

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

APRIL 15, 2013

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
Stanley Ference	Carole Ford	Robert Glenn	James Morrill

Also present were Mayor Brian Jeffe, Borough Solicitor Richard Tucker, Police Chief James Ersher and Borough Administrative Assistant Patty Flaherty. Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery was in Harrisburg attending to Borough matters.

There were 2 visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 18, 2013 were approved, and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor. The vote was 8-0-1, with Carole Ford abstaining as she was not present for the meeting

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Morrill, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for April 9, 2013 were approved, 8-0-1, with Mr. Glenn abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MEMBERS AND MAYOR

Mayor Jeffe stated that May Mart is scheduled for May 11, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Broad Street, from Thorn Street to Beaver Street. The Mayor indicated that it is the 35th May Mart.

Mayor Jeffe stated that the 4th Annual Sewickley Unleashed is scheduled for May 18, 2013. He indicated that the vendors would be on Broad Street this year.

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COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MEMBERS AND MAYOR (CONTINUED)

Mayor Jeffe reviewed the Memorial Day Weekend events for 2013, indicating that on Friday May 24th, there will be a Flag Retirement Service, followed by a concert of patriotic music and fireworks at Wolcott Park. The Mayor stated that the Memorial Service at the Coast Guard Station would take place on Saturday, May 25th. He indicated that the Coast Guard Station may be moving to Bridgeville. In addition, Mayor Jeffe indicated that there will be a Veterans Memorial Service at Sewickley United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 26th, and that the 122nd Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 27th, beginning at 10 a.m., followed by programs at Wolcott Park and the Sewickley Cemetery.

Mayor Jeffe commended Officer Hanlon for an incident that took place on March 29th, indicating that Officer Hanlon went over and beyond his call of duty, and that we should be very proud of Officer Hanlon.

Mayor Jeffe commended Chief Jeff Neff regarding the well-coordinated efforts of Cochran Hose during an event that took place last Wednesday. Mayor Jeffe commented that he was very pleased with both the Police Department and Cochran Hose Company.

Council President Robert Hague announced that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding a personnel matter and potential litigation.

President Hague reminded Council that the Spring Tree Planting takes place on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

President Hague announced that the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Recycling Day is on Saturday, May 4, 2013.

Susan Aleshire reminded Council that prescription or non-prescription drugs can be brought into the Police Station prior to the DEA Drug Take Back Day Program which takes place on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

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STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

Council discussed a letter from Allen Dufala, of 49 Trotter Circle, requesting relief of additional fees, costs and commissions for delinquent Borough real estate taxes. After much discussion, President Hague indicated that he would like to table this request for another month to allow for further discussion and comment from Solicitor Tucker.

Council reviewed a letter and announcement from Youth Connect regarding a town hall meeting which focuses on the adolescent use of alcohol and other drugs. The Meeting takes place on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. DeFazio made a motion to accept, and order received and filed, the 2012 Borough of Sewickley Audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Driscoll. Mr. Glenn indicated that he had a few questions regarding the audit that had not yet been answered. Mr. DeFazio withdrew his motion, and Mr. Driscoll withdrew his second, and the motion was tabled.

Council reviewed the First Quarter 2013 Pension Investment Report from Guyasta. Mr. DeFazio questioned the amount of cash being over \$400,000, with Mr. Driscoll responding that this is a common practice.

Council reviewed the First Quarter Ameriserv Report.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Susan Aleshire, seconded by William Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to schedule a Public Hearing for a Subdivision Request and Conditional Use Request for Block and Lot Nos. 507-S-26 and 507-M-131, 202 Beaver Street, for Monday, May 20, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

On motion of Carole Ford, seconded by William Cornman, Council voted, 8-1, with Mr. DeFazio voting, no, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2013-007, establishing a No Parking Zone on the Boulevard side of Elwick Street, from Little Street to Walnut Street. Mr. DeFazio indicated that he is concerned about the residents that may park their cars in the No Parking Zone the night before the street cleaning, and receiving a ticket. Mr. Cornman suggested talking to the Police about this issue, with Chief Ersher indicating that the Police Department will use common sense.

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APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of April 2013, as presented.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of April 2013, as presented.

The March 2013 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget reports were received and filed.

The March 2013 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

The March 2013 Profit and Loss Summary was received and filed.

The March 2013 Labor and Vendor report was received and filed.

Council reviewed the monthly Legal Expense Report and the monthly WWTP Projects Report.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION REPORTS

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, March 2013

Cochran Hose Report, March 2013

Planning Commission Minutes, April 3, 2013

Tree Commission Minutes, April 8, 2013

Council reviewed Contract No. 2013-TC-001, the 2013 Tree Pruning Project and Contract No. 2013-TC-002, the 2013 Tree Removal Project.

Council reviewed the 2013 Spring Tree Planting List.

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BOROUGH MANAGER

In the absence of the Borough Manager, Solicitor Tucker reviewed the Borough Manager's Report with Council.

Solicitor Tucker advised that 19 additional real estate tax assessment appeals have been filed by the Quaker Valley School District, and the total assessed valuation decrease is over \$16,000,000 to date.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the letter exercising the second option year of the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance Agreement for Road Rock Salt.

Council reviewed the 1st Quarter 2013 General Fund Budget Expenditure Review. Mr. Glenn questioned why Line Item 430.260, Tools/Minor Equipment, was not on last year's budget since the Borough uses an accrual method of accounting.

Council reviewed the UC Management System Employer Tax Release document.

Council reviewed the Earned Income Tax Collection Update of March 31, 2013.

Council reviewed the ANTCC EIT Collection Report, dated March 1 to March 31, 2013.

Solicitor Tucker announced that the bid opening for the 2013 Road Project was advertised for May 20, 2013.

Solicitor Tucker indicated that the Borough received dividends totaling \$20,733.49 from Municipal Risk Management from the Property and Liability Trust and the Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust.

Solicitor Tucker indicated that Borough Manager Kevin Flannery attended the 2013 Public Employee Labor Relations Advisory Services Conference from March 20th through March 22nd. The Borough Manager received 12 credit hours of continuing education.

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BOROUGH MANAGER (CONTINUED)

Solicitor Tucker indicated that the Borough Manager had met with representatives of Allegheny County Economic Development and Allegheny County Council's Economic Development and Housing Committee on March 26th, and attended the Allegheny County Council Economic Development Housing Committee Meeting on April 10th to present the proposed Tax Increment Finance District project. The Allegheny County Council Economic Development Housing Committee voted, 5-1, with the recommendation to proceed with the project in front of Allegheny County Council at their meeting on Tuesday, April 16th.

Council reviewed a memo from John Jakiela, of the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG), regarding a QVCOG Municipal Feasibility Presentation on Wednesday, April 24th at the Avalon Municipal Building. Council President Robert Hague said he may attend the presentation.

Solicitor Tucker reviewed a memo indicating that Allegheny County Economic Development has informed the QVCOG that the Borough of Sewickley is expected to be funded \$22,092 for a CD39 Demolition Project.

Council reviewed a memo indicating that there will be a fuel price adjustment for participating municipalities in the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for Rock Salt.

Council reviewed the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee February Report for Sewickley.

Council reviewed a Dickson Road Monitoring Report from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering. This report monitors 9 locations on Dickson Road and will be provided to Council on a monthly basis in 2013.

Council reviewed the Survey of Financial Condition DCED Form.

Council reviewed the Fuel Prices for March 2013.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Tucker reviewed the real estate tax appeals.

Solicitor Tucker reviewed the Farlow and Olsen Appeal to Zoning Hearing Board Decision 12-05B-1 for 202 Beaver Road. Solicitor Tucker indicated that the Zoning Hearing Board granted most, but not all variances that the Church requested. Solicitor Tucker requested that Council vote if they wish to have him intervene to protect the Borough's rights to participate and/or appeal with respect to future proceedings. On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to have Solicitor Tucker intervene in the Farlow and Olson v. Borough of Sewickley Zoning Hearing Board Case No. SA 13-342.

Council reviewed a letter regarding the Buy-Sell Agreement for Block and Lot No. 421-A-139. Solicitor Tucker indicated there were some objections, primarily regarding the difference in square footage. Solicitor Tucker indicated that he has since received a letter from Mark Vuono, and they have agreed to move the boundary line, take out the access lines and remove the easement. He indicated that they are trying to come up with the best outcome for all.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

On motion of Mr. Ference, 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 March 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA M. FLAHERTY
Administrative Assistant/Acting Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council