

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 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, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mayor Gary L. Smith, and Borough Manager John F. Schwend.

MINUTES of the Organization Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 18, 2022 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Organization Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2022. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MS4 TRAINING: President Hoepf stated that Council will have its annual MS4 training provided by the Borough Engineer prior to continuing with the agenda. Mr. John Valinsky, EIT, came before Council for the annual training on the MS4 program and to discuss the sedimentation reduction project included in the current permit. Mr. Valinsky provided a brief overview of the MS4 program and its numerous components. He then outlined the purpose of sedimentation reduction projects, and their impact on surrounding waterways. Mr. Valinsky detailed the extent of the Creek Drive Streambank Restoration project, which will begin in the coming months. Mayor Smith and Mrs. Genter asked whether Little Sewickley Creek would qualify for sedimentation reduction projects, and Mr. Valinsky explained that it would not, due to the Creek's status as a high quality watershed. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Valinsky for the information.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT as of February 15, 2022 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend highlighted a new monthly report that compares pension investments to benchmark, provided by Hefren Tillotson. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of February 2022 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$162,851.49 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$10,463.48 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

6547	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$4,353.04
6548	Sargent Electric Company	Street Light Repair	\$1,303.44
6549	The Electric Company	Fuel Tank Electrical	\$2,015.00
6550	WatchGuard Video	Camera Chargers	\$1,932.00
6551	Watt Fencing Inc.	Dog Kennel	\$860.00

Mr. Schwend noted the EFT payments that are being made as part of the Borough's new policy regarding paying monthly reoccurring invoices electronically. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on

the General Account in the amount of \$162,851.49, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$10,463.48. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of January 2022 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,204.88 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of January 2022 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett explained the police body camera policy that will be implemented for all police officers. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

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

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of January 2022 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend highlighted that the COG will be hosting its own glass recycling dumpster location in Sewickley Borough for all residents of COG communities. 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 January 2022 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority were received.
- B. The Edgeworth Municipal Authority Annual Report was received.
- C. Correspondence was received from Hefren-Tillotson regarding their upcoming merger with Baird Corporation. Mr. Schwend stated that he spoke to the Borough's pension plan managers, who assured that the merger would not impact the pension plans or the service provided to the Borough, and explained that plan fees will remain constant.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. William Lang	617 Maple Lane
Mrs. Rebecca Cartus	302 Maple Lane
Mr. John Valinsky	Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering

Mrs. Rebecca Cartus came before Council asking for information regarding elected terms of Council and political party affiliation for each Council Member. She requested that the information be

included on the Borough website for all interested residents. Mr. Schwend provided the requested information to Mrs. Cartus. Mr. Hoepp and Mr. Aloe explained where interested residents can find information about municipal elections if they so choose.

OLD BUSINESS:

POIA ROAD PAVING PROJECT: Mr. Schwend stated that Mrs. Amy Sable Esq., the attorney representing Poia Road residents, has requested that the Borough contribution to the paving restoration on Poia Road be set at \$9,700. The Borough originally agreed to pay \$6,406.00, however the difference is requested based on conversations that occurred in 2018 where the Borough agreed to contribute 22% of the paving costs if the road were to become public. Since the road did not become public, the Borough offered the actual cost of restoring its portion of the pavement, a difference of \$6,794. Ms. Sable is requesting the Borough split the difference between the original 22% offer, and the current amount, which is an increased cost of \$3,294.00. Mr. Aloe stated that the Streets Committee reviewed the request, and recommended approving the additional cost. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mrs. Genter to approve the additional payment to the Poia Road paving restoration in the amount of \$3,294.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

GEDTF GRANT TRANSFER REQUEST: Mr. Schwend stated that the Commonwealth Financing Authority has approved the Borough's request to utilize grant funding remaining from the Walker Park Streambank Restoration project for the Creek Drive Streambank Restoration project. The Walker Park project's grant was originally set at \$175,000.00, however only \$44,100.00 of funds were necessary to complete the project. The remaining \$130,900.00 will be added to the original Creek Drive grant award of \$50,000.00, for a total of \$180,900.00. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

NEW BUSINESS:

GEDTF GRANT AWARDS: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough has been awarded two grants from the Gaming and Economic Development Tourism Fund, in the amounts of \$100,000.00 for the Church Lane sanitary sewer lining, and \$100,000.00 for Beaver Road bridge repairs. Mr. Schwend explained that both projects had been included in the 2022 budget for completion this year. On behalf of Council, President Hoepp thanked State Representative Valerie Gaydos for her support in helping the Borough secure the grants.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2022-01 – SEWICKLEY BOROUGH ACT 537 OFFICIAL SEWAGE PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineer has reviewed a response from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority addressing the Borough's concerns with the proposed Act 537 Plan. All items of concern were addressed in the correspondence, and the Plan as it is currently drawn does not have an adverse impact on the Borough. The Borough Solicitor and Engineer both reviewed the sample resolution provided by the Authority for Plan adoption, and enhanced the draft to better protect the interests of the Borough and its residents. Mr. Aloe stated that the Sewers Committee has reviewed the proposed resolution provided by the Borough Solicitor and Engineer, and recommends its adoption. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to adopt Resolution 2022-01 – Sewickley Borough Act 537 Official Sewage Plan Update. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2022-02 – AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM CFA LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT: Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough Engineer recommended filing an application for a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority for repairs to the Beaver Road retaining wall in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Schwend stated that the cost of repairs to the wall exceeds the amount

requested, however \$1 million is the maximum amount allowed for the grant. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second from Mr. Hofmann to adopt Resolution 2022-02 – Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Funds from CFA Local Share Account Grant. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE: Administrative Assistant Ellen Politi stated that in the most recent waste and recycling contract with Waste Management, fees for dumpsters at the recycling center greatly increased to \$425 per pull with an additional tonnage fee. The Borough has received pricing alternatives from Michael Brothers Hauling for a new glass dumpster and scrap metal dumpster, at a significantly reduced price compared to the dumpsters provided by Waste Management. Mrs. Politi explained that the glass dumpster would be \$400 per rotation, and the scrap metal dumpster fee would be \$270 per rotation, with a rebate received if the collected metal profits more than the cost of the rotation. Cardboard recycling dumpsters would be modified to allow only flattened cardboard, and would be provided by Waste Management at a price of \$195 per rotation. Mrs. Politi stated that the plastic recycling option will be eliminated at the Center due to extremely high contamination levels, however plastics can continue to be recycled through curbside collection. Mr. Aloe stated that the Sanitation Committee reviewed the proposal, and recommended its implementation. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Genter with a second from Mr. Hofmann to approve the price alternatives and services provided by Michael Brothers Hauling and Waste Management at the Recycling Center. All present voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:16 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:19 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager