

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2021

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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. 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 January 19, 2021 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2021. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of January 2021 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of February 16, 2021 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of January 2021 was presented to Council. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2021 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$167,370.02 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$44,554.12 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

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|------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 6476 | A. Folino Construction | Oliver Road Project | \$42,601.12 |
| 6477 | Garvin Boward Beitko   | Engineering Fees    | \$1,602.00  |
| 6478 | Home Depot             | Sign Post Materials | \$351.00    |

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$167,370.02, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$44,554.12. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of January 2021 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of January 2021 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$698.67 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of January 2021 was presented to Council. Sergeant Burlett discussed how citation fines are allocated to the Borough. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of January 2021 was presented to Council. Ms. Morris recognized the recent passing of Mr. Bob Bagans, who served as a dedicated volunteer firefighter with Cochran Hose Co., as well as the Borough's representative to the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of January 2021 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the Public Works crew has had numerous snow callouts during a busy winter season, and that the salt usage has exceeded estimates. Council expressed appreciation for the Public Works crew for their hard work and plowing efforts throughout the winter. After further discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of January 2021 were presented to Council. Mr. Schwend briefly explained the results of cases heard by 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 January 2021 MS4 report. After discussion, the 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. Mr. Hofmann expressed disappointment with the Authority's 12% rate increase. Mr. Hugh St. Martin stated that the increase is the first in approximately ten years, and another increase is not expected for another eight to ten years.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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| Hugh St. Martin | 609 Maple Lane     |
| William Lang    | 617 Maple Lane     |
| Gail Murray     | 522 Woodland Road  |
| Jeff Neff       | Three Rivers Trust |

Mrs. Gail Murray came before Council to ask for an updated timeline regarding the proposed changes to the gas resources development ordinance. Mr. Schwend stated that other revisions to the zoning ordinance are currently being reviewed, and all proposed changes will be advertised together for efficiency. Mrs. Murray asked whether the public will be notified of future public hearings and other changes, and Mr. Schwend explained that any proposed ordinance will be advertised in the newspaper, and both the Planning Commission and Borough Council will hold public meetings prior to adoption. Ms. Morris asked for the proper procedure for a member of Council to propose further changes to other areas of the zoning ordinance. Mr. Lucas explained that any member of Council can propose changes to the Property Committee. After further discussion, Council thanked Mrs. Murray for her time.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MODIFICATION REQUEST – 446

BEAVER ROAD: Mr. Schwend stated that the property owner of 446 Beaver Road is constructing an addition to the residence on the property, and is requesting a modification to a provision of the stormwater management ordinance related to collection and conveyance facilities design for a one-hundred-year storm event. Mr. Jeff Neff, representing the property owner, explained that the stormwater management system on the lot is designed provide minimal disturbance in the area located near the Beaver Road wall. He stated that the system will be redirecting water away from the storm sewer on Beaver Road, and has adequate capacity to manage all stormwater on the property. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineer has reviewed the modification request and has no objection to the consideration. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Marlovits to approve the stormwater management modification request for the property located at 446 Beaver Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT TO QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Mr. Schwend stated that due to the recent passing of Mr. Bob Bagans, there is a vacancy on the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority. Mr. David T. Aloe has been recommended to fill the remainder of the term, ending on December 31, 2021. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Hoepf to appoint Mr. David T. Aloe to fulfill the vacancy on the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ESTABLISHING A GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT: Mr. Schwend stated that in an effort to increase interest earnings and minimize monthly fees, he recommended creating a General Money Market account, similar to that of the Scheduled Expenditures Money Market account. The change would provide for current rates of 0.15% interest in the General checking account, .25% interest in the Money Market account, and one monthly fee of \$20.00. The majority of funds would be held in the Money Market account and transferred to the General Checking account as needed. This change would also eliminate the need for the current General Fund Sweep account. Even with the monthly \$20.00 fee, these changes should have a net \$2,000.00 position impact on the bottom line. Mr. Hofmann stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended the proposed change. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to establish a General Fund Money Market account with First National Bank. All present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager