

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 15, 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, 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.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on August 18, 2020 were presented to Council. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2020. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of September 15, 2020 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of September 2020 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$160,731.56 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$48,304.18 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6438	Bellevue Borough	Recycling Signs	\$200.00
6439	Duquesne Light Co.	Street Light Upgrade	\$654.00
6440	EconoSigns, LLC	Crosswalk Signs	\$347.13
6441	Fence By Maintenance	Borough Building Fence	\$8,120.00
6442	Forsite	Sign Posts/Hardware	\$20,861.85
6443	Parking Lot Painting Co.	Beaver Rd. Linestriping	\$12,489.20
6444	Penn Landscape and Cement	Concrete Ramp Installation	\$4,540.00
6445	Signs by Tomorrow	Public Works Truck Logo	\$242.00
6446	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump/Limb Removals	\$850.00

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 \$160,731.56, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$48,304.18. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of August 2020 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of

\$1,080.89 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of August 2020 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend expressed appreciation for the Public Works crew's efforts during significant storm damage around the Borough at the end of the month. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of August 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 August 2020 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT for the month of August 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. Correspondence was received from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority regarding an H2O grant award. Mr. Schwend stated that the Sewers Committee will meet with the Borough Engineer in the coming weeks to further discuss the Sewickley Borough Act 537 plan.
- C. Correspondence was received from the Municipal Pension Reporting Program from Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General concerning the Borough's pension distress score. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough's score is 0, which indicates fully funded pension plans.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Susan Kaminski	443 Maple Lane
William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Jason Paulovich	Gibson Thomas Engineering

Mrs. Susan Kaminski thanked the Borough for updating signs at the Recycling Center indicating acceptable material for each dumpster. She stated that the approach appeared to be sorting out non-recyclable material. Mr. Schwend stated that the success of the signs will be determined by the number of recycling dumpsters pulled. After further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Kaminski for her comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – GAS RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVIEW: Mr. Schwend stated that the Property Committee recently another meeting with concerned residents regarding further changes to the gas resources development ordinance. The Committee and residents agreed on a

handful of changes that could strengthen the existing ordinance without creating exclusionary measures. The Committee will begin drafting proposed changes to present to Council in the coming months. After discussion, Ms. Morris thanked the professional staff and Borough Solicitor for providing in-depth research on the matter.

Additionally, Mr. Schwend stated that after significant discussion regarding a review of commercial lighting zoning ordinances, the Committee decided to take no action on the matter. Mr. Schwend explained that some of the proposed revisions would affect business operations and safety protocols, and any change to the ordinance would not apply to existing businesses. Mr. Wilson stated that businesses could be encouraged to reassess their current lighting, and turn lights off when possible. After further discussion, Council agreed with the Committee's recommendation to take no action on the matter.

ACTION CONCERNING FINAL PAYMENT – CONTRACT #2019-R01: Mr. Schwend stated that the 2019 Roadway Improvement Program was completed within the last month. Due to two change orders, approximately \$86,000 was deducted from the original contract. Mr. Schwend stated that the final cost of the project is \$474,374.92, with a remaining payment due to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$90,163.90. Mr. Wilson asked whether the project exceeded budget expectations, and Mr. Schwend explained that the total cost is under budget. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to authorize the final payment for Contract #2019-R01 to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$90,163.90. All present voted in favor of the motion.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING PROPOSED 17 WAY HOLLOW ROAD LOT CONSOLIDATION – MR. WESTLEY BROOKS: Mr. Jason Paulovich, representing the property owners, stated that the proposed lot consolidation concerns parcels 603-N-005 and 603-J-015. The property owner wishes to consolidate the lots for future improvements to the property. Mr. Paulovich explained that all comments from the Borough Engineer and Allegheny County Planning Division have been addressed. Adjacent property owners were notified of the plan in writing. Mr. Schwend stated that the proposed plans comply with Borough requirements, and that the Edgeworth Borough Planning Commission recommended approval of the lot consolidation at their meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to approve the proposed lot consolidation application for 17 Way Hollow Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING 2021 MMO: Mr. Schwend stated that the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) for the Borough pension plan has fluctuated over the years due to life expectancy, market changes, and assumed future expense calculations. Mr. Schwend explained that the Borough will receive state aid that typically covers a large portion of obligated funding contributions. The 2021 MMO actuarial calculations for the uniformed pension plan is \$52,925, and the non-uniformed pension plan is \$62,807. Mr. Wilson asked whether the increase is reflected in the current Borough budget, and Mr. Schwend stated that this MMO will be included in the 2021 budget. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Marlovits to approve the 2021 MMO. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF CONTRACT #2020-W01 – BRICK WALL REBUILD: Mr. Schwend stated that four bids were received to rebuild the brick wall along the side of the Borough building after work by a previous contractor was deemed insufficient. The low bidder was Mariani and Richards, Inc. in the amount of \$23,800.00. Mr. Hofmann asked whether old bricks could be used to reface the wall. Mr. Schwend explained that old bricks have been disposed of, and the new contractor will ensure that the proper brick and mortar color is installed. After further discussion, a motion was made by

Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to accept the bid from Mariani and Richards, Inc. in the amount of \$23,800 for the brick wall rebuild. All present voted in favor of the motion.

PENNDOT WINTER TRAFFIC SERVICES AGREEMENT: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough's five-year agreement with PennDOT to provide winter maintenance on Way Hollow Road and Little Sewickley Creek Road has expired. PennDOT compensates the Borough for the winter maintenance provided based on traffic volume calculations for each road. Mr. Schwend stated that the new five-year agreement would remain in effect until 2025. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Wilson to accept the PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Agreement. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SHIELDS SPRING GRANT APPLICATION: Mr. Schwend stated that the Sewickley Valley Historical Society is seeking applications for a matching grant up to \$10,000, which could be used to preserve Shields Spring. Proposed work would include repointing stones, repairing brick pavers, landscaping, and installing drainage to prevent icing conditions. Two preliminary estimates, totaling between \$30,000 to \$40,000, were received from contractors with experience in historical preservation. Mr. Hofmann stated that Shields Spring is a significant, historic place in the Borough and the surrounding area, and should be preserved and maintained for generations to come. Ms. Morris expressed concern with the extent of work needed to preserve the area, and associated costs in the future. Mr. Schwend explained that additional research was necessary to determine the extent of drainage and water issues located behind the wall. After further discussion, Mr. Hoepf directed the issue to the Property Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager