

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 17, 2023

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MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoepp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepp, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mrs. Katherine D. Larsen, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Philip J. Weis, Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting held on December 20, 2022 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2022. All present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of January 2023 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$1,600,291.06 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$24,292.40 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

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| 72 | Galls, Inc.               | Police Equipment       | \$774.94    |
| 73 | Mohawk Lifts              | Salt Shed Vehicle Lift | \$22,735.46 |
| 74 | Penn Landscape and Cement | Sidewalk Repair        | \$782.00    |

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$1,600,291.06, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$24,292.40. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

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

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of December 2022 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$391.73 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of December 2022 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett noted that a new citation system is in place and reflected in the report. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

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

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

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

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of December 2022 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of December 2022 was presented to Council. Mr. Schwend explained that the COG's new Police Chiefs committee has begun meeting and is pursuing joint purchasing options for shared investigative equipment. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Leetsdale Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. Correspondence was received from Nichols & Slagle Engineering regarding the Sewickley Borough Act 537 Plan. Mr. Schwend stated that Sewickley Borough has decided to no longer pursue the Plan after a third party analysis of costs and options. Mr. Hugh St. Martin noted that the Leetsdale Municipal Authority is seeking a discussion with Sewickley Borough officials to review their decision. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend and Mr. St. Martin for the update.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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| Mr. William Lang    | 617 Maple Lane |
| Mr. Hugh St. Martin | 609 Maple Lane |
| Mrs. Gail Murray    | 605 Maple Lane |

Mrs. Gail Murray came before Council to ask for consideration regarding historic zoning in the Borough. She expressed concern with homes that she feels holds historical value in the area being potentially demolished, and stated that historic zoning regulations would protect the houses. Mrs. Murray highlighted the aesthetic nature of the community, and fears that the loss of older homes will negatively impact neighborhood character. Mr. Hoepp noted that historic zoning has been discussed in the past, and state law dictates what can be preserved as historic. Mrs. Murray thanked Council for their time, and stated that she would research the matter further.

OLD BUSINESS:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – SHADE TREES AND SIDEWALK REPAIR: Mr. Marlovits stated that the Property Committee met to discuss sidewalk damage attributed to Borough-owned shade trees. The Committee reviewed the number of sidewalk slabs repaired in 2021 due to shade tree roots or other interference, resulting in approximately \$40,000 worth of repairs, or 30% of total repairs. Mr. Marlovits explained the Committee's recommendation that if the shade tree created the need for sidewalk repair, the Borough would share 50% of the cost of the lowest necessary repair, whether that be grinding or slab replacement. Mrs. Larsen noted that the total cost to the Borough, based on 2021 repair calculations, would be approximately \$20,000 total. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Aloe to share 50% of the least costly repair for sidewalk slab damage caused by Borough-owned shade trees in the 2023 sidewalk repair program. All present voted in favor of the motion.

PENSION RFP UPDATE: Mr. Schwend provided Council with an update on the pension plan RFP, and stated that submissions are due to the consultant, Mr. Chris Englebert, at the end of the week. Mr. Englebert will begin the review process, and another update will be provided at the February Council Meeting. Mr. Wilson asked whether all submissions are subject to the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law. Mr. Weis explained that the proposal selected by Council to provide pension management services will be subject to the provisions of the law, with the exception of trade secrets. Mr. Wilson stressed that proposals not selected should not be used for marketing or made public after the process is complete, as they do not fall under the requirements of the Right to Know Law. Mr. Schwend stated that he would discuss the matter with Mr. Englebert. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF 2023 PUBLIC WORKS DUMP TRUCK: Mr. Schwend stated the purchase of a new Public Works dump truck was included in the budget, and that the dump trucks are typically replaced on a ten-year basis. Due to the nature of supply chain delays, placing the order in a timely manner is necessary to hopefully receive the dump truck in early 2024. The cost of the dump truck, as provided by Woltz and Wind Ford with COSTARS pricing, is \$65,150.00 for the cab and chassis only. Additional upfitting and equipment costs will be determined once the vehicle has arrived. Additionally, Mr. Schwend recommended listing the existing 2013 dump truck for public auction after receiving the 2023 dump truck. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-550 dump truck from Woltz and Wind Ford in the amount of \$65,150.00, and to authorize the sale of the 2013 Ford dump truck via public auction when such time arises. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 22-S1 – CHURCH LANE SEWER LINING: Mr. Schwend stated that five bids were received for the Church Lane sewer lining project from the following companies: Insituform Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$102,175.00; Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$126,500.00; Standard Pipe Services, LLC in the amount of \$138,300.00; Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$141,135.00; and Snyder Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$144,200.00. Insituform Technologies, LLC was the low bidder, and met all requirements as set forth in the bid documents. Mr. Hofmann asked whether the company has previously worked in the Borough. Mr. Schwend stated that they are a new bidder, and the Borough Engineer is confident that they are capable of performing the work. He explained that the project includes cleaning, televising and lining the Church Lane sewer to preserve longevity and overall function, with the option to add Alternate 1 to the bid, which includes manhole lining and rehabilitation. Insituform Technologies Alternate 1 price was \$15,625.00 in addition to the base bid amount. Mr. Hofmann stressed the importance of closely monitoring the project to ensure quality work. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second from Mr. Aloe to award Contract No. 22-S1 to Insituform Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$102,175.00, and to add Alternate 1 in the amount of \$15,625.00. All present voted in favor of the motion.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Hoepp asked whether an update was available on the Beaver Road Wall. Mr. Schwend stated that the Borough's Geotechnical Engineer, Garvin Boward Beitko, is finalizing a report on the wall, including cost estimates for wall finishes, and will present their findings at the February Council Meeting. The Borough Engineer, Lennon Smith Souleret, will also present data on the wall's monitoring.

Mr. Schwend provided an update on the hiring process for full time police officers. He explained that two candidates were certified as eligible for hire by the Civil Service Commission. Background, physical, and psychological checks are currently underway, and the Police Committee will meet to review the hiring

process and candidates' qualifications prior to the February Council Meeting. At that time, they will make a recommendation for hire.

Administrative Assistant Ellen Politi presented the idea of holding an Easter Egg Hunt in Way Park for local children this April. The Easter Egg Hunt would be open to the public, and Ms. Jill Stehnach, a local real estate agent, is interested in sponsoring the event. Costs for plastic eggs and fillings would be shared between Ms. Stehnach and the Borough. Mrs. Politi explained that the event would take place for two hours, and registration would be required. Mr. Hofmann expressed support for the event, and hoped it would encourage community involvement. After brief discussion, Council agreed that the Easter Egg Hunt could occur in Way Park in early April.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager