

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2022

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. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2022 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2022. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

At this time, Mr. Hoepf announced that there was a change in the order of the agenda, and Council will hear from Maher Duessel regarding the 2021 Borough Audit.

ACTION CONCERNING 2021 BOROUGH AUDIT – MAHER DUESSEL: Mr. Brian McCall of Maher Duessel presented the 2021 audit to Borough Council in regulatory format, and stated that the auditors were able to obtain reasonable assurance over the Borough’s financial statements, and no adjustments were necessary. Therefore, the Borough received a clean, unmodified opinion from the auditors. Mr. McCall noted consistent sources of revenue with minimal impact from the Covid-19 pandemic, and stated that the Borough’s expenditures were in line with the approved budget for the year. He also highlighted the additional sources of federal aid that the Borough received due to the pandemic, and explained what the monies could be allocated for. Mr. Wilson stated that the Finance Committee met with Mr. McCall prior to the meeting to review the audit in greater depth, and thanked the audit team and the Borough’s professional staff for their work. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Wilson to approve the 2021 Borough Audit conducted by Maher Duessel, and to place the legal advertisement in the paper of record as required. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT for the month of February 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of March 15, 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of February 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of March 2022 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$171,545.86 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$6,500.98 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6552	Eisler Nurseries Inc	Way Park Planting	\$390.00
6553	Garvin Boward Beitko	Engineering Fees	\$1,066.50
6554	Home Depot	Park Maintenance	\$774.48
6555	Markl Supply	Public Safety Supplies	\$1,050.00
6556	Robert Crusan	Arborist Fees	\$3,220.00

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 \$171,545.86, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$6,500.98. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of February 2022 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of February 2022 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$753.73 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of February 2022 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett stated that damage was recently sustained to a police vehicle, and the Borough is awaiting an insurance appraisal. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of February 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of February 2022 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of February 2022 were presented to Council. After review and discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of February 2022 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 February 2022 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received.
- B. Correspondence was received from the Borough of Sewickley Heights regarding the Way Hollow Road closure. The correspondence was directed to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) regarding ongoing negotiations for repairing the road and Sewickley Heights Borough taking it over from the state. Mr. Schwend explained that Sewickley Heights Borough is considering taking the road if PennDOT manages the repairs and revises its initial engineering design. State Representative Valerie Gaydos stated that she has met with representatives from Sewickley Heights and PennDOT, and hopes that discussions will continue until a favorable solution is reached for all parties involved.
- C. Correspondence was received from Nichols & Slagle Engineering regarding the Sewickley Borough Act 537 Plan. The correspondence was directed to Sewickley Borough, and encouraged Sewickley Borough officials to contact neighboring municipalities who have not yet agreed to the Act 537 Plan in order for the Plan to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for review.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Rebecca Cartus	302 Maple Lane
Mr. Brian McCall	Maher Duessel
Rep. Valerie Gaydos	Pennsylvania State House of Representatives

Mrs. Rebecca Cartus came before Council to express disappointment with the outreach communication during the recent water main break. Mr. Schwend explained that the Edgeworth Water Authority is a separate governing and operational body from the Borough, and that numerous residents contacted the Borough about issues with their notification system. He stated that he would contact the Authority and make them aware of residents' concerns. Council thanked Mrs. Cartus for her concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Hoopp, on behalf of Borough Council, thanked State Representative Valerie Gaydos for her efforts in assisting the Borough with receiving infrastructure grants from the Gaming and Economic Development Tourism Fund. Rep. Gaydos thanked Council for their kind words, and assured that she would continue to advocate for municipalities in her district when grant funding is available. She also provided an update on the status of state redistricting maps, and stated that efforts to keep all of the Quaker Valley area in the same district have so far proved successful.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING WOODLAND ROAD GUIDERAIL: Mr. Schwend stated that discussion and approval of installing 135 feet of guiderail along Woodland Road initially occurred in 2015, however the project did not move forward at that time. In order to ensure safety of motorists traveling down Woodland Road, Mr. Schwend recommended that a guiderail be installed in the location. Three written quotes were solicited this month, and one quote was received from Penn Line Service, Inc. in the amount of \$17,684.00. Mr. Schwend explained that the proposed guiderail would be dark brown in color, and placed along the creek side of Woodland Road traveling toward Little Sewickley Creek Road. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Marlovits to accept the quotation from Penn Line Service, Inc. in the amount of \$17,684.00 to install 135 feet of guiderail along Woodland Road. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING SIGN POST PURCHASE: Mr. Schwend stated that the cost for the final phase of sign post purchases from Forsite, Inc. in order to complete installation throughout the Borough is \$33,207.98. He explained that previous phases each totaled around \$20,000.00, however with expected increases in material costs, he recommended completing the purchase this year. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mr. Aloe to approve the purchase of sign post materials from Foriste, Inc. in the amount of \$33,207.98. All present voted in favor of the motion.

POLICE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL UPDATE: Chief Burlett stated that the proposed update to the Police Policy and Procedures Manual is in regards to body-worn cameras, and outlines all requirements for officers while on duty and when body-worn cameras are in use. Mr. Hofmann stated that the proposed policy is comprehensive and recommended its approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Genter to approve the Police Policy and Procedures Manual update as presented. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mr. Schwend provided Council with an update on projects happening throughout the Borough, including bids to be received for the Public Works automotive lift, electrical panel upgrades, and the 2022 paving program. Additionally, the Borough engineer is currently working on specifications for Church Lane sewer lining and Beaver Road bridge rehabilitation projects, and the Poia Road sewer project has been completed. Recycling center changes will be implemented by the end of March, Little Sewickley Creek Road has been reopened, and the Police Department will be hiring a part time officer and police dispatcher in the coming weeks. After brief discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager