

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 20, 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. 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 March 16, 2021 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2021. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of April 20, 2021 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of March 2021 was presented to Council. Mr. Wilson asked about the calculation of Business Privilege Tax, and whether the ongoing pandemic has effected revenue. Mr. Schwend stated that an expected reduction in business privilege tax revenue was factored into the budget, and the calculation is based on gross receipts. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of April 2021 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$200,568.41 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$14,453.31 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6486	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$14,453.31
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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 \$200,568.41, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$14,453.31. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of March 2021 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$697.91 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of March 2021 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that spring leaf collection is almost complete, and that final restoration work remaining from the Oliver Road sewer separation project will be completed in the coming weeks. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of March 2021 were presented to Council. After review and discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of March 2021 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that final interviews to fill the role of COG Executive Director are underway. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: President Hoopp opened the floor for public comment on the topic of stormwater by reviewing the March 2021 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Wilson noted that the Authority is implementing a 12% rate increase for the following year, and asked Mr. Schwend to get further clarification from the Authority regarding justification for the increase.
- B. Correspondence was received from Mr. Jeffrey Kendall regarding the Quaker Valley High School project. Mr. Hoopp highlighted the differing opinions throughout the Borough regarding the Quaker Valley School Board's decision to move forward with the construction of a new high school, and stated that Borough Council does not involve itself in the decisions of other governing authorities. Mr. Hoopp stated that Borough Council can only review matters related to zoning and land development if the school district submits an application to develop portions of the proposed location that would be within Borough boundaries. Mr. Aloe stated that residents should contact their elected officials on the Quaker Valley School Board to ensure their concerns and questions are heard.
- C. Correspondence was received from the Arbor Day Foundation recognizing Edgeworth Borough as a Tree City USA for the fourth consecutive year.
- D. Correspondence was received from Mrs. Suzanne Watters regarding a compost collection pilot program. Mr. Schwend stated that a group of residents and community members is proposing to start a door-to-door pilot program for compost materials and food scraps within Edgeworth and Sewickley. He explained that the waste collection ordinance outlines requirements for collection days and times, as well as the type of container that may be used to hold waste materials. Ms. Morris highlighted discrepancies in definitions of waste and rubbish, and recommended that portions of the ordinance be updated as necessary.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No visitors were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

STREETS AND SEWERS COMMITTEE UPDATE REGARDING SEWICKLEY ACT 537 PLAN AND POIA ROAD: Mr. Schwend stated that he and Mr. Aloe, along with the Borough Engineer, met with representatives from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority (LMA) and Sewickley Borough recently to discuss the Sewickley Act 537 plan. In December of 2020, the Borough denied the plan as previously proposed, and requested updated cost estimates, and a direct force main with no connection to Edgeworth's infrastructure. Mr. Aloe and Mr. Schwend explained that the Authority's engineer suggested that the Borough's capacity concerns are unfounded, as previous infrastructure updates to pump stations and force mains included more capacity than necessary. Mr. Aloe stated that Sewickley Borough also suggested increasing the size of the LMA governing body, rather than buying in as a single customer. Upon conclusion of the meeting, representatives from all parties understood the Borough's concerns, and updated pricing for a dedicated force main was provided to the Borough. Mr. Hofmann asked whether other affected municipalities have adopted the plan as originally designed. Mr. Schwend stated that to his knowledge, only Sewickley and Leetsdale have signed on to the plan. After further discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend and Mr. Aloe for the update.

Additionally, Mr. Schwend stated that residents on Poia Road have begun the process to pave the private road, and he stated that it would be the opportune time for the Borough to address the combined sewer under Poia Road. Mr. Schwend explained that the existing combined sewer is terra cotta pipe with lateral intrusions that prevented a camera from inspecting the entirety of the line. The Borough Engineer provided a cost estimate of \$325,824.00 for replacing the combined sewer, as well as installing three additional catch basins. Mr. Hofmann suggested receiving a cost estimate for relining the existing sewer system to compare overall costs and benefits of the project. After further discussion, Council agreed to place both pipe relining and total replacement of the combined sewer system under Poia Road out to bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING AUDIT AGREEMENT – 2021 TO 2023: Mr. Schwend stated that agreement with Maher Duessel to perform audit services is expiring with the completion of the 2020 audit. The proposed agreement is for audit services for years 2021 to 2023. Mrs. Morris and Mr. Wilson stated they are pleased with the services provided by Maher Duessel, and recommended entering into the agreement. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to approve the audit agreement with Maher Duessel for years 2021 to 2023. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING ROCK SALT CONTRACT – EXERCISING SECOND OPTION YEAR: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough is entering the third year of the rock salt contract with Cargill, Inc. provided by SHACOG for joint purchasing. He explained that the joint purchasing allows the Borough to receive loads of salt in a time efficient manner, with minimal price increase of 1.4% for \$79.92 per ton. Mr. Schwend estimated approximately 400 tons of rock salt will be purchased by the Borough for the 2021-2022 winter season. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Hofmann to exercise the second option year in the rock salt contract with Cargill, Inc.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 21-R01 – 2021 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mr. Schwend stated that nine bids were received, from Youngblood Paving Inc., A. Liberoni, Inc., Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc., Independent Enterprises, Inc., Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc., El Grande Industries, C. H. and D. Enterprises, Inc., A. Folino Construction, and Redstone Excavating. Youngblood Paving Inc. was the low bidder, with a base bid amount of \$155,372.80 and an add alternate amount of \$127,831.00. The base bid includes paving Sycamore Road, and a section of Beaver Road. An alternate bid amount was also received for paving portions of Beaver Road from Quaker Road to Academy Avenue. Mr. Schwend explained that the total bid is approximately \$76,000.00 under

the original estimated cost. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to award Contract No. 21-R01 to Youngblood Paving Inc. in the base amount of \$155,372.80, and to add the alternate in the amount of \$127,831.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 21-SW1 – WALKER PARK

STREAMBANK RESTORATION: Mr. Schwend stated that four bids were received, from LM&R Excavating, Myers Demolition & Excavation, Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor, Inc., and N&N Landscaping, LLC for the Walker Park Streambank stabilization project. Mr. Schwend stated that LM&R Excavating was the low bidder, with a total bid of \$44,100.00. The \$150,000.00 grant awarded to the Borough from the Redevelopment Authority of the Allegheny County (RAAC) will cover the full cost of the project. Mr. Hoepp asked why the bid is significantly lower than cost estimates. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineer has confidence in the low bidder, but will remain vigilant and hold the contractor accountable for all work performed. Mr. Aloe asked whether extra work could be included with the project. Mr. Schwend stated that he will assess the requirements of the grant and explore any available options. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to award Contract No. 21-SW1 to LM&R Excavating in the amount of \$44,100.00.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2021-01 – AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 JOINT WASTE COLLECTION BID WITH THE QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough is currently in the last year of its waste contract facilitated by the Quaker Valley COG. The COG is developing bid specifications for the upcoming contract and is utilizing a consultant to aid in the process. Mr. Schwend explained that the resolution authorizes a \$200.00 fee to participate in the solid waste and recycling collection bid, as well as states that the Borough intends to purchase collection services from the lowest responsible bidder. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Hofmann to adopt Resolution 2021-01 – Authorizing the Borough of Edgeworth to Participate in the 2021 Joint Waste Collection Bid with the Quaker Valley Council of Governments. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2021-02 – ADOPTING THE 2020 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Mr. Schwend explained that the Borough is required to adopt a hazard mitigation plan per state and federal regulations every five years. Allegheny County has developed their 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan, which all municipalities in the county are encouraged to adopt. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mrs. Genter to adopt Resolution 2021-02 – Adopting the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RECOGNIZING ARBOR DAY IN THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH: Administrative Assistant Ellen DeWeese highlighted the requirements set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation in order to be recognized as a Tree City USA for 2021. One such requirements is to formally recognize Arbor Day in the Borough in order to bring awareness to the benefits that trees provide to the community and residents. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to recognize April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Edgeworth. All present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager