

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

NOVEMBER 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. President Hague asked for a Moment of Silence for the passing of George Gulish, who worked at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from 1968 to 1993 retiring as Superintendent and for 20 year Cochran Hose member Robert Karasek.

Roll Call showed the following members present:

William Cornman	Charles Driscoll	Carole Ford(by phone)
Thomas DeFazio	Robert Glenn	James Morrill

Mrs. Aleshire was absent for personal reasons and Mr. Ference was absent due to work.

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

There were 4 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of September 24, 2012 were approved, 4-0-3, with Mr. Cornman, Mr. DeFazio and Mr. Morrill abstaining because they were not in attendance for the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 2012 were approved and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor. The vote was 5-0-2, with Mr. Cornman and Mr. DeFazio abstaining because they were not in attendance for the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of October 20, 2012 were approved, 6-0-1, with Mr. DeFazio abstaining because he was not in attendance for the meeting.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Cornman, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for November 13, 2012 were approved, 6-0-1, with Mr. Hague abstaining because he was not in attendance for the meeting.

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Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Brian Jeffe reminded everyone that Friday, November 30, 2012 is Light Up Night and December 1, 2012 is the annual Santa Parade sponsored by the Quaker Valley Rotary and the Borough.

President Hague advised that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the November 13, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting for personnel review of the Borough Manager and a litigation matter. President Hague advised that there will be an Executive Session after tonight's meeting regarding a potential litigation matter.

Mr. DeFazio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Glenn, to award a performance bonus of \$6,940 to the Borough Manager pursuant to the established goals by Council for 2012. The vote was 6-1, with Mrs. Ford voting no.

Statement of Citizens:

There were no citizen comments.

Unfinished Business:

Council conducted a Public Hearing on the 2013 Borough of Sewickley Budget. Borough Manager stated that the Sewer Fund Budget was \$2,031,013 and the General Fund Budget was \$4,998,788. The proposed budget reduces the real estate millage from 7.3 mills to 6.5 mills. It also establishes a Real Estate Tax Escrow Fund for the payment of real estate refunds for successful assessment appeals. Upon approval by Council, the Borough will seek Court approval in accordance with the law.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the 2013 Sewer Fund Budget and Capital Reserve Fund No. 5 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 7-0, to apply 5% increase in real estate taxes in 2013 over the 2012 assessed valuation amount of real estate taxes.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the revenue neutral real estate tax millage for the 2013 real estate assessments, as of this date, at 5.00 mills.

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On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 7-0, to approve, as was voted, the 5% increase in real estate taxes in 2013 over the 2012 assessed valuation amount of real estate taxes, which would raise the millage to 5.25 mills.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 1311 establishing the 2013 real estate tax millage at 6.5 mills.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-016 establishing a real estate tax escrow account.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-017 establishing a park shelter rental fee.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the 2013 Road Construction and Maintenance Fund Budget.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt the 2013 General Fund Budget and Capital Reserve Fund No. 3, Building Reserve Fund; Capital Reserve Fund No. 4, Fire Reserve Fund; and Capital Reserve Fund No. 6, Capital Improvements Program.

Solicitor Tucker conducted a Public Hearing for Village at Sweetwater subdivision plans for Building 200. The Court Stenographer Donna McMullen administered the oath to all who provided testimony. Attorney John Edson stated that the subdivision is to finalize the lot lines for Building 200 at 800 Beaver Street. The building foot print is the same but the number of units is changed from 7 units to 6 units.

There were no comments provided. The Borough Manager provided exhibits to and from the Allegheny County Economic Development office, and the public notices and advertisements.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2012-018, accepting the recommendation of the Borough of Sewickley Planning Commission and approving the Subdivision Plans for the Village at Sweetwater Plan, Building 200, 800 Beaver Street, Block and Lot No. 421-F-297, 421-F-291, 421-F-292 and 421-F-293.

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New Business:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2012-019 establishing stop signs on Smith Alley.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of November 2012, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of November 2012, as presented.

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

The October 2012 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

The Labor and Vendor report were received and filed.

The Legal Expenses Monthly Report was reviewed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, October 2012

Cochran Hose Report, October 2012

Planning Commission Minutes, November 7, 2012

Tree Commission Minutes of November 12, 2012

Thank you letter to Craig Edmunds for donation of gator bags

Letter to Council from Lynn Smith

Borough Manager:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 7-0, to accept and order received and filed the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

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Council reviewed the October fuel prices.

Council reviewed Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee Report.

The Borough Manager reviewed the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee Report for October and reported on the CENTAX issue. The Court has provided a schedule for CENTAX to distribute funds to all earned income tax districts.

Council reviewed the Aleppo 537 Plan update.

Council reviewed the South Hills Area Council of Governments fuel adjustment notice for the delivery of road salt in the amount of \$0.35 per ton.

Council reviewed Act 13 payment in the amount of \$100.74 from natural gas leases, in Allegheny County, within a five linear miles of the Borough.

Council reviewed cable franchise fee reports from Comcast and Verizon.

Council reviewed K-9 Committee 2012 contribution in the amount of \$5,398.54.

Council reviewed letter to businesses in the proposed Tax Increment Financing district regarding the Basic Conditions Report.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker advised Council of the change of attorney notice by the insurance company regarding the Pounds Case CD12-8678 and the Hogan Case

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 7-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collector's report and exonerations for the Month of October 2012.

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Executive Session:

Council went into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss potential litigation matter. The Executive Session concluded at 8:36 p.m.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council