

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2021

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoepf presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepf, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Ms. Carrie A. Morris, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, 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 June 15, 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 June 15, 2021. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of July 2021 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$175,792.43 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$39,841.84 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6501	Forsite Signs	Sign Posts	\$22,953.90
6502	Devin Fisher	Retainer Reimbursement	\$140.80
6503	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineer Fees	\$7,125.00
6504	PA Public Safety	Police Vehicle Storage Box	\$1,120.00

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 \$175,792.43, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$39,841.84. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of June 2021 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,024.90 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of June 2021 was presented to Council. Sergeant Burlett stated that the department is focused on targeting speeding along Beaver Road and other streets throughout the Borough with increased presence, and utilizing the speed box. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of June 2021 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend and Administrative Assistant Ellen Politi stated that the goats provided by Allegheny Goatscape successfully completed their work of clearing the hillside along Route 65. The goats were enjoyed by all. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of June 2021 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend stated that the COG facilitated a tour of the proposed Quaker Valley High School location in Leet Township. The representative from Quaker Valley School District providing the tour stated that no site plan has been finalized, and the District is still in the process of selecting a geotechnical engineer, although they expect to cut into the hillside by approximately twenty feet. Mr. Marlovits asked whether the District had secured proper zoning approval for site development, and Mr. Schwend explained that the zoning process in Leet Township is ongoing. Mayor Smith stated that he also attended the tour, and the District noted that two access drives would be available for busses and traffic entering the site. Mr. Hoepp and Mr. Hofmann expressed concern with earth disturbance in a landslide prone area. After further discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Schwend highlighted the Authority's intention to apply for a \$680,000 grant from Pennvest in order to replace lead service lines in both Edgeworth and Leetsdale Boroughs.
- B. Correspondence was received from Chief John English, announcing his retirement as Chief of the Edgeworth Police Department effective September 6th, 2021. Council expressed gratitude for Chief English and his many years of service to the Borough.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang 617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Gail Murray 605 Maple Lane
Mr. David Pavlakovich 425 Oliver Road

Mr. David Pavlakovich came before Council to discuss concerns with lawn restoration along Oliver Road, following the sewer separation and paving project in 2020. Mr. Pavlakovich stated that after numerous complaints, areas of his lawn have yet to be properly restored by the Borough contractor, A. Folino Inc. Mr. Schwend explained that the Borough Engineer imposed a deadline of July 2nd, 2021 on the contractor to restore affected areas to the Borough and property owners' satisfaction. Since the contractor missed the deadline, the Borough has withheld payment and hired a separate contractor, Penn Landscape and Cement, to complete lawn restoration and backfill curbs along Oliver Road. Mr. Schwend stated that the work would begin in the coming week. After Mr. Schwend's explanation, Mr. Pavlakovich thanked Council for their time.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE REVISED WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

DRAFT ORDINANCE: Mr. Schwend stated that due to recently enacted legislation at the state level, the draft wireless communication facilities ordinance required revisions in order to remain compliant with the updated law. Cohen Law Group has revised necessary areas, which relate to application procedure and updated language. Ms. Morris stated that the Property Committee reviewed the changes, and recommended that the draft ordinance be authorized for advertisement. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Ms. Morris to authorize the advertisement of the draft wireless communication facilities ordinance in the paper of record. All present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING ORDINANCE 555 – AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING

ORDINANCE RELATING TO GAS RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT: President Hoeppe opened a public hearing to discuss the Gas Resources Development draft ordinance at 7:40 pm. Ms. Gail Murray read the following statement into the record: “I want to thank John Schwend, the Edgeworth Borough Council and Solicitor Lucas for being responsive to the requests of the Concerned Residents of Edgeworth and for working with us to update the borough’s local oil and gas zoning ordinances. Thanks to Ellen DeWeese for the time that she put into this process. The updated Allegheny County approved ordinances are protective of the quality of life that we appreciate as residents of the community of Edgeworth.” President Hoeppe expressed his appreciation for Ms. Murray and other concerned residents for the time invested into updating the ordinance. After discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:45 pm. A motion was made by Ms. Morris with a second from Mr. Wilson to adopt Ordinance 555, Amending Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance Relating to Gas Resources Development. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted unanimously in favor.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2021-03 – AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE AUTHORITY’S TERM OF EXISTENCE:

Mr. Schwend stated that the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority must extend their terms of existence in order to be recognized by the state. They are requesting to extend the terms for another fifty years. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to adopt Resolution 2021-03 – Amending the Articles of Incorporation of the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority to Extend the Authority’s Term of Existence. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADDITIONAL PAVING – EAST DRIVE: Mr. Schwend stated that the Edgeworth Water Authority paved one half of East Drive after replacing a water line under the road. Mr. Schwend explained that paving the other half of the road as an addendum to the 2021 Paving Program would maintain the road on the same timeline, as well establish a wedge curb along the road. The cost to complete the work is approximately \$16,000.00 to pave one lane of East Drive from Creek Drive to Woodland Road. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to add an addendum onto the 2021 Paving Program contract in the amount of \$15,684.00 to pave one lane of East Drive. All present voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:52 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:27 p.m.

Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Schwend recommended a one time bonus of \$1,000.00 for Public Works Laborer James Wigton, due to his role in assisting to supervise the Public Works Department during Fred Gregorich's absence in the first quarter of 2021. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mr. Wilson to award Mr. Wigton a \$1,000.00 bonus. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Council then discussed Chief English's retirement and how to seek his replacement. It was suggested that the position be filled by promotion, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Marlovits to send a letter to the Civil Service Commission to request the Commission certify a list of eligible candidates to fill the position of Police Chief. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Finally, Mr. Schwend discussed filling the vacant position of Public Works Laborer. He explained that after completing several rounds of interviews, he recommended that the position be offered to Mr. Shawn Collins for the starting wage of \$23.50 per hour. After reviewing the pay rates for all laborers, Mr. Schwend recommended a wage adjustment of \$0.85 per hour for Mr. Peter Kovacs, and \$0.65 per hour for Mr. James Wigton. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Morris with a second from Mr. Marlovits to offer the position of Public Works Laborer to Mr. Shawn Collins, and to adjust all rates accordingly. All present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager