to monitor and assist with parking issues on a case by case basis. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

BRICK WALL REBUILD AT BOROUGH BUILDING: Mr. Schwend stated that after construction began on the brick wall at the Borough building, the quality of work was deemed insufficient and does not meet aesthetic or structural standards. Mr. Schwend explained that the contractor will be paid for the removal of the old wall only, and seven bids were solicited to rebuild the wall. All bids exceeded the \$21,000 threshold required for formal bidding, and formal bids will be received prior to the September Council meeting. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2020-05 – ESTABLISHING THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM: Administrative Assistant Ellen DeWeese explained that in order to build upon the sustainable policies and initiatives that were developed by the Borough's sustainability intern, a formal program should be established. The sustainability program provides guidance for current and future policies, the evaluation of current sustainability endeavors, progress updates, and education goals. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mrs. Genter to approve Resolution 2020-05, establishing the Borough of Edgeworth sustainability program. All present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager