

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 19, 2022

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MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoopp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoopp, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, 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 21, 2022 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 June 21, 2022. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of July 19, 2022 was presented to Council. Mrs. Genter commented that she is disappointed that the investment manager, Hefren Tillotson, has underperformed compared to the benchmark in each of the previous periods. She suggested that the Finance Committee consider reviewing the investment manager and possibly creating a request for proposals for a new investment manager. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of July 2022 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$224,117.65 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$62,027.03 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

29	Garvin Boward Beitko	Geotech Engineer	\$335.00
30	Jet Jack Inc.	Poia Rd Final	\$56,389.50
31	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$4,772.53
32	Tall Timber Tree Experts	Stump Grinding	\$225.00
33	US Municipal	Traffic Mirror	\$305.00

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 \$224,117.65, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$62,027.03. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of June 2022 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$740.96 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

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

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

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: President Hoeppe opened the floor for public comment on the topic of stormwater by reviewing the June 2022 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of June 2022 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend discussed the hard to recycle event being held at the Quaker Valley High School on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. After discussion, this 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.
- C. The Leetsdale Municipal Authority Annual Financial Report was received.
- D. The ISO Public Protection Classification report for the Cochran Hose Company was received. Cochran Hose Company received the 03/3X classification.
- E. The resignation of Mr. Chris Blazak from the position of Tax Collector was received. Mr. Blazak is moving out of the Borough, and will no longer be able to serve in this capacity. A motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second from Mrs. Larsen to accept the resignation of Mr. Blazak and thank him for his service to the community. All members voted unanimously in favor of accepting the resignation.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Mr. Hugh St. Martin	609 Maple Lane
Mr. David J Pavlakovich	425 Oliver Road
Rev. Rebecca Cartus	302 Maple Lane

Mr. Pavlakovich approached Council with his concern about poison ivy growing on his neighbor's trees. Mr. Pavlakovich stated that he had informed the Borough Manager of this situation on Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> but that nothing had been done to correct the situation. Mr. Schwend stated that the ordinance requires the property owner to come into compliance within five days of notification, and he stated that he notified the neighbor on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> when the complaint was received. Mr. Schwend stated he would follow up with the property owner regarding the poison ivy.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR GREAT WEST TRUST

COMPANY 401(A) PLAN: Mr. Schwend stated that the final plan agreement had been drafted by the representatives from Empower for the defined contribution pension plan. Mr. Schwend and Mrs. Genter reviewed the plan with Council and highlighted that this new plan could help attract new candidates for full time positions in the future. The Finance Committee, Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager had reviewed the document for correctness, and recommended it's approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mr. Aloe to enter into the agreement with the Great West Trust Company for the 401(a) plan. All members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT REGARDING SCHOOL SECURITY: President Hoepf stated that the discussion regarding school security has been tabled until the August meeting of Borough Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2022-03, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH ENTERING INTO A JOINT GLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH THE

QVCOG: Mr. Schwend stated that the QVCOG has requested that all member municipalities enter into an agreement to fund two permanent glass recycling locations in the COG. The fee is based on population, and Edgeworth's fee would be forty dollars per month. The locations are in Sewickley Borough at Riverfront Park, and a second location in Avalon Borough. While Edgeworth will still maintain our own glass collection center, it's beneficial to the Borough to have a recycling location close by for residents of other towns to use. Mr. Schwend noted that the number of times that our glass recycling container is emptied has significantly decreased since the permanent location opened in Sewickley. A motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to adopt Resolution 2022-03. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2022-04, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH FILLING THE VACANCY OF TAX COLLECTOR: Mr. Schwend stated that the Personnel Committee recommended appointing Mr. Hugh St. Martin to fill the vacant position of Tax Collector. Mr. St. Martin had expressed interest in the position, and was aware of the requirements outlined in the Borough Code. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to approve Resolution 2022-04, appointing Mr. Hugh St. Martin to the position of Borough Tax Collector. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT FOR ROCK SALT PURCHASE WITH CARGILL INC.: Mr. Schwend stated that the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) held a competitive bid for bulk rock salt purchase for the 2022-2023 winter season. Two bidders responded, and Cargill Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder, with a primary bid of \$88.96 per ton. Mr. Schwend stated that Cargill had been a responsible supplier in the past, and participating in this joint purchase helps Edgeworth achieve the lowest possible price for rock salt. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Marlovits to enter into an agreement with Cargill Inc. for the purchase of rock salt for the 2022-2023 season. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION AND SETTING THE WAGE OF A FULL TIME POLICE DISPATCHER: Mr. Schwend addressed Council and informed them that the candidate who had accepted the full-time dispatch position in May changed his mind and had declined employment. A new search was held, and after a number of interviews were completed, the Chief and Borough Manager recommended Mr. Michael Martin to fill the position, and establish a wage for the full-time dispatch position at \$20.00 per hour. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mrs. Larsen to establish the position of full-time police dispatcher and set the wage at \$20.00 per hour. All present voted in favor of the motion.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

BEAVER ROAD WALL REPAIR: Mr. Hoepf informed Council that a meeting was held with the Borough Engineer, Borough Manager, Mr. Aloe and himself regarding the future repairs on the Beaver Road wall. Mr. Hoepf and Mr. Schwend recapped past discussions about the wall repair, including the idea of the soil nail wall, and the issues with drying and stamping the wall and property acquisition that had not been resolved when the repairs were discussed four years ago. Mr. Hoepf described a new idea presented by the engineer to move the sidewalk to the other side of the road, and build a wall within our existing right of way. This idea ultimately would be cost prohibitive, and did not yield a desirable final product for those who use the sidewalk. Mr. Hoepf stated that three action items were agreed upon during the meeting. First, the Borough Engineer will install points to monitor the vertical and horizontal movement of the wall at stations with top, middle and bottom elevation movement to be monitored. Second, core samples would be taken at five spots behind the wall where the handrail shows evidence of moving in order to ascertain what the material composition is behind the wall. Finally, the Borough Manager shall ask the engineer to give an opinion of probable cost for the soil nail wall again, using today's pricing. Mr. Aloe suggested that a wedge curb rather than concrete curb may help prevent water from getting in behind the wall, and to add additional catch basins along the

road in order to help mitigate the water runoff. He reiterated that the Borough has spent over \$160,000 on repairs for the wall which have helped keep it safe without an exorbitant expense. Mr. Hofmann affirmed his position that the wall should be repaired in a cost-effective manner with safety and not aesthetics as the priority. Mrs. Larsen commented that the sidewalk along Beaver Road benefits all residents who use it, and keeping the sidewalk safe and passable should be the priority. After some discussion, Mr. Hoepp directed the Borough Manager to provide monthly updates on the status of the engineer's review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered executive session to discuss a legal matter at 8:07 pm, and returned to regular session at 8:14 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager