

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2022

MEETING was called to order at 7:08 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoeppe presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoeppe, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve the Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2021. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of December 2021 was presented to Council. Mrs. Genter asked whether additional information could be provided regarding the Borough's pension plans. Mr. Schwend stated that he would look into the matter. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of January 18, 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of January 2022 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$1,317,250.08 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$46,132.62 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6545	N&N Landscaping LLC	Sidewalk Repair	\$12,329.95
6546	Youngblood Paving	2021 Road Paving	\$33,802.67

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Aloe that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$1,317,250.08, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$46,132.62. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of December 2021 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$975.14 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of December 2021 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett stated that the department held a staff meeting to review updates to the Personnel and Police Policy manuals. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of December 2021 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend commended the Public Works crew for their snow removal efforts during consecutive winter weather events. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of December 2021 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was 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 December 2021 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Schwend noted that the Authority will be replacing a water main on Woodland Road.
- B. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority were received. Mr. Schwend stated that a response to the Borough's latest letter was received from the Authority regarding the Act 537 Plan, and the Sewers Committee will meet to review and discuss.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Gail Murray	605 Maple Lane
Mr. Michael DiVittorio	Tribune Review

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REDISTRICTING LETTER: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough sent a letter to the state Redistricting Commission regarding the importance of keeping Quaker Valley School District municipalities within in the same district. After brief discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 21-SW2 – CREEK DRIVE STREAMBANK RESTORATION: Mr. Schwend stated that six bids were received for the Creek Drive Streambank Restoration project, from Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$47,225.00, Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$142,475.00, Stefaniks N.G.C.C. in the amount of \$143,973.62, C. Crump Inc. in the amount of \$181,865.00, LM&R Excavating in the amount of \$192,085.00, and Cronin Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$219,192.00. Independent Enterprises, Inc. withdrew their bid due to a mathematical error. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough is currently awaiting an easement agreement from the property owners where the work will take place. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to accept the withdrawn bid from Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$47,225.00. All present voted in favor of the motion. Additionally, a motion was

made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Genter to award Contract No. 21-SW2 to Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$142,475.00, contingent on receiving a signed easement agreement from the affected property owners. All present voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING STREET LIGHTS ON OLIVER ROAD: Mr. Schwend stated that two out of five decorative street lamps along Oliver Road are not working properly, and underground cable and conduit must be replaced. Sargent Electric provided an estimated cost of \$15,000 to make the necessary repairs, while Duquesne Light provided an estimate of \$68,900.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Hofmann to allow Sargent Electric to make the necessary repairs to street lamps along Oliver Road, with an estimated cost of \$15,000.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR: Mr. Schwend explained that the elected tax collector historically appoints Jordan Tax Service to serve as deputy tax collector for the Borough's property taxes. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Marlovits to authorize Mr. Chris Blazak, the Borough's elected tax collector, to enter into an agreement with Jordan Tax Service to serve as the deputy real estate tax collector. All present voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING VACANCY ON THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: Mr. Hofmann stated that the Personnel Committee interviewed Ms. Stacy Gianiodis for the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Ms. Gianiodis' background includes in depth human resources experience in the security sector. After consideration, the Personnel Committee recommended appointing Mrs. Gianiodis to fulfill the vacancy, with a term ending December 31, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to appoint Mrs. Gianiodis to the Civil Service Commission. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MS4 INSPECTION REPORT: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough's MS4 inspection was completed in January, with all record keeping and compliance requirements met and no comments provided. He highlighted key areas of the MS4 program that are reviewed during the inspection, such as public participation, outfall testing, and proper maintenance of Public Works vehicles and equipment. Mr. Schwend noted that Borough Council would be receiving annual MS4 training provided by the Borough Engineer at the upcoming meeting. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

COCHRAN HOSE CO. RELIEF ASSOCIATION COMPLIANCE AUDIT: Mr. Aloe explained that the Cochran Hose Co. Relief Audit was completed, with one minimal finding related to the donation of outdated equipment. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Aloe for the report.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager