

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF SEWICKLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA**

MARCH 19, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President Robert Hague presiding and leading the Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call showed the following members present:

Susan Aleshire	William Cornman	Tom DeFazio	Charles Driscoll
Carole Ford	Stanley Ference	Robert Glenn	James Morrill

Also present were Mayor Brian Jeffe, Borough Solicitor Richard Tucker and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

There were 20 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2012 were approved and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ference, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for March 13, 2012 were approved.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe stated that the 1st Soup Crawl had 199 participants.

Statement of Citizens:

Mr. Sean Hamill of 605 Nevin Avenue requested that the tree at 607 Nevin be saved. It provides shade to the houses on the block as they all face east. While he is in agreement with the Borough having a Tree Commission and Borough Arborist, he is disagreement with the recommendation for the removal of the trees. He suggested that the road project be redesigned as a simple resurfacing.

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Melissa Farlow of 241 Thorn Street stated that she lives directly behind the pink house at 202 Beaver Street and is sick about the zoning of the house. She and her husband bought in a residential area and never thought a Youth Center was being planned. The Church did not communicate to the neighbors. The house is being dismantled.

Mr. Pater Floyd of 337 Bank Street asked if a demolition permit has been issued. Borough Manager advised that an application was received on March 13 and code officer has 10 business days to issue a demolition permit. Mr. Floyd asked about the process for appeal. Borough Manager advised that when any permit is issued, an appeal must be filed within 30 days of the issuance.

Matt Cooper of 47 Thorn Street and a member of the Presbyterian Church addressed Council regarding the Coyle house. Mr. Coyle indicated that the house became available for purchase July 13 and on November 23, 2011 a purchase price was negotiated with the Coyle family. On January 17, 2012 the Church Sessions approved the purchase and there was a unanimous approval by members of the Church on February 26, 2012. Mr. Cooper stated that other buyers were contacted about the house including the Sewickley Valley Historical Society. The Church hired an architect who reported the house is in poor condition and recommended not to rehabilitate the house. Part of the sale agreement was to allow the family until the end of March to salvage anything that they wanted. Once the purchase was completed the Church did file a reverse subdivision, conditional use and demolition applications. The Church committee is meeting with the neighbors now.

Joe Zemba, a member of the Sewickley Neighborhood Association and resident of Leetsdale, read a letter that was sent to the Presbyterian Church asking the Church to preserve the pink house for adaptive reuse.

Gail Murray, a resident of Edgeworth, stated a challenge should be issued to the Church to do another review regarding preservation for an adaptive use.

President Hague reminded all that Borough Council did authorize the advertising and adoption of a pending to Ordinance to correct the zoning. It is scheduled for adoption on Monday, April 16, 2012.

Kim Turnley, Borough Auditor, reviewed the 2011 Draft Audit. She highlighted that the financial picture was brighter in 2011. She prepared some recommendations for Council's review and will meet with Mr. Glenn and Mr. Ference on Monday, March 26 to finalize. She asked that if there are any additional questions, to please forward to the Borough Manager.

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Unfinished Business:

A Public Hearing was conducted by Solicitor Richard Tucker on proposed Unification Plan for the Los Payasos Plan of Lots, 541 and 545 Beaver Street, Block and Lot No. 421-A-7 and Block and Lot No. 421-A-8. Court Stenographer McMullen administered the oath to all who were providing testimony. Courtney Yates, owner of the property, stated that she is seeking to join the properties in order that the buildings can be updated to the existing building codes. The properties were subdivided by the owners on October 14, 1997. There were no other public comments. Borough Manager provided testimony that Public Hearing was advertised in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code and the Borough of Sewickley Code of Ordinances and that the Planning Commission did recommend the approval of the Unification Plan.

Solicitor Tucker closed the Public Hearing. Mr. Ference commented that the unification was in accordance with the Borough of Sewickley Comprehensive Plan. On motion of Mrs. Aleshire, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to accept the recommendation of the Borough of Sewickley Planning Commission to approve the Subdivision Unification Plan for the Los Payasos Plan of Lots, 541 and 545 Beaver Street, Block and Lot No. 421-A-7 and Block and Lot No. 421-A-8.

New Business:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 9-0, to advertise a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Request for 352 Beaver Street for Monday, April 16, 2012.

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 9-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Ordinance No. 1304 adopting the Roadway Weight Limit Study has prepared and certified by Lennon, Smith and Souleret Engineering.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of March 2012, as presented.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of March 2012, as presented.

The February 2012 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget reports were received and filed.

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The February 2012 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

The February 2012 Profit and Loss Summary was received and filed.

The February 2012 Labor and Vendor report were received and filed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, February 2012

Cochran Hose Report, February 2012

Planning Commission Minutes, March 7, 2012

Tree Commission Minutes, March 12, 2012

The 2012 Spring Tree Planting is scheduled for April 28, 2012.

Borough Manager:

Borough Manager advised that the 2012 Road Project Bid Opening is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 2012. Beaver Street was bid as an alternate to the project.

Council reviewed proposed 2013 Real Estate assessment numbers indicated a 50.8% increase in valuation. Borough Manager advised that a tape is to be delivered to the Borough with a complete property listing. A monthly update will be provided beginning in May as to the number of appeals filed and the decision of those appeals. Borough Manager provided that the key number for Council to remember is \$2,453,704.32 which represents the maximum dollar increase to be gained in 2012.

Borough Manager advised the Nevin Avenue tree removal quotations were higher than the permitted spending level of \$18,500.00. The project will now be formally bid out.

Borough Manager reviewed the Glen Osborne Interconnect Project. On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to hold the bid on the Glen Osborne Railroad Avenue Pump Station General and Mechanical Construction for m90 days per the bid.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 9-0, to rebid the Glen Osborne Interconnect Sanitary Sewer project and the Pump Station Electrical Construction project.

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On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mrs. Aleshire, Council voted, 9-0, to have Borough Manager to work with Janney Montgomery on the additional funding for the Glen Osborne Interconnect Project.

Borough Manager reviewed letter to the municipalities of Edgeworth, Glen Osborne and Leetsdale regarding bus service to the four communities. The letter invites the municipalities to explore the possibility of Beaver County Transit providing service in the event the Port Authority terminates the Route 14 service.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 9-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2012-007 amending the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority Articles of Incorporation. This will allow the Authority to apply for tax exempt status.

Borough Manager announced that the Spring Leaf Collection will begin March 26 and conclude April 13.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor reviewed letter from the Department of Community and Economic Development indicating that \$5.3 million of the sewer debt has been established as self- liquidating debt.

Council reviewed the advertise Ordinance for the removal of Place of Worship, Place of Assembly and Public Park uses from the R-1 and R-1A zoning districts. Adoption is scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2012.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 9-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collector's report and exonerations for the Month of February 2012.

Council reviewed letter from Jordan Tax Service on the real estate tax collection hours in the Sewickley Municipal Building.

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Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 9-0, to adjourn at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council